



**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 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to over 14 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

**Crops**

Tropical Storm Debby delivered a significant amount of rainfall to the southeastern region of the state, with some areas receiving well over a foot of precipitation. High winds were also reported across the state, even in areas that did not receive significant precipitation. Reporters noted that it was too early to tell the full extent of damage from the storm, but did note instances of flooded fields and wind damaged crops. Tobacco fields were reported to be the most impacted by the storm, with a significant loss observed in some fields. There were also reports of wind damage to some pecan and citrus crops. In drier regions of the state, pivots were used and there were concerns about drought conditions worsening due to the continued lack of rain. Irrigated corn fields were reported to be in good condition, while dryland corn was struggling in many areas. Disease concerns continued to increase for cotton and peanut operators, as some producers were forced to delay critical fungicide applications due to wet fields. A variety of pest issues were also reported, most notably stink bugs and plant bugs. Armyworms continued to be a significant concern for many operators as they continued to decimate pastures, hayfields and even lawns throughout the state.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, as were pastures. There were no initial reports of significant livestock damage in the state from the storm. Many pastures were sprayed with insecticides to prevent further damage from armyworms.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/11/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	71	72	80	78
Corn - Harvested .....	21	8	15	23
Cotton - Squaring.....	97	95	97	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	78	69	78	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	2	1	3	4
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	90	82	87	91
Peaches - Harvested .....	94	93	95	97
Peanuts - Pegging .....	97	97	99	99
Soybeans - Blooming.....	83	87	90	87
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	59	61	71	64

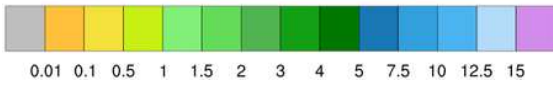
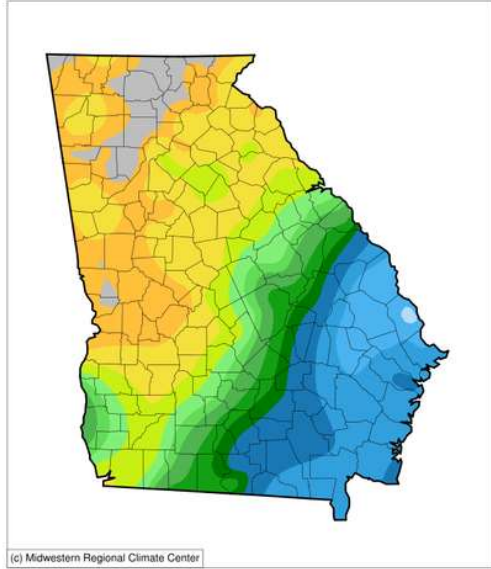
**Conditions for Week Ending 8/11/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	3	7	26	55	9
Corn .....	7	13	24	47	9
Cotton.....	1	9	29	53	8
Pasture and range ....	9	19	33	36	3
Peanuts .....	1	7	26	57	9
Soybeans .....	1	7	28	58	6

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/11/24**

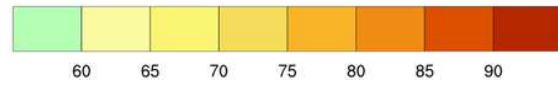
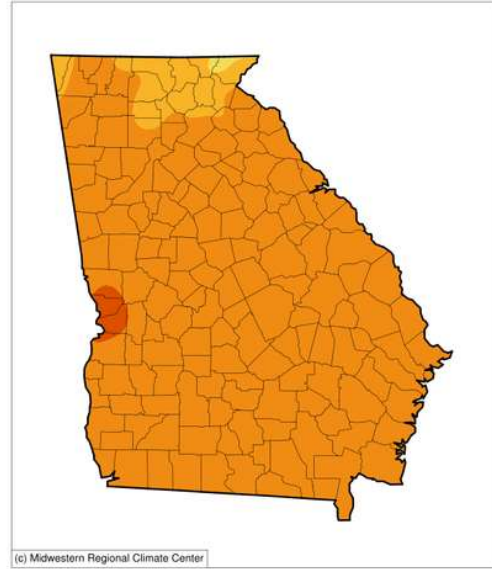
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	5
Short.....	13	19
Adequate .....	70	52
Surplus .....	14	24
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	4	5
Short.....	16	16
Adequate .....	73	63
Surplus .....	7	16

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



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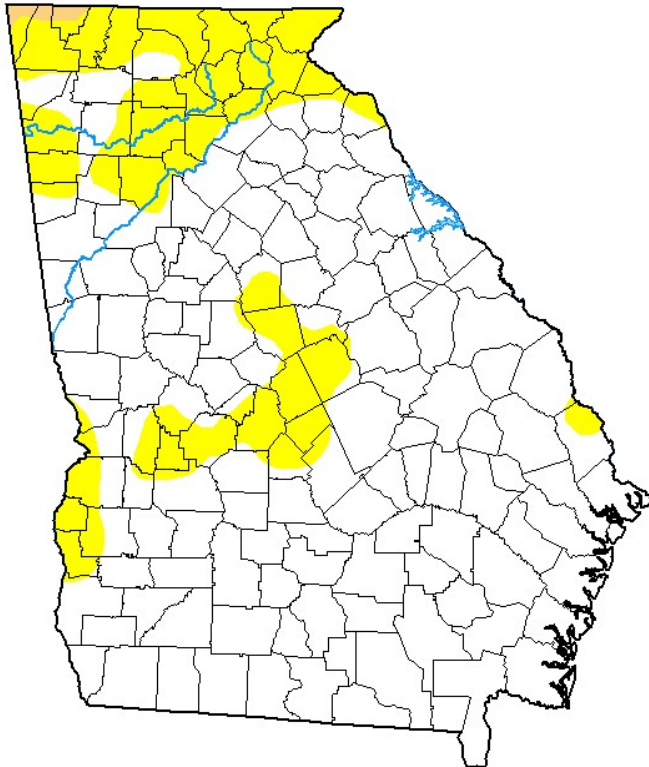
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**August 6, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	79.89	20.11	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-30-2024	57.42	42.58	15.23	0.29	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-07-2024	95.32	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2024	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	0.07	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-08-2023	88.70	11.30	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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