

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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 19, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 0.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the low 50s.

County Comments

Warm, somewhat dry conditions have allowed most winter annuals and fall fescue to germinate, but they are lagging behind because of a lack of sufficient moisture.

Steven Patrick, Habersham County

Clayton County has not yet had its first freeze. We are several weeks past the usual first freeze date.

Winston Eason, Clayton County

Everything is looking pretty good going into winter. All the winter cover crops are planted, emerged, and looking really good. We started transplanting onions in a few more fields, and the transplants are looking really strong. Pecans have been picked up for the most part, but a few farmers are going to shake and pick up again.

Chris Earls, Candler County

The weather has been favorable for harvest this week. Pecans continue to look good for the most part. Cotton harvest is still in full swing. Peanut harvest is complete except for a couple of fields. Many farmers are prepping for winter cover crops or have just planted small grains. Most small grain acres are not for harvest. Pastures look very rough. It has been dry for a few weeks, and we had a hard frost in all the low areas a few weeks ago. Hay is being fed pretty much across the board.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Conditions are becoming very dry. While this is good for cotton and pecan harvest, it is delaying winter grazing and cover crop planting.

Ty Torrance, Grady County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/19/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	78	69	86	74
Oats - Planted	76	69	59	68
Onions - Transplanted	19	8	18	25
Peanuts - Harvested	97	94	96	95
Pecans - Harvested	62	48	54	55
Rye - Planted	71	63	52	67
Sorghum - Harvested	95	94	85	80
Soybeans - Harvested	80	70	87	75
Winter wheat - Planted	44	33	31	37
Winter wheat - Emerged.	23	13	9	NA

Conditions for Week Ending 11/19/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	26	60	11
Oats	1	7	42	41	9
Pasture and range	4	13	36	42	5
Pecans	2	7	36	46	9
Rye	2	8	39	45	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/19/17

	Topsoil This week Previous week 5 Year avg (percent) (percent) (percent) short			
Topsoil	This week		5 Year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	7 42 49 2	5 34 57 4	26 27 38 9	
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	9 39 51 1	7 37 54 2	24 29 41 6	

Accumulated Precipitation (in) November 13, 2017 to November 19, 2017 (c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center 0.01 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4 http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/

Average Temperature (°F) November 13, 2017 to November 19, 2017 (c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75

U.S. Drought Monitor
Georgia

November 14, 2017

http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

8	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.03	51.97	3.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-07-2017	79.21	20.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Month's Ago 08-15-2017	100.00	0.00	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	15.69	84.31	69.18	58.03	52.39	22.25

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
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The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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