



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.

July 22, 2024

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 21, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from trace amounts to over 5 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received a moderate amount of rain last week, with some isolated areas of the state receiving a significant amount of precipitation. While the rain was badly needed across the state, it did prevent some operators from spraying herbicides and fungicides throughout the week. Irrigation demands remained high in drier areas of the state. Operators noted that some corn fields were beyond saving, making recent rains less beneficial in some areas. While soybeans were in mostly good to fair condition, kudzu bugs were reported to be a significant issue in some soybean fields. Cotton and peanuts were helped by the recent rains, although aphids and armyworms were reported to be concerns. Peaches continued to be in mostly good condition, with harvest expected to wrap up soon.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were mostly fair to good. Pastures were helped by the recent rains, although more was reported to be needed in some areas of the state. Some operators continued to feed supplemental hay, with concerns about feed reserves in the fall and winter.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/21/24**

| Crop stage                   | Prev year<br>(percent) | Prev week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Mature .....          | 29                     | 27                     | 40                     | 38                      |
| Cotton - Squaring.....       | 85                     | 77                     | 85                     | 88                      |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls ..... | 40                     | 35                     | 44                     | 48                      |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting.....       | 65                     | 63                     | 71                     | 73                      |
| Peaches - Harvested .....    | 76                     | 72                     | 84                     | 84                      |
| Peanuts - Pegging .....      | 84                     | 80                     | 89                     | 89                      |
| Soybeans - Blooming.....     | 59                     | 58                     | 71                     | 61                      |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods ...  | 30                     | 28                     | 40                     | 29                      |

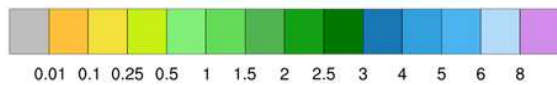
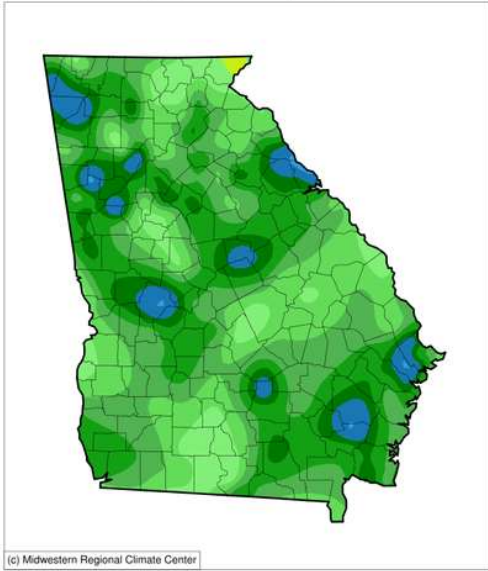
**Conditions for Week Ending 7/21/24**

| Crop                   | Very poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle.....            | 3                      | 8                 | 32                | 48                | 9                      |
| Corn.....              | 8                      | 12                | 26                | 46                | 8                      |
| Cotton.....            | 2                      | 8                 | 31                | 52                | 7                      |
| Pasture and range .... | 18                     | 22                | 30                | 28                | 2                      |
| Peanuts .....          | 2                      | 8                 | 33                | 49                | 8                      |
| Soybeans .....         | 3                      | 11                | 36                | 46                | 4                      |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/21/24**

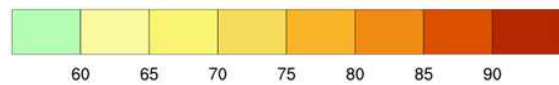
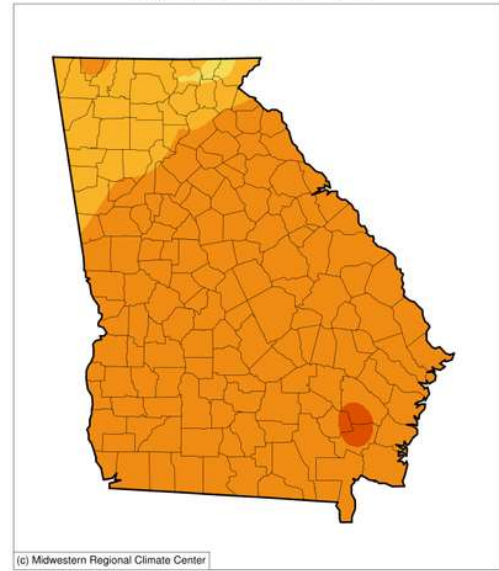
| Topsoil          | Previous week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short ..... | 18                         | 10                     |
| Short.....       | 37                         | 31                     |
| Adequate .....   | 44                         | 55                     |
| Surplus .....    | 1                          | 4                      |
| Subsoil          | Previous week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) |
| Very short ..... | 14                         | 10                     |
| Short.....       | 39                         | 30                     |
| Adequate .....   | 47                         | 58                     |
| Surplus .....    | 0                          | 2                      |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024



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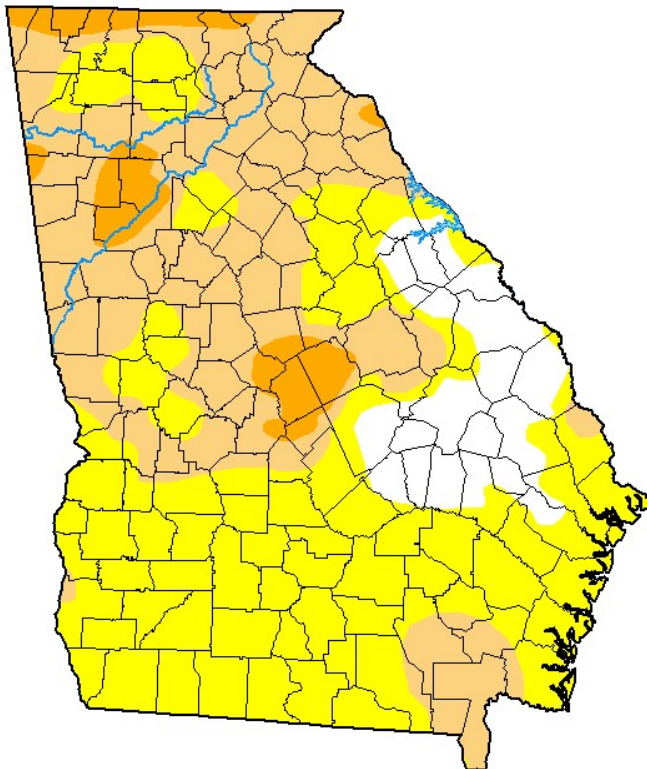
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**July 16, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 18, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 10.70  | 89.30 | 40.98 | 5.70  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>07-09-2024              | 10.70  | 89.30 | 39.34 | 4.21  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>04-16-2024           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-02-2024 | 46.66  | 53.34 | 28.92 | 11.91 | 0.07  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-26-2023    | 78.43  | 21.57 | 4.17  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>07-18-2023           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 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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