



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 in Georgia, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 60s.

County Comments

No-till drills are running continuously with efforts to get winter forage crops planted before the forecasted rains. Pastures are still in good cover condition with proper rotations and grazing densities.

Greg Pittman, Jackson County

Dry conditions are affecting the emergence of fall planted grains and alfalfa. Soybeans are starting to show stress from dry soils.

Keith Fielder, Putnam County

Cooler weather has set in, but has continued to give us good, dry conditions conducive for our harvest. Peanuts are slowing down slightly as many farms are finishing their final acres. Cotton harvest continues in full force, and yields are looking very good. Soybeans are just starting to be harvested, and yields seem promising as well. After we finish with harvest, we will need some rain because it has been several weeks since a decent shower fell on our fields.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Dryer conditions have been very good for the cotton and peanut harvests. However, late-planted cotton and peanuts are in need of rain. As time to plant wheat approaches, we need rain to get it planted too. There is still a lot of cleanup going on in pecan orchards as a result of Hurricane Irma, which is delaying pecan harvest some.

Ronnie Barentine, Dooly County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	97	95	97	95
Cotton - Harvested	37	27	45	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting	92	89	NA	NA
Oats - Planted	35	26	36	36
Peanuts - Dug	81	70	82	76
Peanuts - Harvested	67	54	68	60
Pecans - Harvested	18	12	14	14
Rye - Planted	39	31	29	37
Sorghum - Harvested	88	85	78	63
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	88	77	87	NA
Soybeans - Harvested	38	28	40	27
Winter wheat - Planted ...	14	11	17	14

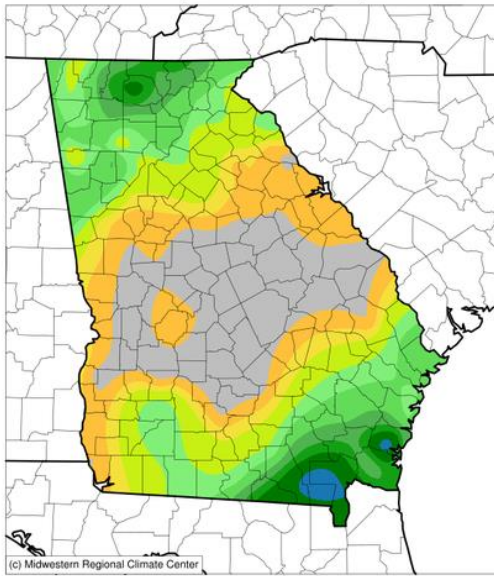
Conditions for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	22	63	12
Cotton	7	19	28	39	7
Pasture and range	2	10	32	52	4
Pecans	3	8	48	32	9
Soybeans	1	7	25	59	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/22/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	12	8	17
Short	45	35	38
Adequate	41	54	42
Surplus	2	3	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	9	7	14
Short	38	31	35
Adequate	51	60	49
Surplus	2	2	2

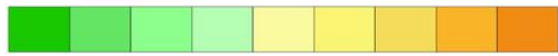
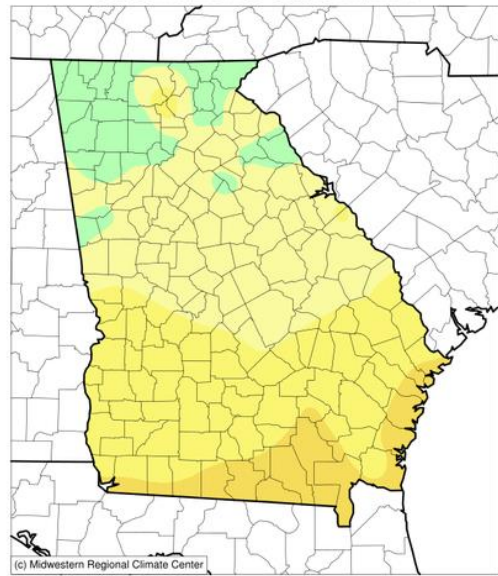
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017



0.01 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4

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Average Temperature (°F)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017



45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80

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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 17, 2017

(Released Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.94	25.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-10-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2017	98.97	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	11.31	88.69	73.48	39.33	19.28	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2016	33.95	66.05	57.89	47.54	29.24	4.59

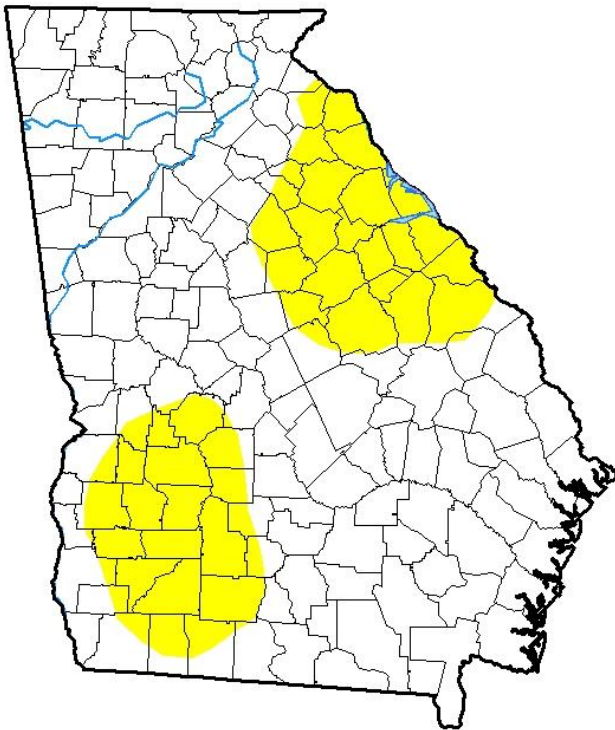
Intensity:

- 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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