



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.

September 18, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 17, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches to 4.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

**Crops**

Most of the state saw scattered showers during the week as temperatures continued to cool down. Corn fields continued to be harvested with yields reported being very good thus far. Cotton bolls were opening, and farmers were beginning to defoliate cotton in preparation for harvest. Some cotton in central Georgia was sprayed for mildew. Peanuts were noted to be nearing maturity and digging and harvest began in some areas. Rootworm damage was noted to be an issue for southwest Georgia peanut farmers and soil saturation during the early growth stage was anticipated to delay peanut maturity in some central Georgia fields. Soybeans were observed to be yellowing up and dropping leaves with some harvesting beginning.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were in good to fair condition. Cooler temperatures were helpful to lower stress levels on livestock and afternoon showers were noted to be helping to green up pastures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/17/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	86	81	87	89
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	58	38	54	60
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	64	55	69	74
Peanuts - Dug .....	9	2	6	10
Peanuts - Harvested .....	4	1	2	4
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	98	88	92	97
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	39	26	36	36
Soybeans - Harvested .....	3	NA	3	2
Tobacco - Harvested .....	93	94	98	96

(NA) Not available.

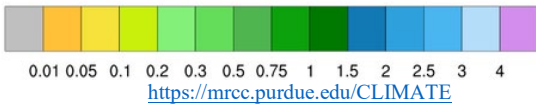
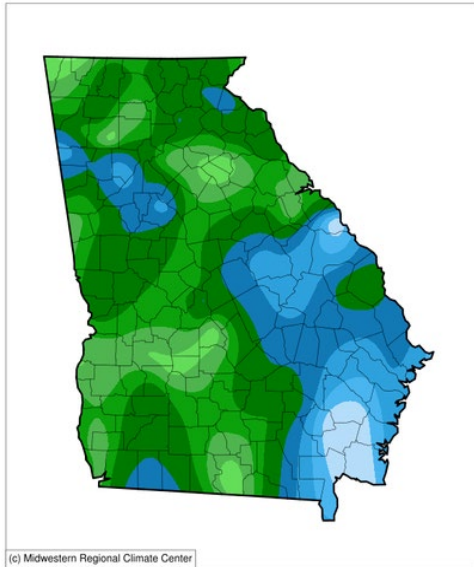
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/17/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	26	57	12
Cotton .....	1	7	36	48	8
Pasture and range ....	2	9	34	49	6
Peanuts .....	1	5	38	47	9
Pecans .....	2	5	29	52	12
Soybeans .....	1	4	28	60	7

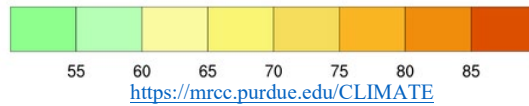
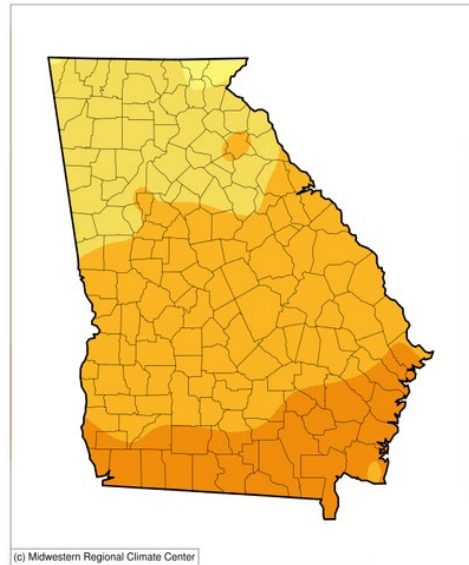
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/17/23**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	3	7
Short .....	31	22
Adequate .....	58	65
Surplus .....	8	6
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	3	7
Short .....	25	17
Adequate .....	68	73
Surplus .....	4	3

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023

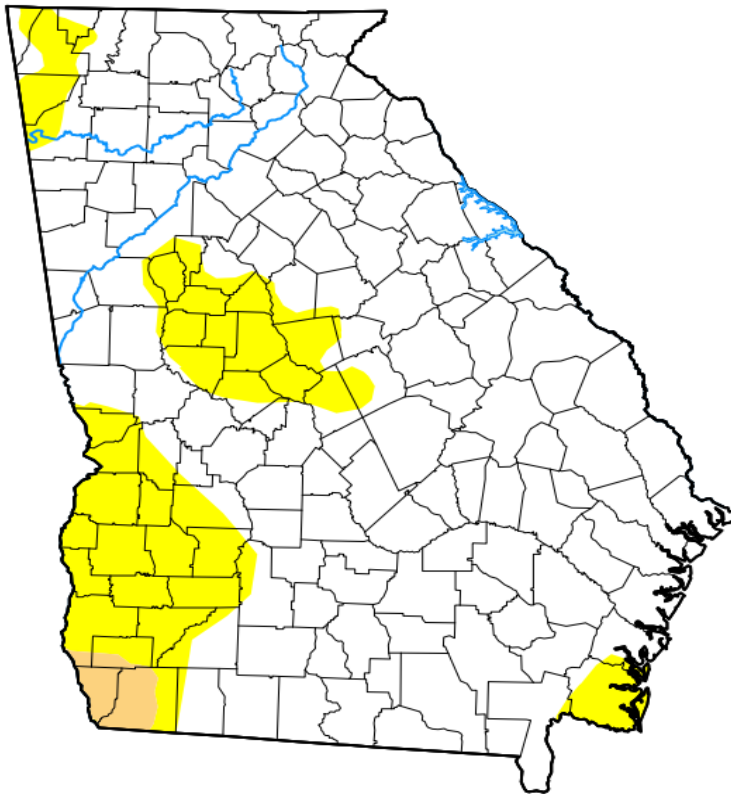


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023



# U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 12, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 14, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	80.88	19.12	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-05-2023	90.01	9.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-13-2023	76.32	23.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-13-2022	100.00	0.00	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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