



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 25, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 24, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Little to no rain for most of the state and temperatures continuing to cool down made for a comfortable week of fieldwork. The dry conditions helped corn harvesting to progress. Cotton bolls were opening, and farmers were defoliating cotton with harvest beginning throughout the week. Areolate mildew was noted to in central Georgia cotton. Peanut fields were reaching maturity and continued to be dug and harvested. The lack of rain was noted to have made digging peanuts in southwest Georgia dryland fields very difficult. Soybeans were finishing setting pods as leaves continued to yellow and drop as the earliest fields were being harvested. The relatively dry conditions also helped farmers cut and bale their third cutting of hay. Knotroot foxtail was noted to be a contaminant in northwest Georgia hay lowering the quality or the hay produced.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were in good to fair condition. Pastures conditions were declining in some areas due to a lack of rain.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/24/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	92	87	93	93
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	72	54	66	72
Cotton - Harvested.....	3	0	2	4
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	76	69	79	82
Oats - Planted.....	1	NA	2	1
Peanuts - Dug.....	23	6	13	21
Peanuts - Harvested .....	11	2	5	11
Rye - Planted.....	1	NA	1	2
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	100	92	95	99
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	50	36	49	49
Soybeans - Harvested .....	9	3	9	6

(NA) Not available.

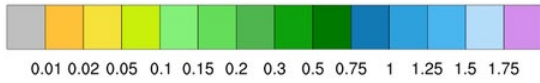
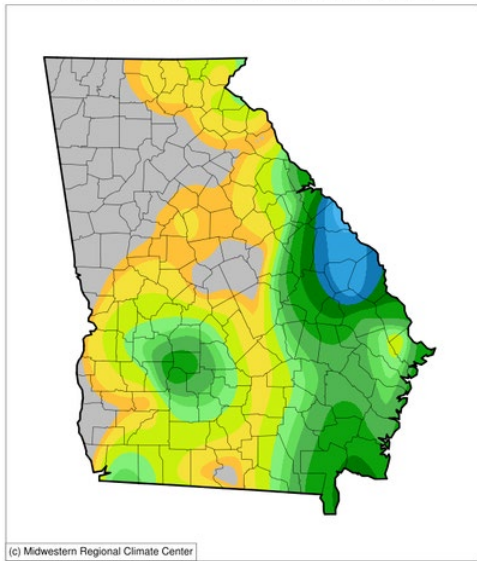
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/24/23**

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	8	36	48	6
Peanuts .....	1	6	34	50	9
Pecans .....	1	5	26	54	14
Soybeans .....	1	4	26	61	8

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/24/23**

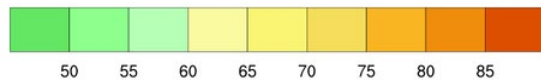
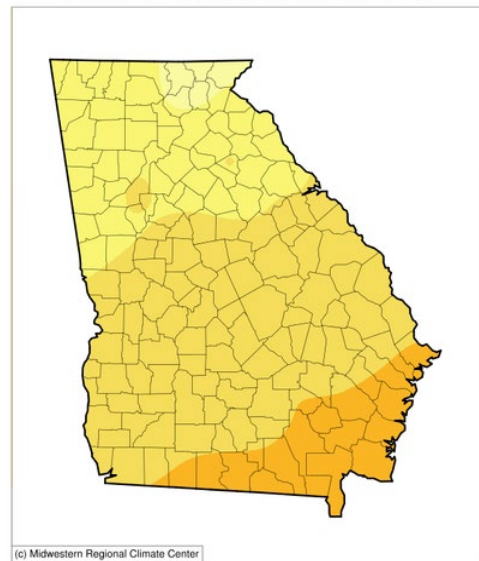
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	12
Short.....	22	31
Adequate .....	65	56
Surplus .....	6	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	9
Short.....	17	26
Adequate .....	73	64
Surplus .....	3	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023



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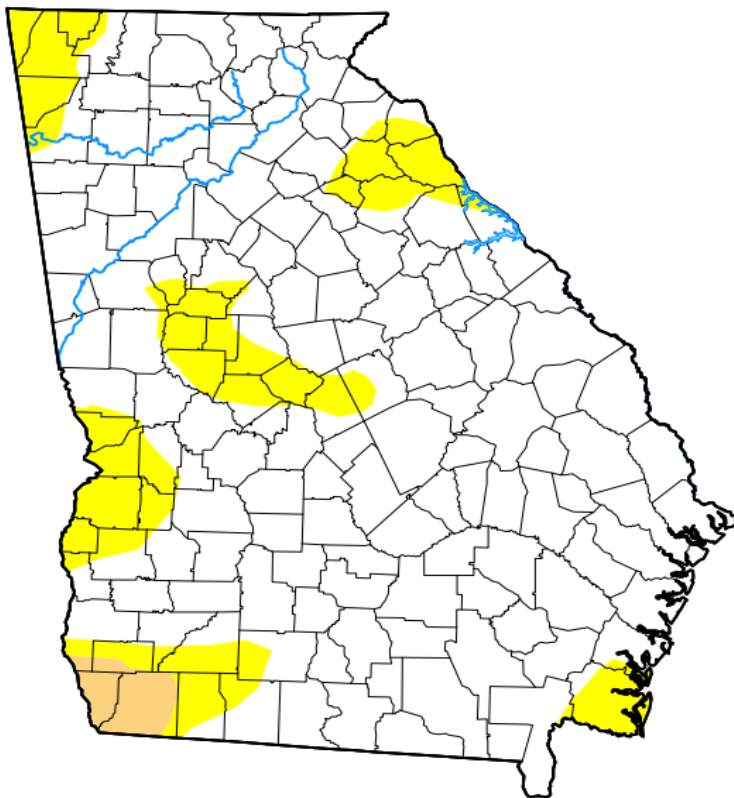
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023



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# U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 19, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 21, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	83.52	16.48	1.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-12-2023	80.88	19.12	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-20-2023	86.97	13.03	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> 09-20-2022	98.63	1.37	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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