



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Georgia Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

August 21, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 20, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s.

**Crops**

Storms and showers helped maintain soil moisture levels throughout much of the state during another hot week. Despite the intermittent rainfall, fields quickly dried out due to high temperatures across the state. Almost all the corn reached maturity while harvest activities picked up given the favorable conditions. Producers continued to note good yields for the early planted corn. With favorable harvest conditions, hay producers finished up their second cutting of hay. Cotton continued setting bolls while producers noted some of the bolls opening on early planted crop. Peanut producers observed their crop beginning to wilt in the hot temperatures and noted concern that limited rainfall in the coming week could further jeopardize the remaining soil moisture. Producers continued to scout for disease and insect pressures such as white mold, tomato spotted wilt virus and stinkbugs.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were in good to fair condition throughout the state. As heat indexes have risen across the state, so too has the stress on livestock. Sporadic rainfall had pasture conditions varied throughout the state, with some areas in good condition while others are drying out.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/20/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	92	74	85	91
Corn - Harvested .....	38	24	37	41
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	91	81	89	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	11	3	8	13
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	92	91	94	95
Soybeans - Blooming .....	95	84	89	93
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	81	61	68	77
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	1	NA	1	1
Tobacco - Harvested .....	67	75	80	69

(NA) Not available.

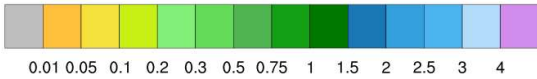
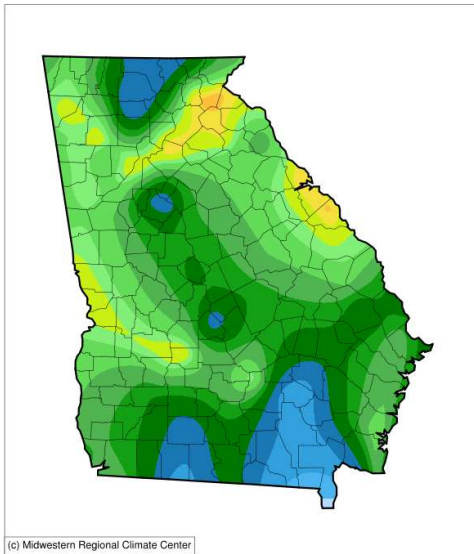
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/20/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	25	59	11
Corn .....	2	5	22	58	13
Cotton .....	1	7	23	59	10
Pasture and range ....	2	9	31	50	8
Peanuts .....	2	7	22	59	10
Pecans .....	2	3	24	64	7
Soybeans .....	2	4	26	60	8

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/20/23**

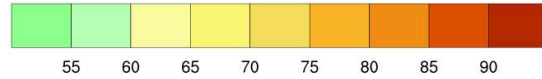
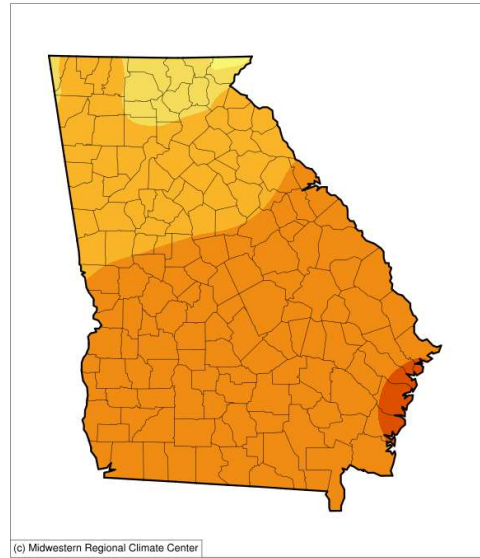
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	5	5
Short .....	21	30
Adequate .....	68	61
Surplus .....	6	4
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	4
Short .....	23	32
Adequate .....	71	63
Surplus .....	4	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



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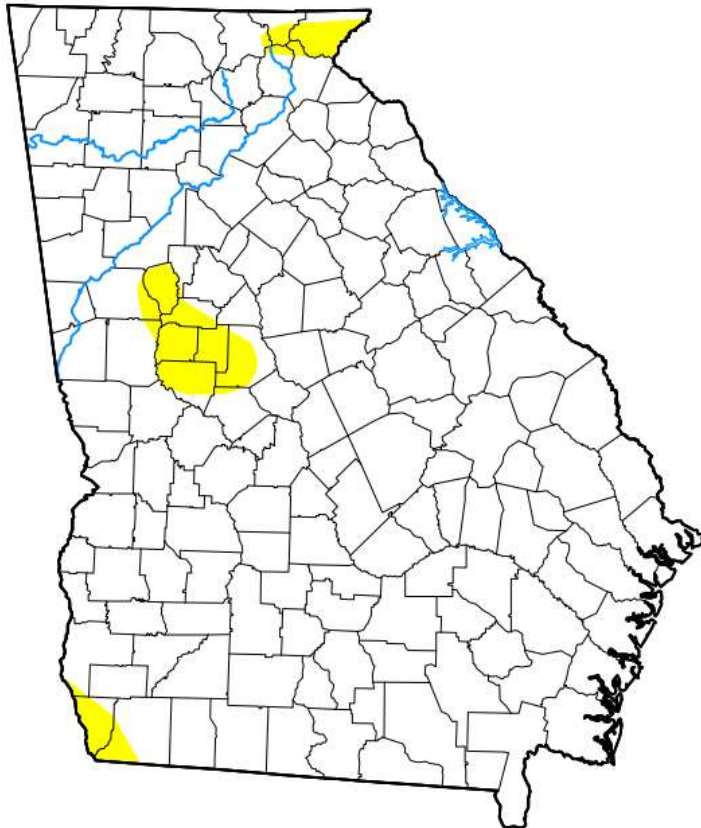
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**August 15, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	96.26	3.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-08-2023</i>	88.70	11.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-16-2023</i>	82.09	17.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2022</i>	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-16-2022</i>	85.25	14.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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