



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 14, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 17% very short, 39% short, 43% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 20% very short, 44% short, 36% adequate, and 0% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 3.0 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn - Harvested	32	15	28	16
Cotton - Squaring	94	90	100	100
Cotton - Setting Bolls	84	70	97	93
Cotton - Bolls Opening	7	2	18	7
Hay - Second Cutting	79	68	N/A	N/A
Peanuts - Pegging	96	91	100	98
Sorghum - Harvested	7	6	15	8
Tobacco - Harvested	45	38	55	55

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Corn	14	15	26	31	14
Cotton	12	17	38	27	6
Hay	15	23	37	23	2
Pasture & Range	15	27	36	20	2
Peanuts	6	13	41	32	8
Pecans	6	13	46	24	11
Sorghum	5	21	46	25	3
Soybeans	7	19	40	30	4
Tobacco	5	12	46	32	5

VP- Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX- Excellent

## County Extension Comments

"Little rainfall so far in August is wiping out gains made in July; some second cutting hay made but many are still feeding hay; worms are in grain millet and forages."

**Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40**

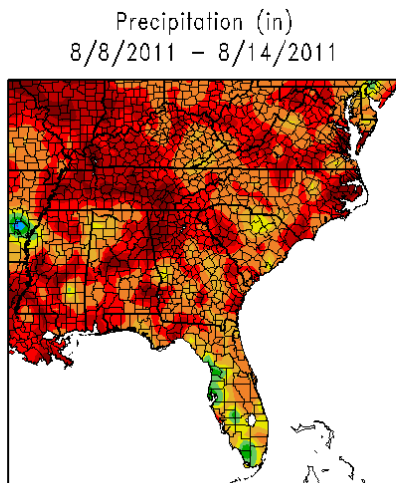
"Scattered light rains helped the crops in some areas of the county. Farmers irrigated corn, soybeans, cotton and peanuts this week. Several hay fields were harvested for the first or second time this week."

**Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50**

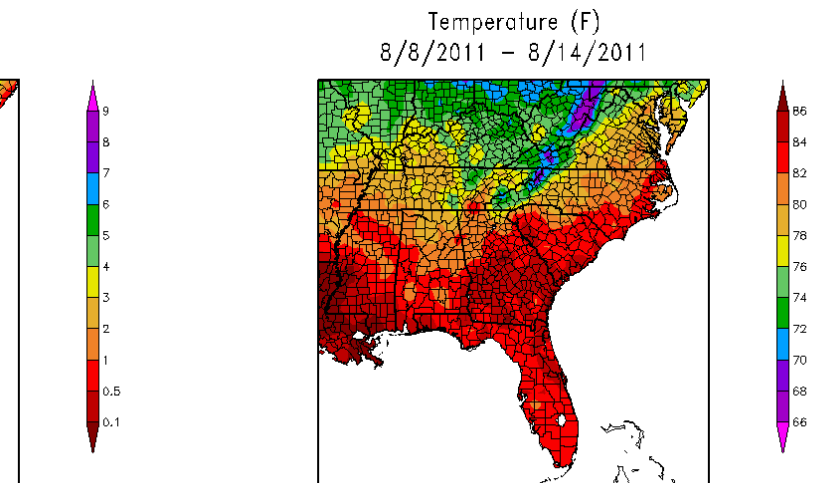
"Under hay, I say what we have is decent/fair but quantity would be poor. We were feeding it as fast as we can bale it but are getting some stored hay now. We won't have near enough grass hay this year and will have to depend heavily on peanut hay. Overall, crops look a lot better than 4 weeks ago. We were getting scattered showers nearly every day there for a while and we stand a good chance of making decent yields if the rain will continue. Not much insect problems in any crop. Stink bugs picking up a little in cotton and will probably get worse as corn is harvested. No disease pressure on peanuts and they look good. Earliest planted peanuts are in 'boiling' stage. Will probably start digging around mid-Sept."

**Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

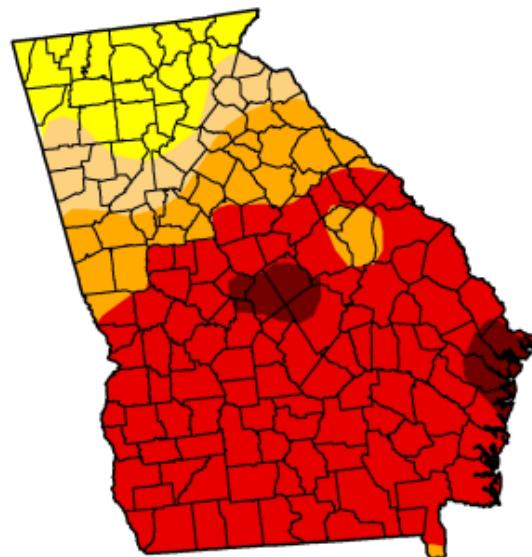
August 9, 2011  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.07	99.93	88.01	80.01	66.29	4.34
Last Week (08/02/2011 map)	0.07	99.93	88.01	80.01	68.38	4.42
3 Months Ago (05/10/2011 map)	16.44	83.56	70.01	40.45	8.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	40.34	6.49	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	4.80	95.20	39.24	5.11	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (08/03/2010 map)	61.55	38.45	0.46	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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