



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.

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 1, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

Relatively dry conditions throughout the week provided farmers ample time for fieldwork and made for optimal harvesting conditions. Corn harvest neared completion with growers noting good yields in central Georgia. Cotton bolls continued opening, and farmers were defoliating cotton with some fields being harvested. Peanut fields were reaching maturity and continued to be dug and harvested. Peanut digging and harvesting were noted to be off to a slower start due to cooler temperatures both during planting and currently. The lack of rain was noted to have made digging peanuts in southwest Georgia dryland fields very difficult. Early peanut fields in southwest Georgia were noted to be decent in grade and yield, however later planted ones were noted to be struggling. Soybeans fields continued to yellow up and drop leaves as harvesting was ramping up. Seeding of winter wheat began slowly in areas where soil moisture was sufficient.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were in mostly good condition and pasture was in good to fair condition. The fall calving season was underway, although hay was already beginning to be fed. The combination of dry weather and cooler nighttime temperatures caused pasture conditions to decline and regrowth to stall. This also hampered the planting of winter annuals and fescue pastures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/01/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	96	93	95	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	80	66	76	81
Cotton - Harvested.....	8	2	4	9
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	84	79	86	87
Oats - Planted.....	7	2	12	5
Peanuts - Dug.....	43	13	25	37
Peanuts - Harvested .....	27	5	12	22
Rye - Planted.....	4	1	8	5
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	60	49	61	60
Soybeans - Harvested .....	18	9	17	14
Winter wheat - Planted.....	2	0	2	1

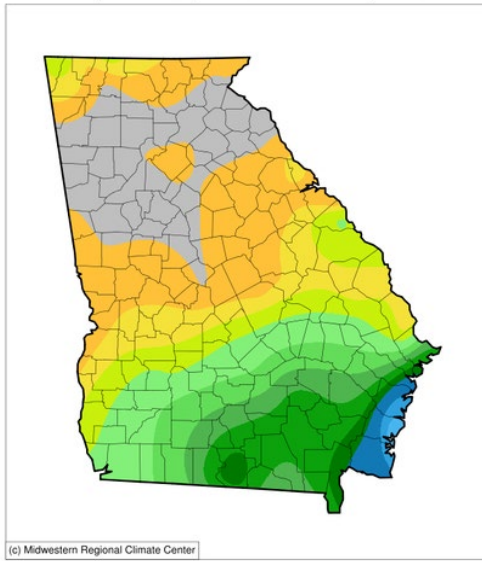
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/01/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	27	57	11
Cotton.....	1	7	36	48	8
Pasture and range ....	3	10	40	43	4
Peanuts .....	1	6	39	47	7
Pecans .....	2	6	30	53	9
Soybeans .....	0	3	24	64	9

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/01/23**

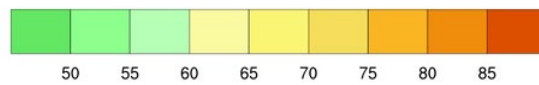
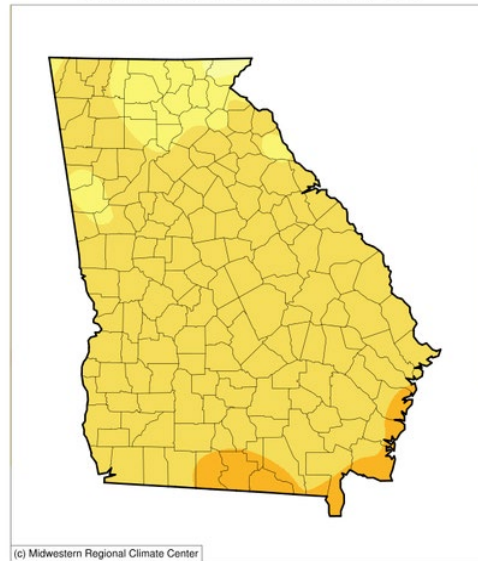
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	12	13
Short.....	31	37
Adequate .....	56	48
Surplus .....	1	2
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	9	11
Short.....	26	29
Adequate .....	64	59
Surplus .....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023



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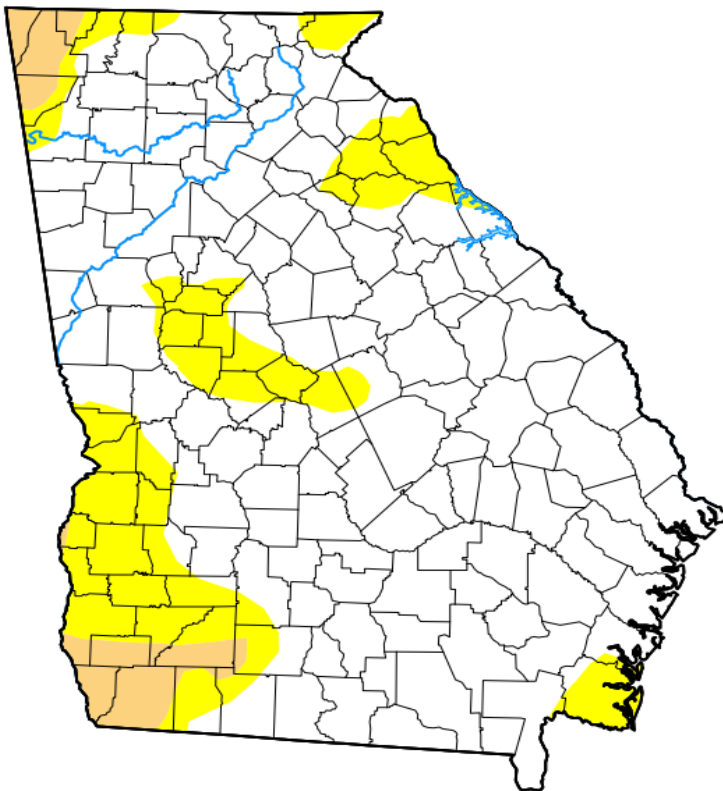
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 26, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 28, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-19-2023</i>	83.52	16.48	1.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-27-2023</i>	93.34	6.66	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>09-27-2022</i>	76.20	23.80	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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