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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 20, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 0.2 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 50s.

Crops

It was an extremely dry week last week for the entire state, with only isolated parts of the northern region of the state receiving even minimal precipitation. Temperatures continued to cool, with some areas seeing their first frost advisories of the season. The cooler temperatures were noted to have drastically slowed down the maturity of the late planted peanut crop. The dry weather was favorable for harvesting activities, with cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest making strong progress throughout the week. Reporters noted that dry soil conditions made digging peanuts much more difficult in non-irrigated fields, thus further delaying harvest in some areas. It was also observed that more operators were baling peanut vines than usual due to the shortage of hay production this year. Seeding of winter grazing crops also continued to be a challenge for many operators due to the dry weather. Hurricane Helene recovery continued in the most affected regions of the state, with pecan and cotton crops the most impacted.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture development struggled in many areas due to the prolonged dry conditions. Reporters noted that livestock loss reports continued to emerge from operators across the state after Hurricane Helene, with some choosing to sell their herds completely.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	92	90	94	92
Cotton - Harvested.....	19	19	29	28
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	94	78	82	94
Oats - Planted.....	33	20	27	30
Peanuts - Dug.....	64	43	55	72
Peanuts - Harvested.....	49	27	40	56
Rye - Planted.....	25	17	25	24
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	87	81	86	86
Soybeans - Harvested.....	37	35	46	34
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	15	6	12	12

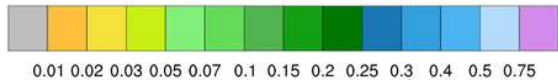
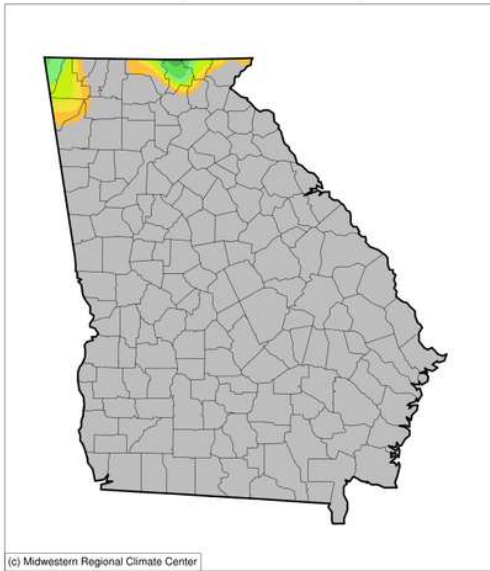
Conditions for Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	4	9	31	48	8
Cotton.....	5	19	38	33	5
Pasture and range	16	26	38	19	1
Peanuts.....	3	11	37	44	5
Soybeans.....	6	13	40	38	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/20/24

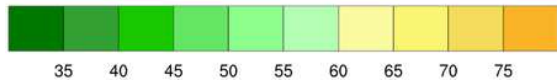
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	6	17
Short.....	22	43
Adequate.....	61	39
Surplus.....	11	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	13
Short.....	25	34
Adequate.....	66	52
Surplus.....	6	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 14, 2024 to October 20, 2024



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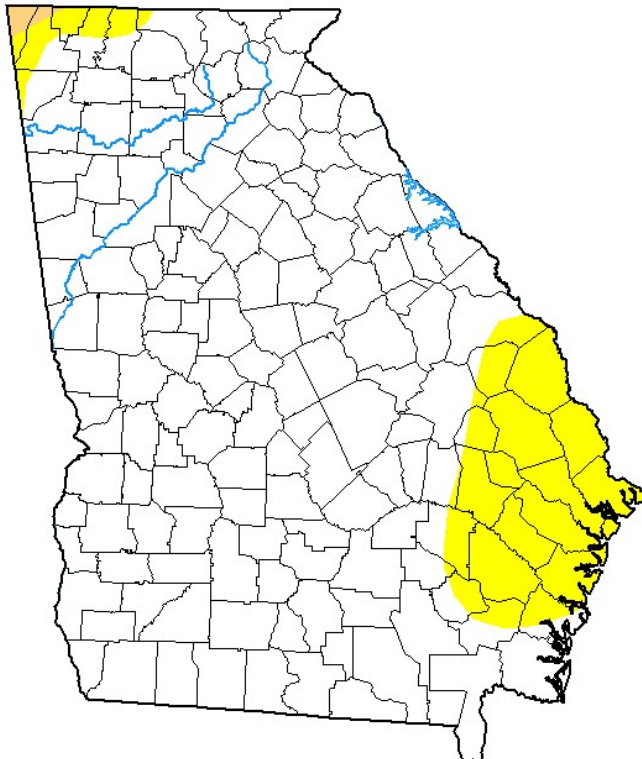
Average Temperature (°F)
October 14, 2024 to October 20, 2024



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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>10-08-2024</i>	86.22	13.78	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-16-2024</i>	10.70	89.30	40.98	5.70	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>10-01-2024</i>	98.35	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-17-2023</i>	55.99	44.01	18.98	3.42	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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