



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.

October 10, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 8, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

Dry conditions persisted throughout the state as cooler temperatures arrived over the past week. Corn harvesting was completed with producers noting good yields for this year. Cotton continued to open with some producers defoliating their cotton while others began harvesting the crop. Peanut digging and harvesting continued at a decent pace, but producers noted that dry conditions were making the soil difficult to dig. Peanut farmers continued to note the cooler conditions have slowed the maturity of the crop this year, which along with the dry soil had slowed the digging and harvesting activities considerably. Soybeans continued to drop leaves with much of the early planted crop already harvested. Hay producers completed their third cutting of hay as dry conditions negatively impacted the quality of the crop. Winter wheat seeding continued at a good pace for the year despite the dry conditions.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were in mostly good condition and pasture was in fair to good condition. Hay was fed as pasture conditions deteriorated due to lack of rainfall and cooler temperatures. Winter annuals and fescue planting has been slowed and delayed due to the lack of moisture.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/8/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	86	76	84	86
Cotton - Harvested.....	18	4	7	16
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	89	86	90	91
Oats - Planted.....	12	12	23	12
Peanuts - Dug.....	61	25	42	52
Peanuts - Harvested.....	45	12	23	36
Pecans - Harvested.....	3	NA	1	4
Rye - Planted.....	9	8	16	12
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	70	61	73	72
Soybeans - Harvested.....	24	17	24	21
Winter wheat - Planted.....	6	2	8	4

(NA) Not Available

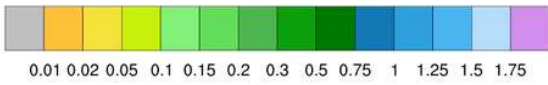
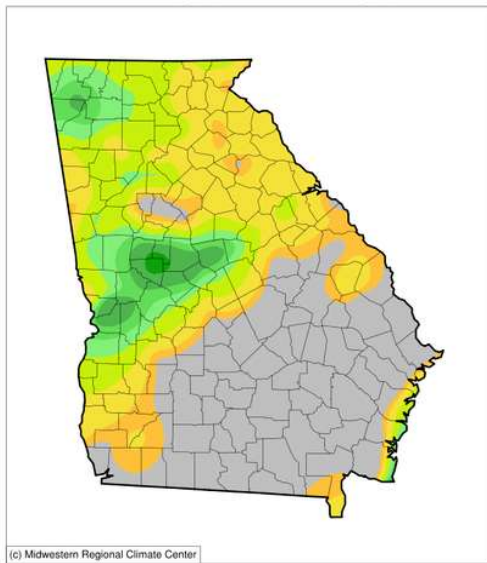
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/08/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	28	56	10
Cotton.....	1	8	35	47	9
Pasture and range....	4	13	43	37	3
Peanuts.....	1	7	37	47	8
Pecans.....	1	5	30	51	13
Soybeans.....	1	4	29	58	8

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/08/23**

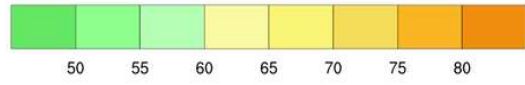
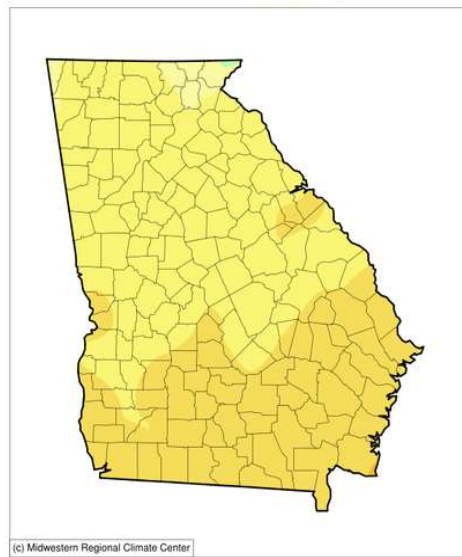
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	13	19
Short.....	37	41
Adequate.....	48	39
Surplus.....	2	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	11	14
Short.....	29	34
Adequate.....	59	51
Surplus.....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023



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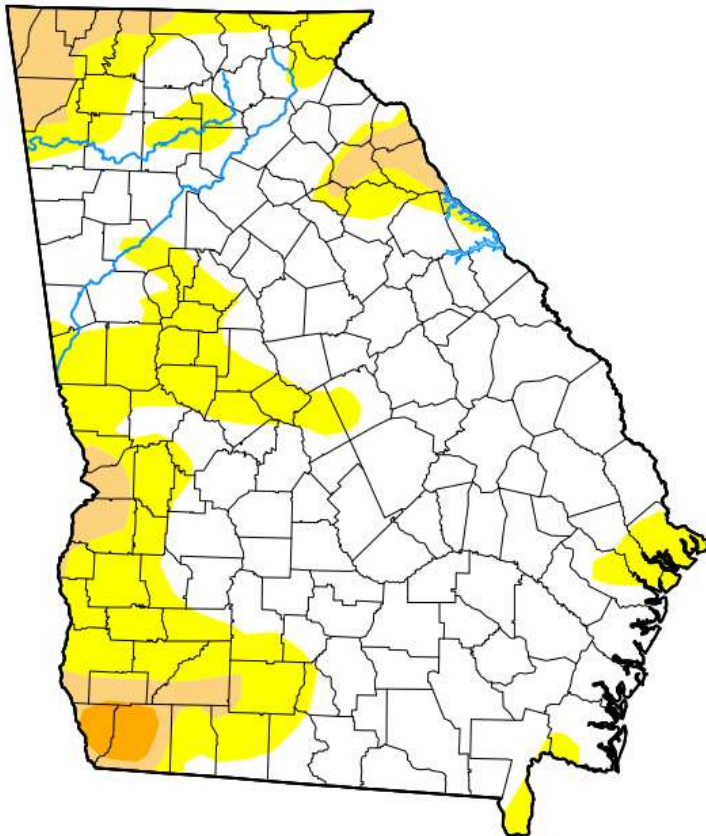
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**October 3, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	68.14	31.86	7.38	0.97	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-26-2023	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-04-2023	96.86	3.14	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> 09-26-2023	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-04-2022	70.82	29.18	2.48	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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