



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.7 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Most of the state saw little to no rain during the week which gave farmers ample time for fieldwork. According to the US Drought Monitor, 3.4 percent of the state had severe drought conditions, 19 percent had moderate drought conditions, and 44 percent had abnormally dry conditions.

Cotton bolls continued to open as harvesting activities progressed. Harvest was noted to be off to a slow start due to the cooler temperatures but is expected to pick up over the next few weeks. Yields for early planted cotton in central Georgia were noted to be good. Peanut digging and harvesting continued, although peanut maturity was slowed due to the cool weather. Soybeans were dropping leaves and being harvested. The lack of rain allowed for long days of harvest, and the low humidity allowed farmers to make good progress harvesting. Small grain planting progressed as farmers were getting grain drills rolling.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good condition and pasture was in fair to good condition. The dry conditions continued to weaken pasture condition levels. Pastures were struggling to grow and as a result some livestock were being fed hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/22/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	94	89	93	93
Cotton - Harvested.....	36	13	22	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	95	93	95	95
Oats - Planted.....	31	27	35	30
Peanuts - Dug.....	83	56	67	78
Peanuts - Harvested.....	70	39	53	62
Pecans - Harvested.....	18	7	11	17
Rye - Planted.....	25	21	27	25
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	87	86	88	89
Soybeans - Harvested.....	40	31	40	35
Winter wheat - Planted.....	15	12	16	12

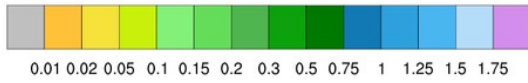
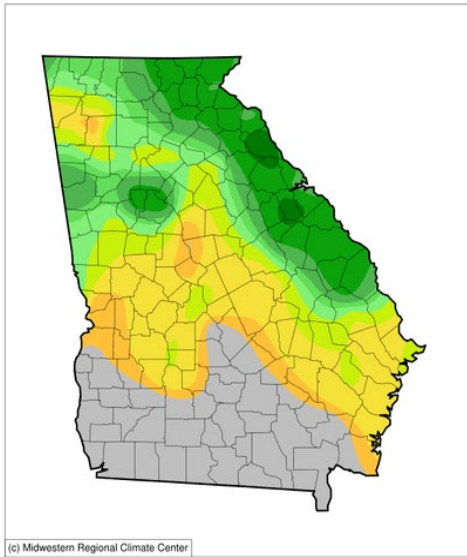
Conditions for Week Ending 10/22/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	31	54	9
Cotton.....	1	6	34	50	9
Pasture and range....	6	13	42	36	3
Peanuts.....	1	5	43	43	8
Pecans.....	1	4	27	55	13
Soybeans.....	1	3	25	62	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/22/23

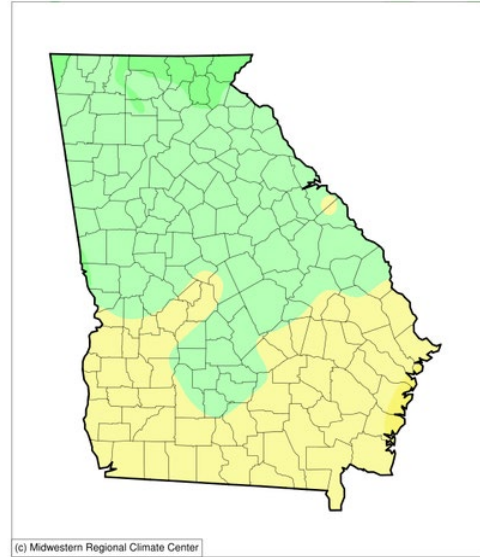
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	8
Short.....	20	26
Adequate.....	60	61
Surplus.....	13	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	9
Short.....	19	22
Adequate.....	69	67
Surplus.....	5	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



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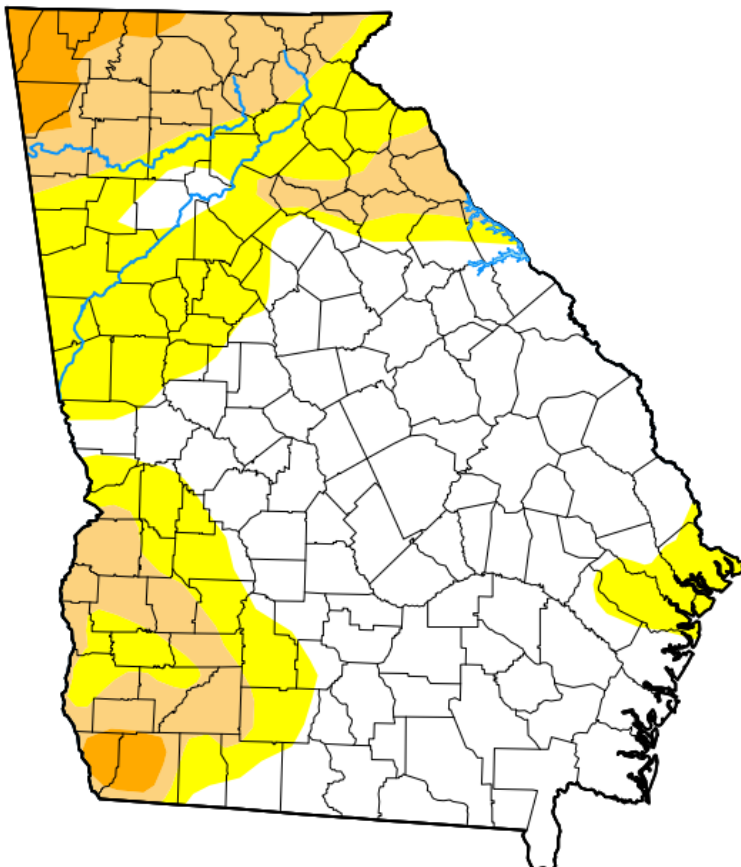
Average Temperature (°F)
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 17, 2023
(Released Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.99	44.01	18.98	3.42	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-10-2023</i>	47.23	52.77	8.13	1.60	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2023</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2023</i>	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2022</i>	36.70	63.30	22.79	5.72	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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