



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 7, 2024

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 7.1 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

It was a dry week for most of the state last week, with only isolated areas of the state receiving moderate amounts of precipitation. The dry weather allowed operators to continue recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene, with the southern and eastern regions of the state still suffering from widespread power outages and structural damage. Significant damage to cotton, peanut, and soybean fields was noted, along with catastrophic damage to many pecan orchards and timber stands. Cotton that had been defoliated prior to the hurricane was noted to have suffered major losses from the wind and the rain. Peanut producers wasted little time trying to catch up digging peanuts in areas where peanut buying points had power restored. In areas less impacted by the storm, dry weather discouraged many operators from conducting a third cutting of hay, with some not expected to attempt one due to prolonged dry conditions. Dry conditions also allowed operators to seed winter small grains given the improvement in soil moisture following the storm. Grape harvest was reported to have been completed, while instances of vegetable damage from the hurricane was noted in some fields.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Livestock fencing damage continued to be an issue for many operators, with repair efforts underway. There were also reports of significant damage to poultry houses due to Hurricane Helene. Armyworms remained a problem in some pastures, with treatment efforts ongoing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/6/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	82	77	84	84
Cotton - Harvested.....	6	6	12	13
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	89	68	73	89
Oats - Planted.....	20	6	11	12
Peanuts - Dug.....	37	16	29	45
Peanuts - Harvested.....	20	10	15	29
Rye - Planted.....	14	3	7	11
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	70	66	76	68
Soybeans - Harvested.....	22	20	30	20
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	6	2	4	4

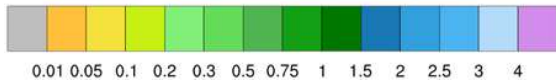
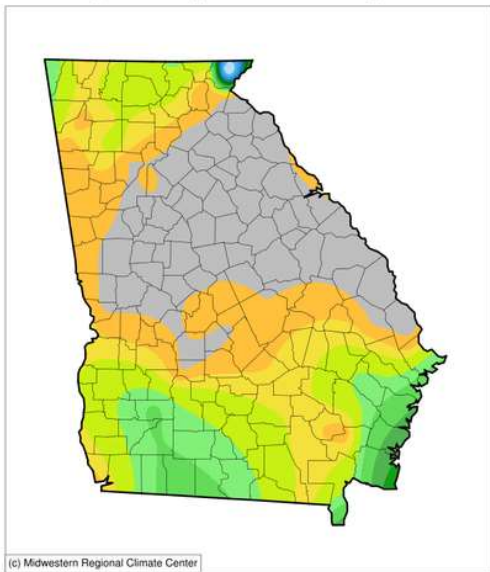
Conditions for Week Ending 10/6/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	10	32	47	8
Cotton.....	10	21	35	29	5
Pasture and range	18	22	35	23	2
Peanuts.....	3	12	35	45	5
Soybeans.....	7	14	37	38	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/6/24

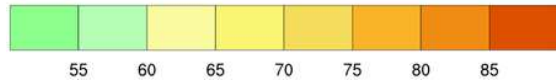
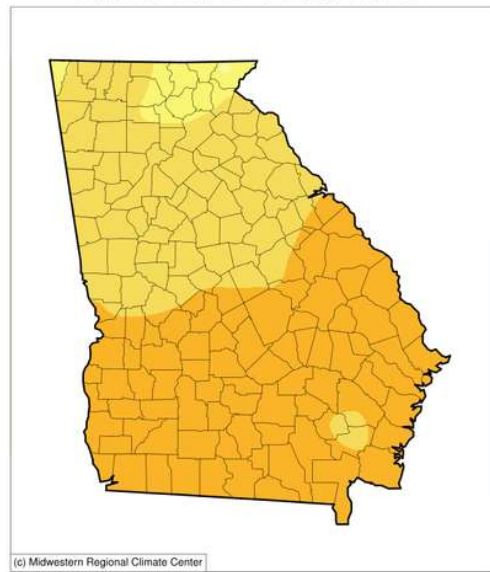
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	3	9
Adequate.....	48	68
Surplus.....	48	21
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	3
Short.....	6	9
Adequate.....	52	74
Surplus.....	40	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 30, 2024 to October 06, 2024



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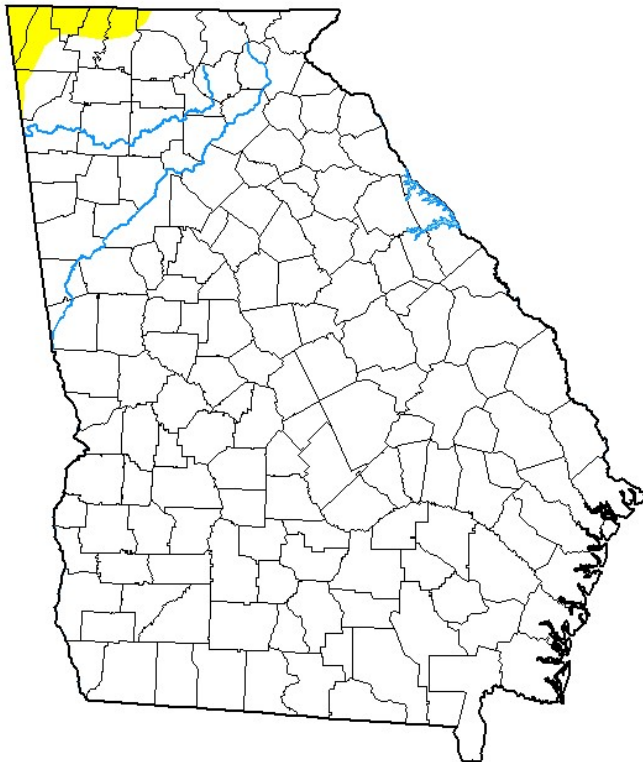
Average Temperature (°F)
September 30, 2024 to October 06, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 1, 2024
(Released Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	98.35	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-24-2024	42.57	57.43	36.54	14.33	0.93	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-02-2024	4.39	95.61	49.36	3.66	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 09-26-2023	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-03-2023	68.14	31.86	7.38	0.97	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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