



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.

September 23, 2024

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 22, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to over 3 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

It was another dry week for most of the state, with only the southeastern and northeastern regions of the state receiving notable amounts of precipitation. Much of the state also experienced warmer than typical temperatures for late September. Dry and hot conditions continued to negatively affect many crop fields, with peanuts and soybeans particularly impacted. Corn yields in many fields were reported to be below average because of prolonged drought conditions. Reporters noted that operators continued spraying in preparation for harvest before expected upcoming rain. Cotton fields did benefit from the hot and dry weather, with harvest just beginning to get underway. Areas of Southwest Georgia with more saturated soils noted issues with leaf spot and white mold in peanuts as well as sprouted cotton in open cotton bolls. Spider mites continued to be a concern for some operators, particularly in peanut fields, as treatment efforts ramped up in intensity. Small grain planting began last week, but reporters noted most operators were waiting for more precipitation. Pecans were noted to be nearing maturity with harvest anticipated in the next few weeks, while onion seedbeds were being planted and some fields were being prepared for planting.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition. Armyworms continued to be a challenge for operators along with dry conditions. There were reports of lactation issues for some dairy operations due to the lack of available grazing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/22/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	91	88	92	91
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	63	57	68	68
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	0	1	3
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	76	53	62	78
Oats - Planted.....	1	NA	1	1
Peanuts - Dug.....	11	3	7	16
Peanuts - Harvested	4	2	3	7
Rye - Planted.....	1	NA	1	1
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	45	48	58	46
Soybeans - Harvested	7	4	13	5
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	0	NA	1	0

(NA) Not Available

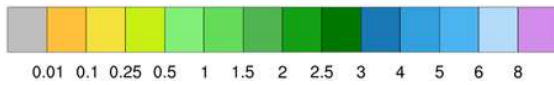
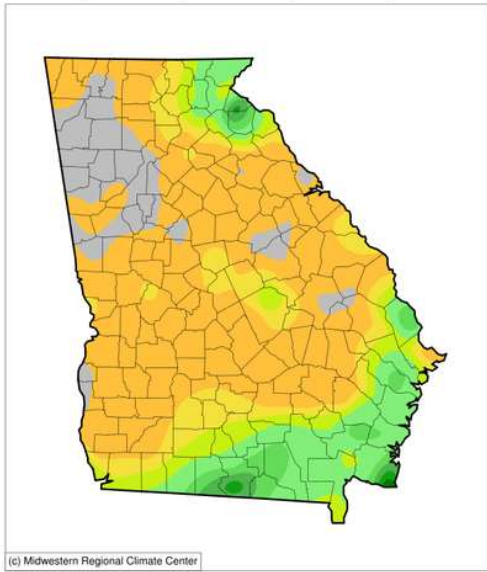
Conditions for Week Ending 9/22/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	10	33	44	10
Cotton.....	2	9	30	50	9
Pasture and range....	19	30	31	19	1
Peanuts.....	2	8	27	53	10
Soybeans.....	4	12	36	43	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/22/24

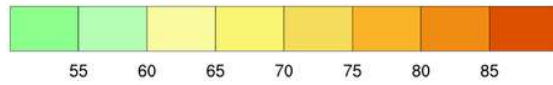
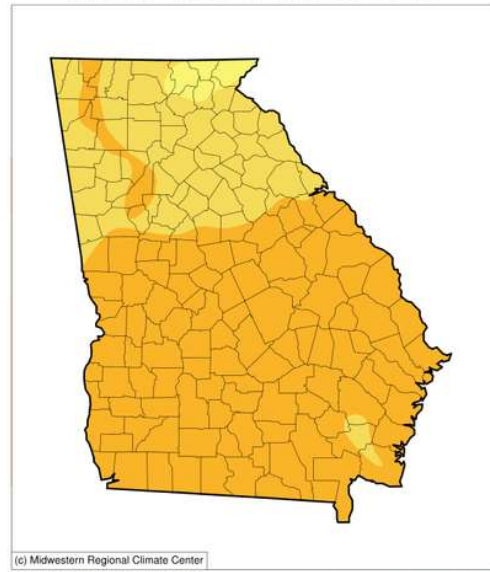
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	16	21
Short.....	14	22
Adequate	42	49
Surplus	28	8
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	16
Short.....	22	27
Adequate	52	51
Surplus	13	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 16, 2024 to September 22, 2024



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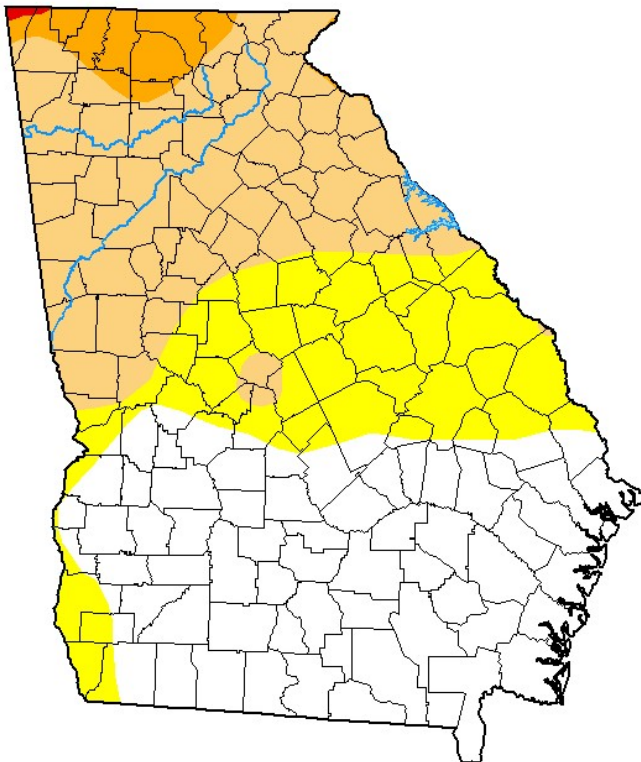
Average Temperature (°F)
September 16, 2024 to September 22, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 17, 2024
(Released Thursday, Sep. 19, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.18	56.82	34.07	4.03	0.12	0.00
Last Week <i>09-10-2024</i>	31.27	68.73	40.27	1.71	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-18-2024</i>	65.42	34.58	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2024</i>	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	0.07	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>09-19-2023</i>	83.52	16.48	1.62	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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