



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 4, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.6 inches of rain up to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 60s.

County Extension Comments

“Some ryegrass planted for forage this year is yellowing due to wet fields from the rain that we have received over the past 10-14 days. Fieldwork is more or less stopped due to soil conditions.”

Michael Wheeler, Hall County, District 20

“In the last 11 days, it has either rained or been so cloudy following a rain that it has been too wet to do really anything in the fields. A few farmers unfortunately laid hay right before the rain started, and the hay is rotting in the fields.”

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County, District 50

“Rain and saturated soils have delayed digging peanuts and harvesting. Cotton defoliation is behind, and boll rot occurrences are increasing.”

Pam Sapp, Jefferson County, District 60

“Heavy, widespread rains have halted all field activities.”

Jason Blankenship, Quitman County, District 70

“Too much rain has put a halt on digging and picking peanuts. The rain is affecting the quality of all crops. We need some dry weather with sunshine!”

Tony Barnes, Atkinson County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/15

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cotton - Bolls Opening... | 89 | 86 | 91 | 87 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 8 | 6 | 13 | 12 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 92 | 91 | 92 | NA |
| Oats - Planted..... | 16 | 13 | 17 | 14 |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 32 | 25 | 32 | 36 |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 15 | 12 | 19 | 23 |
| Rye - Planted..... | 17 | 12 | 17 | 14 |
| Sorghum - Harvested..... | 69 | 66 | 58 | 42 |
| Soybeans - Harvested.... | 13 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| Tobacco - Harvested..... | 97 | 94 | 93 | NA |
| Winter Wheat - Planted.. | 6 | NA | 5 | 6 |

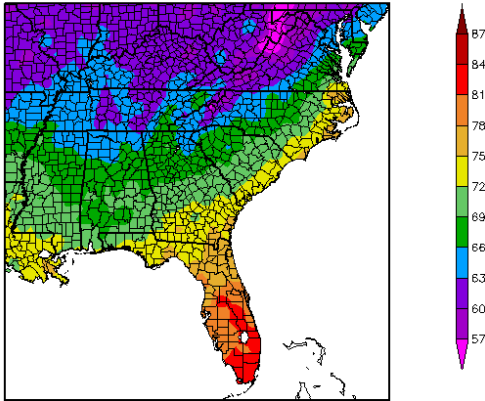
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/04/15

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 0 | 2 | 24 | 60 | 14 |
| Cotton | 1 | 6 | 26 | 51 | 16 |
| Pasture and range..... | 2 | 6 | 32 | 54 | 6 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 6 | 23 | 51 | 20 |
| Pecans..... | 0 | 4 | 22 | 58 | 16 |
| Soybeans..... | 1 | 5 | 28 | 54 | 12 |

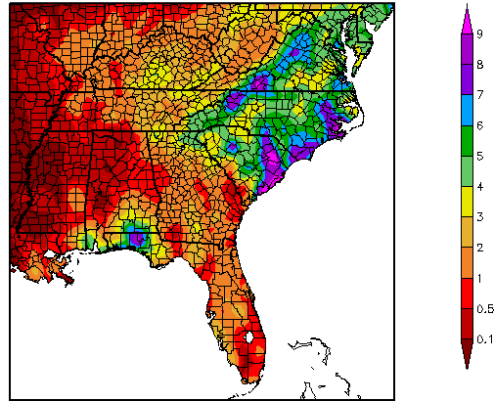
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/15

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Short..... | 13 | 26 | 29 |
| Adequate..... | 55 | 62 | 58 |
| Surplus..... | 31 | 10 | 5 |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
| Very short..... | 1 | 2 | NA |
| Short..... | 16 | 25 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 64 | 66 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 19 | 7 | NA |

Temperature (F)
9/28/2015 – 10/4/2015



Precipitation (in)
9/28/2015 – 10/4/2015



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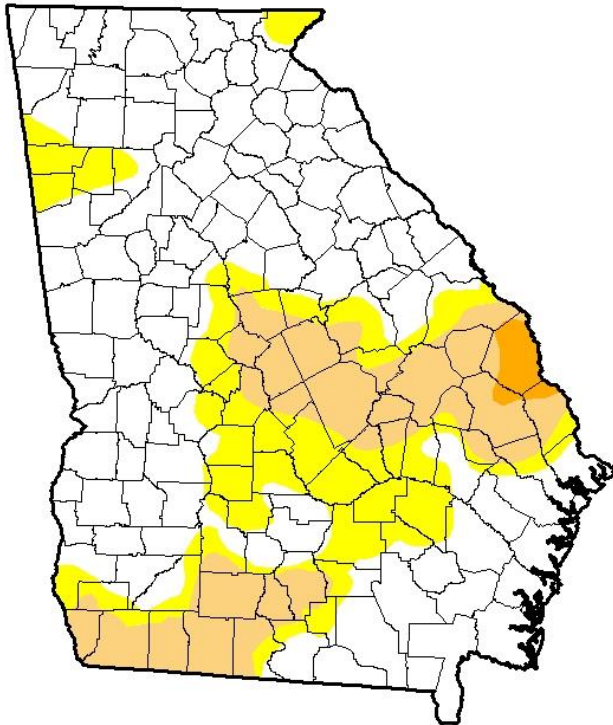
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 63.46 | 36.54 | 17.71 | 1.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 9/22/2015 | 57.39 | 42.61 | 20.95 | 1.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 6/30/2015 | 52.93 | 47.07 | 13.56 | 2.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014 | 94.23 | 5.77 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 9/30/2014 | 41.99 | 58.01 | 15.39 | 4.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 9/30/2014 | 41.99 | 58.01 | 15.39 | 4.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 |



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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