



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.

July 8, 2024

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 7, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 4.7 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

The northern half of the state received only limited precipitation last week while most areas in the southern half received a significant amount. Despite the rain, temperatures remained very high throughout the state. Reporters noted that the rain in many areas was too little and too late to substantially improve conditions for some field crops. Dryland corn continued to struggle across the state, with later planted corn reported to be in better condition than earlier planted fields. Later planted peanut fields were also reported to be faring better than earlier planted fields. Herbicides and insecticides continued to be applied to cotton fields across the state. Many operators in the driest areas of the state continued to be unable to conduct a second cutting of hay. Disease and insects, most notably aphids, on crops were reported to be a problem in some areas of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were mostly fair to good. Many cattle operators continued to feed supplemental hay due to dry conditions. Reporters noted that some producers had expressed concerns over prussic acid and nitrate levels in their first cutting of hay. Additionally, they mentioned increased instances of cattle operators choosing to reduce their herd size due to the lack of hay and forage options.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/7/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	90	90	94	94
Corn - Mature	10	5	16	11
Cotton - Squaring.....	64	53	71	70
Cotton - Setting Bolls	15	12	26	20
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	36	36	53	50
Peaches - Harvested	59	54	60	71
Peanuts - Pegging.....	60	51	67	69
Soybeans - Emerged	91	91	95	93
Soybeans - Blooming.....	35	31	44	33
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	10	3	13	7

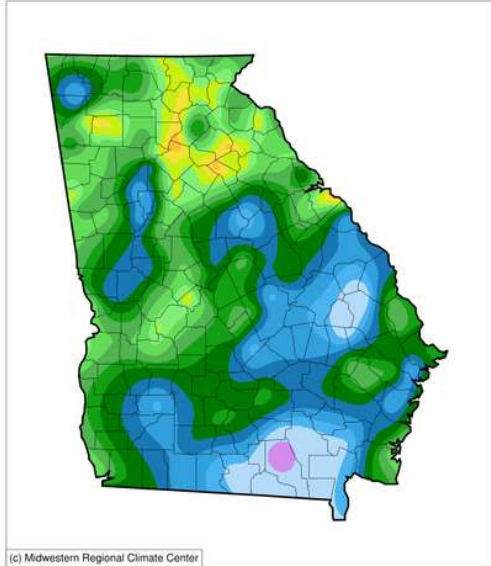
Conditions for Week Ending 7/7/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	4	8	36	44	8
Corn.....	6	14	31	40	9
Cotton.....	1	8	36	49	6
Pasture and range....	15	23	35	24	3
Peanuts.....	1	9	34	48	8
Soybeans.....	4	10	32	49	5

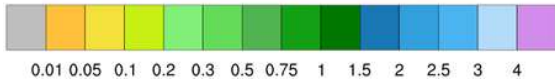
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/7/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	37	28
Short.....	34	35
Adequate	27	36
Surplus	2	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	30	18
Short.....	36	35
Adequate	34	46
Surplus	0	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 01, 2024 to July 07, 2024

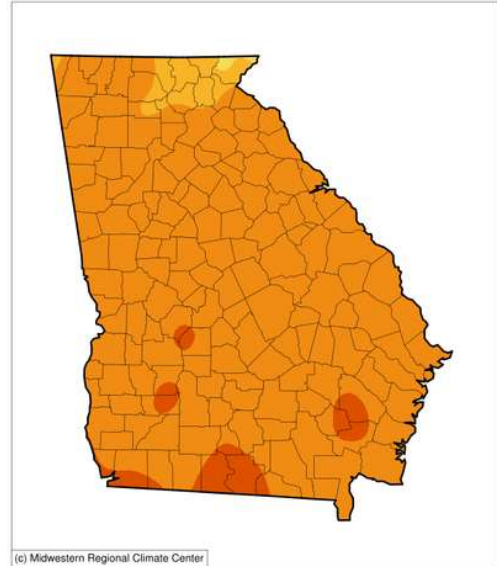


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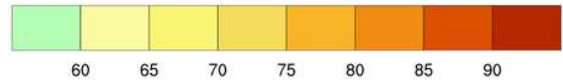


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Average Temperature (°F)
July 01, 2024 to July 07, 2024



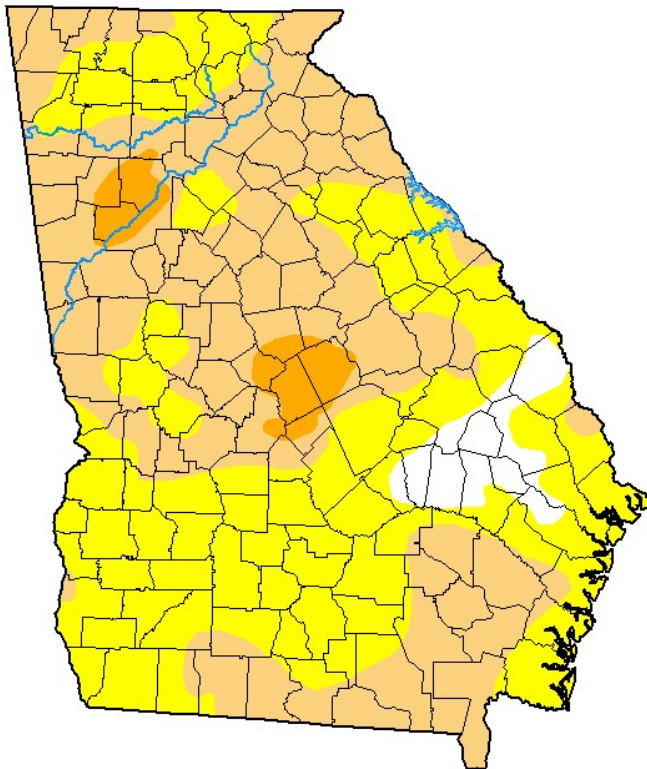
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.39	95.61	49.36	3.66	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-25-2024	6.09	93.91	24.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-02-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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 07-04-2023	96.86	3.14	0.00	0.00	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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