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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.

October 28, 2024

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 27, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 0.3 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

It was another extremely dry week for the state last week, with only some isolated regions of the state receiving even trace amounts of rain. Many parts of the state reported not having received any precipitation since Hurricane Helene, nearly a month ago. Along with the dry weather was a rise in temperatures across the state last week, with temperatures higher than historical averages across much of the state. The dry weather helped cotton defoliation and harvest activities, but greatly hampered peanut digging and harvest due to hard soil conditions. Irrigation pivots were turned on in many peanut fields to help digging progress. Leaf spot was also noted to have become a significant issue for unharvested peanuts. Reporters noted some operators were forced to dig peanuts that had yet to reach full maturity to avoid the risk of losing pods due to defoliation. Winter grazing seeding and a third cutting of hay continued to stall due to the dry conditions. Some operators reported below average yields and loss from dryland corn, cotton, and sorghum fields due to drought conditions throughout the season.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. There were isolated reports of calf illness and loss during fall calving season. Armyworms continued to be an issue in some pastures. Together with the drought reduced hay cuttings, many hay producers have been left concerned about stocks for the winter, much less having enough to sell.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/27/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	94	94	97	94
Cotton - Harvested.....	29	29	39	37
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	NA	82	86	NA
Oats - Planted.....	45	27	36	40
Peanuts - Dug.....	78	55	71	83
Peanuts - Harvested.....	63	40	55	69
Rye - Planted.....	36	25	32	33
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	93	86	92	92
Soybeans - Harvested.....	46	46	56	43
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	20	12	17	17
Winter Wheat - Emerged ...	1	NA	1	1

(NA) Not Available

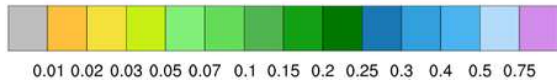
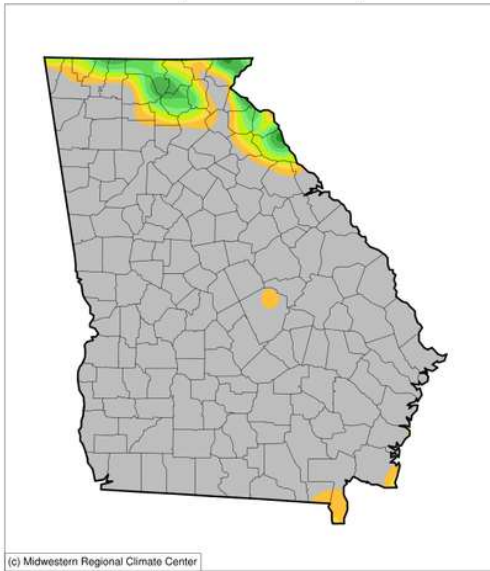
Conditions for Week Ending 10/27/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	11	30	49	7
Cotton.....	5	18	42	28	7
Pasture and range....	18	28	35	18	1
Peanuts.....	2	12	38	41	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/27/24

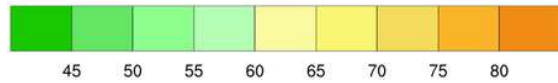
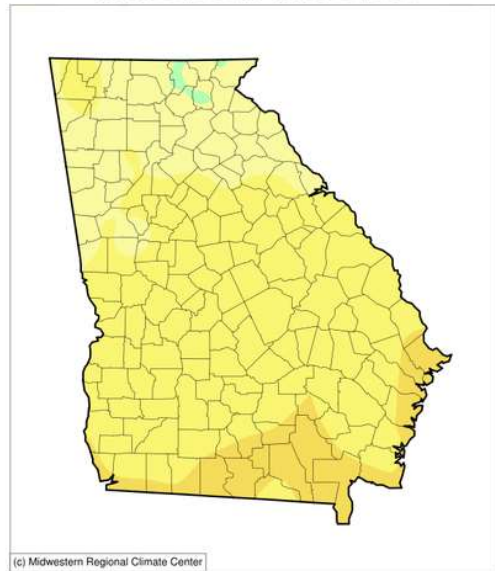
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	35
Short.....	43	39
Adequate.....	39	26
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	25
Short.....	34	40
Adequate.....	52	35
Surplus.....	1	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024



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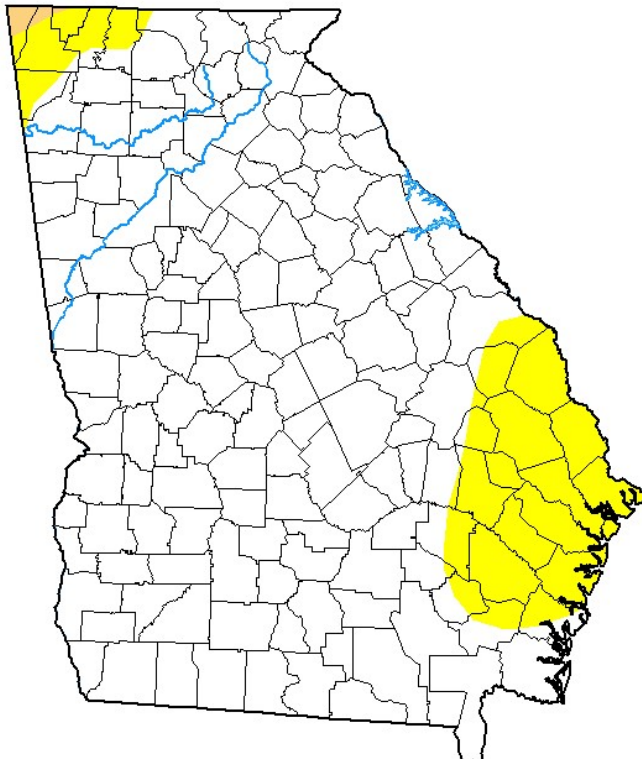
Average Temperature (°F)
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 22, 2024
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.32	14.68	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-15-2024	86.22	13.78	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-23-2024	36.43	63.57	31.28	5.05	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	0.07	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	98.35	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-24-2023	55.12	44.88	22.91	5.89	1.38	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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