



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 6% very short, 25% short, 64% adequate, and 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 14% very short, 34% short, 49% adequate, and 3% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 3 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the lower 50s to the lower 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Cotton - Bolls Opening	96	96	100	97
Cotton - Harvested	37	27	47	33
Hay - Third Cutting	72	67	N/A	N/A
Oats - Planted	38	28	38	38
Peanuts - Dug	77	64	79	72
Peanuts - Harvested	60	47	64	55
Pecans – Harvested*	14	7	8	9
Rye - Planted	45	28	39	44
Sorghum - Harvested	38	37	48	52
Soybeans - Harvested	20	13	18	15
Winter Wheat - Planted	17	15	11	12

*Harvest reflects acres to be harvested

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	13	17	36	26	8
Pasture & Range	12	32	42	11	3
Peanuts	7	17	34	28	14
Pecans	4	17	41	30	8
Sorghum	7	22	46	20	5
Soybeans	13	21	40	22	4

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

County Extension Comments

“Night time temps dropped to freezing last week on Thursday night. Many warm season crops have been put to bed for the season.”

Mary Sheffield, Paulding County, District 10

“Just enough rain to keep us from backing up further; grain millet harvest started; lot of winter grazing planted within the past few weeks; armyworms in some early planted wheat.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Cold nights have terminated peanut maturity, nothing left to do but dig 'em up and get 'em thrashed. Don't know of anyone getting the high price for additional but high price on Seg 3's was a blessing. Some late cotton may actually be better than thought...hasn't been defoliated yet. Another inch of rain...ruined some peanut hay much to the distress of cattlemen. Hearing talk of a reduction in wheat acres.”

Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation and Temperature maps are not available for the week ending October 23, 2011

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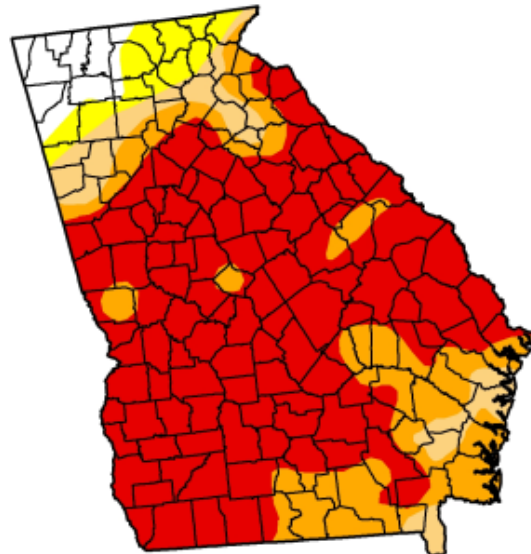
U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 18, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.54	95.46	90.70	83.33	64.50	0.00
Last Week (10/11/2011 map)	4.17	95.83	90.93	86.32	73.27	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/19/2011 map)	5.17	94.83	82.96	75.00	68.38	8.74
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	40.34	6.49	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	5.62	94.38	90.72	85.56	78.76	0.00
One Year Ago (10/12/2010 map)	10.99	89.01	37.25	4.04	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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