



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 29, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 2% very short, 21% short, 72% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 18% short, 75% adequate, 6% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
Percent				
Corn – Harvested	93	91	96	97
Cotton – Bolls Opening	66	57	84	80
Cotton – Harvested	2	1	8	7
Hay – 3 rd Cutting	46	N/A	83	N/A
Oats – Planted	7	1	11	10
Peanuts – Dug	16	9	35	26
Peanuts – Harvested	8	5	24	15
Rye – Planted	10	4	10	11
Sorghum – Harvested	44	42	36	34
Winter Wheat – Planted	6	N/A	3	3

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
Percent					
Cotton	4	13	40	36	7
Peanuts	2	6	34	45	13
Pecans	2	11	36	43	8
Range and Pasture	1	8	39	45	7
Sorghum	3	10	41	38	8
Soybeans	2	7	31	51	9

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

County Extension Comments

“Rain Tuesday and Wednesday held up planting. If dry weather holds out this week, farmers will be out to plant small grains and canola. Early beans should be harvested in the next couple of weeks. Bermudagrass pastures were hit pretty hard from the dry September and are pretty much done for the year.”

Adam Speir, Madison, District 30

“Some rain this week. Soybeans beginning to drop leaves. Peanut digging has started. Cotton opening slowly. Some corn left to be harvested. Haying continues.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens, District 50

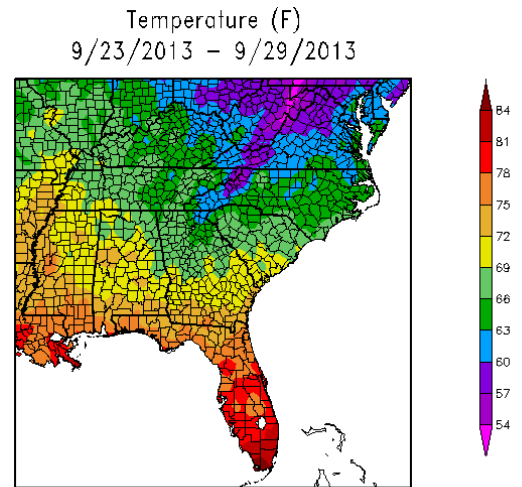
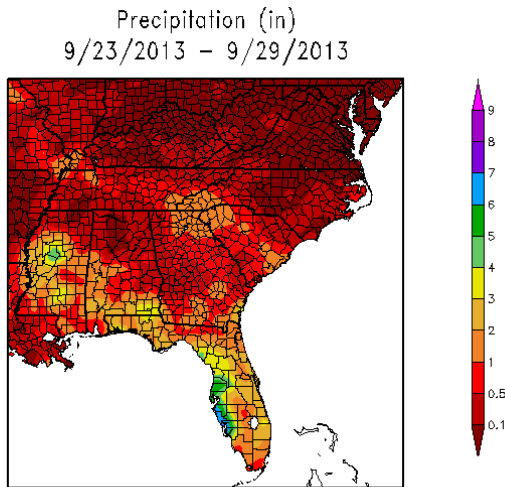
“With all the rain this summer, it's hard to believe that we would say "we need rain." In the last six weeks, we've had an average of 1.5 inches across Columbia County. The newly planted crops are starting to emerge and we need it.”

Tripp Williams, Columbia, District 60

“Peanut harvest will be in full swing next week. Most need digging a little early due to stress from wet season and five weeks of no rainfall before this front. Some cotton will be defoliated next week. Cool fall air will slow down maturity of all crops.”

Mark von Waldner, Atkinson, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 24, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (09/17/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/25/2013 map)	93.74	6.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	1.63	98.37	89.49	64.87	36.96	10.25
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	34.04	17.18
One Year Ago (09/18/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	33.74	16.14

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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