



United States Department of Agriculture
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**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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 29, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to trace amounts. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Most of the state saw little to no rain again this week. This caused soil moisture levels to drop to short and very short in many areas. According to the US Drought Monitor, on October 26, 1.4 percent of the state had extreme drought conditions, 5.9 percent had severe drought conditions, 23 percent had moderate drought conditions, and 45 percent had abnormally dry conditions.

Cool and dry weather allowed farmers to make good progress harvesting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Cotton bolls finished opening in most areas as fields continued to be defoliated. Peanut digging and harvesting continued to progress. Peanut grades in southwest Georgia were noted to be increasing slightly, but yields were still disappointing from what was expected. Soybeans were dropping leaves and being harvested. Yields for soybeans were noted to be good considering the heat and dry conditions through late August. Planting of small grains progressed as harvesting of other crops wrapped up. Small grains were in much need of rain to successfully germinate and establish.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good condition and pasture was in fair to good condition. Pasture conditions declined with another week of no measurable rain. Because of this, cattle were being fed hay and supplements. Some cattle producers in northwest Georgia were reported to be experiencing short water supply and quality issues in stock ponds and tanks.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	96	93	95	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	46	22	32	42
Oats - Planted.....	37	35	49	39
Peanuts - Dug.....	91	67	82	87
Peanuts - Harvested.....	81	53	67	73
Pecans - Harvested.....	27	11	20	24
Rye - Planted.....	34	27	40	34
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	92	88	95	93
Soybeans - Harvested.....	50	40	48	45
Winter wheat - Planted.....	18	16	22	17
Winter wheat - Emerged ...	3	NA	2	2

(NA) Not available.

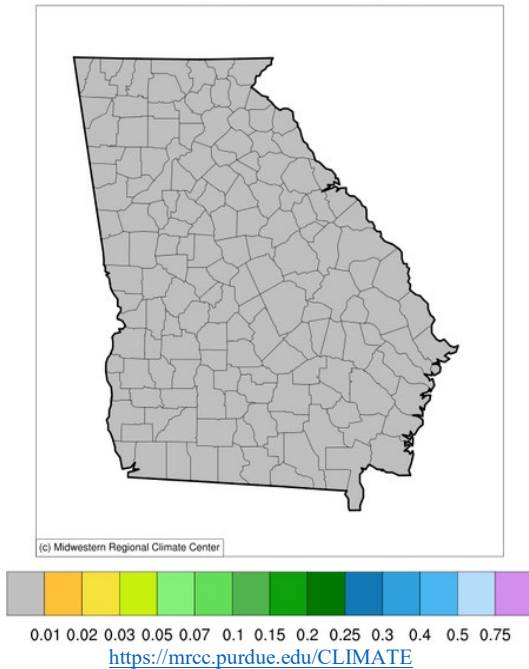
Conditions for Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	31	53	10
Cotton.....	1	6	32	50	11
Pasture and range....	8	18	41	30	3
Pecans.....	1	3	32	48	16
Soybeans.....	1	4	33	54	8

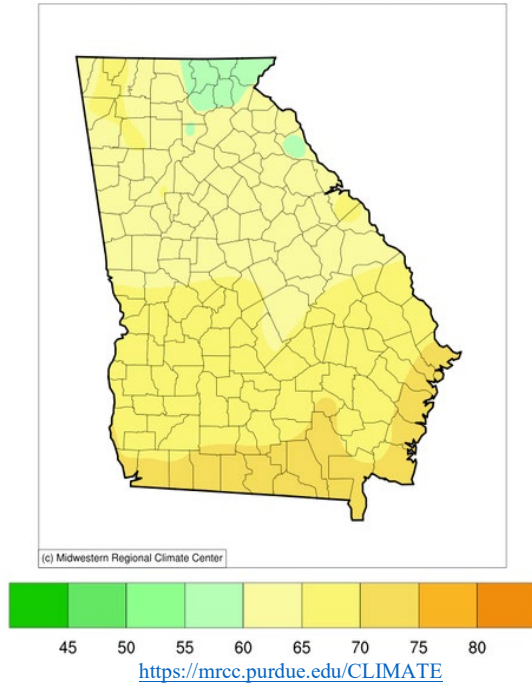
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/29/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	8	24
Short.....	26	31
Adequate.....	61	44
Surplus.....	5	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	9	21
Short.....	22	28
Adequate.....	67	50
Surplus.....	2	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 23, 2023 to October 29, 2023

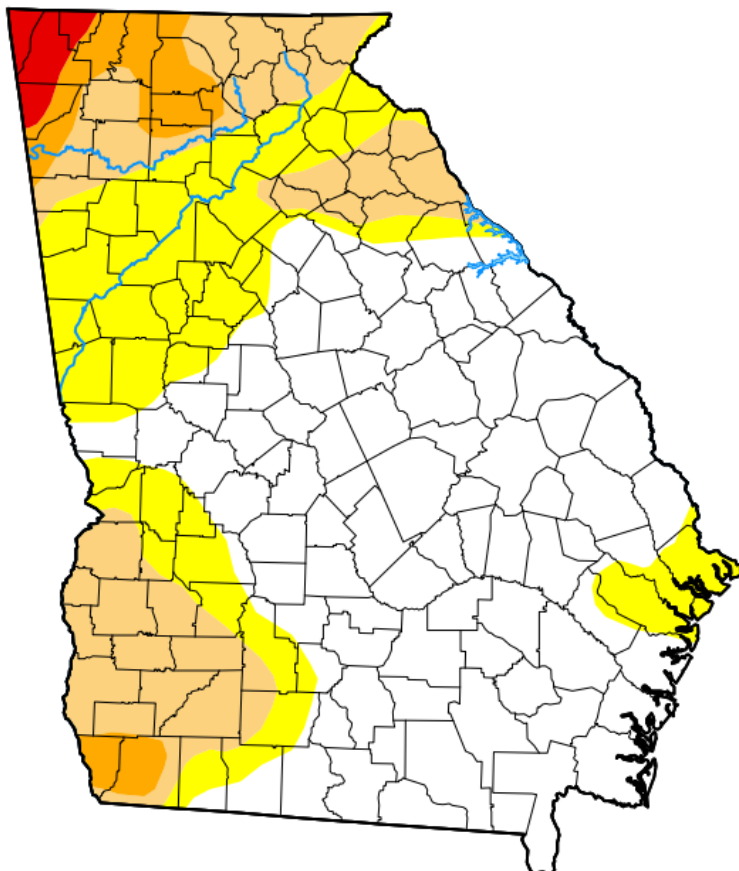


Average Temperature (°F)
October 23, 2023 to October 29, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 24, 2023
(Released Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.12	44.88	22.91	5.89	1.38	0.00
Last Week <i>10-17-2023</i>	55.99	44.01	18.98	3.42	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-25-2023</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>10-25-2022</i>	32.03	67.97	35.98	15.67	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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