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



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this 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 13, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 3.7 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

It was a very dry week for most of the state last week, with only the southeastern region of the state receiving varying amounts of precipitation. Clean up activities continued after Hurricane Helene, with reporters noting debris and power outages still prevalent in many areas of the state. The dry weather allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work, although a lack of soil moisture in some areas prevented seeding of winter grazing crops. Reporters also noted concerns about low cotton and peanut yields due to prolonged dry conditions throughout much of the summer and fall. Pecan harvest occurred where available, but tree damage remained extensive, with many pecan fields still inaccessible. Strawberry planting was noted to have picked up steam last week.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Concerns were noted about winter hay stocks due to the need for operators to feed supplemental hay because of poor grazing conditions. Despite cooler weather, armyworms continued to be a problem in some pasture fields.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/13/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	88	84	90	89
Cotton - Harvested.....	11	12	19	20
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	92	73	78	92
Oats - Planted.....	26	11	20	20
Peanuts - Dug.....	52	29	43	59
Peanuts - Harvested.....	34	15	27	42
Rye - Planted.....	20	7	17	17
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	82	76	81	79
Soybeans - Harvested.....	29	30	35	27
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	11	4	6	9

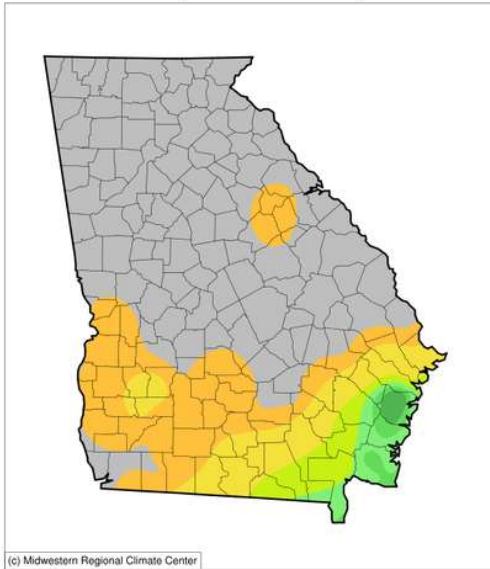
Conditions for Week Ending 10/13/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	11	33	45	8
Cotton.....	6	25	36	27	6
Pasture and range	15	25	37	22	1
Peanuts.....	3	11	34	44	8
Soybeans.....	6	13	37	40	4

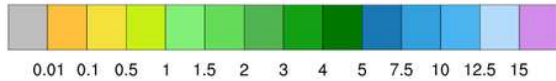
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/13/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	6
Short.....	9	22
Adequate.....	68	61
Surplus.....	21	11
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	3
Short.....	9	25
Adequate.....	74	66
Surplus.....	14	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 07, 2024 to October 13, 2024

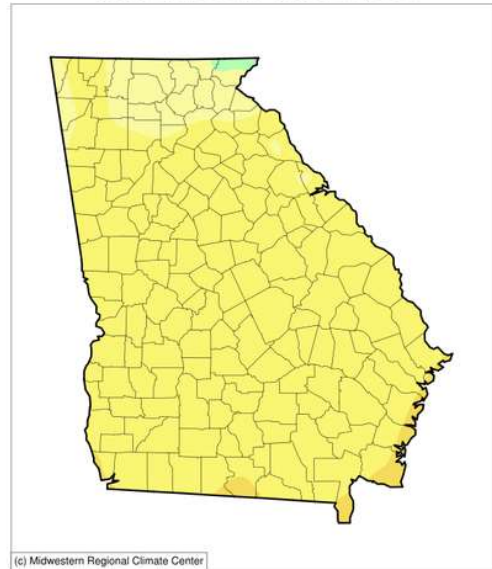


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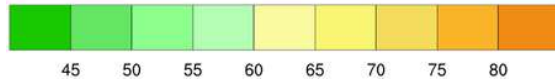


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Average Temperature (°F)
October 07, 2024 to October 13, 2024



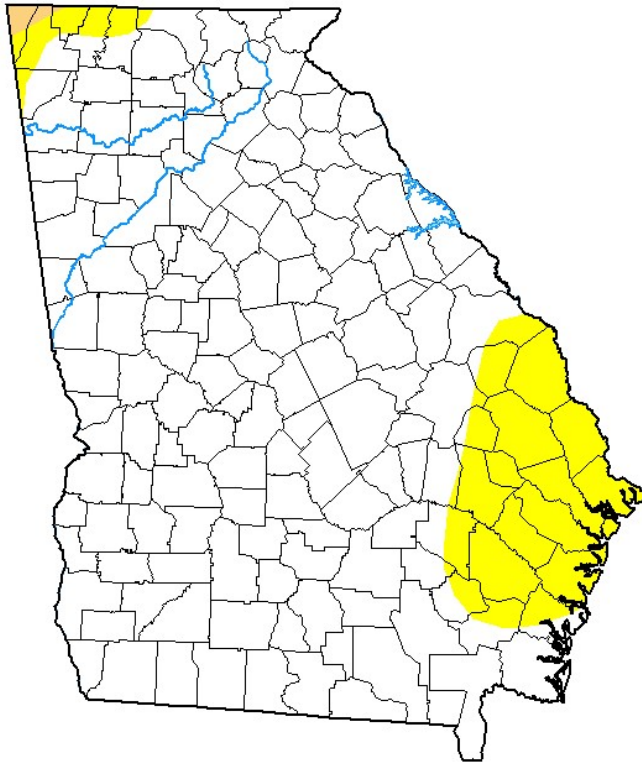
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	86.22	13.78	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-01-2024</i>	98.35	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-09-2024</i>	10.70	89.30	39.34	4.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2024</i>	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	0.07	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2023</i>	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-10-2023</i>	47.23	52.77	8.13	1.60	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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