



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 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to over 9 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Outer bands from Hurricane Francine brought significant rain to the southern portions of the state, with some areas receiving close to 10 inches of precipitation. There were reports of field flooding, but no reports of significant damage. Reporters noted concern that wet conditions combined with high humidity could bring increased disease pressure to crops. The rest of the state experienced mostly dry weather with lower temperatures than previous weeks. Dryland field crops remained severely stressed in many areas of the state, with soybeans and peanuts particularly impacted. As peanuts were nearing maturity, concerns were noted that some non-irrigated fields needed rain just to be able to dig in some areas. Pecans were reported to be doing well and were in mostly good condition.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition. Armyworms continued to be a problem for many operators, although cooler weather brought some relief. There were some reports of thin cattle and worries about winter feeding due to prolonged drought conditions and reduced hay yields. Concerns were also noted about the prospects for fall grazing given the lack of soil moisture in many areas of the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/15/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	85	82	88	86
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	49	44	57	55
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	65	40	53	69
Peanuts - Dug.....	5	2	3	8
Peanuts - Harvested	2	1	2	3
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	91	94	97	95
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	33	37	48	33
Soybeans - Harvested	2	NA	4	1

(NA) Not Available

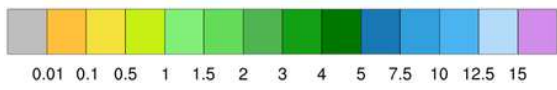
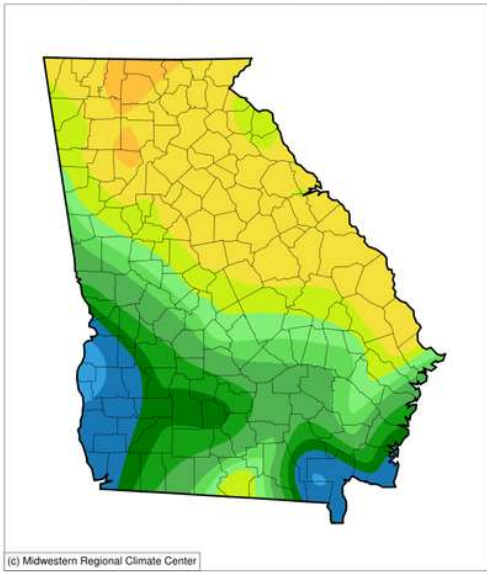
Conditions for Week Ending 9/15/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	10	34	45	8
Cotton.....	1	11	35	44	9
Pasture and range	18	26	34	21	1
Peanuts	1	9	33	47	10
Soybeans	3	9	36	47	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/15/24

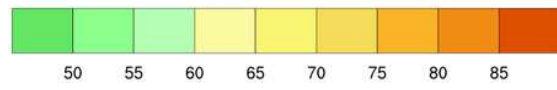
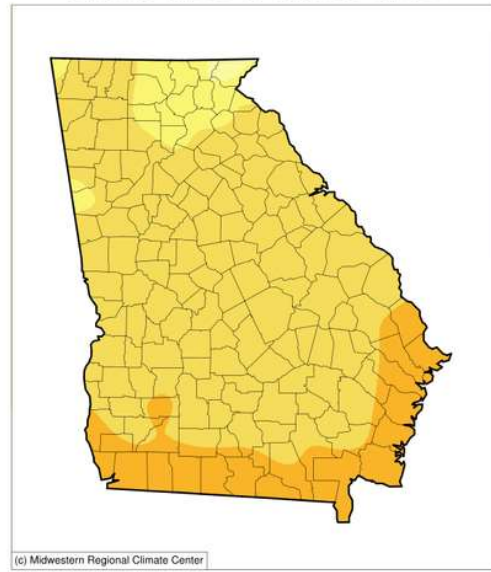
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	33	16
Short.....	28	14
Adequate	34	42
Surplus	5	28
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	22	13
Short.....	39	22
Adequate	37	52
Surplus	2	13

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



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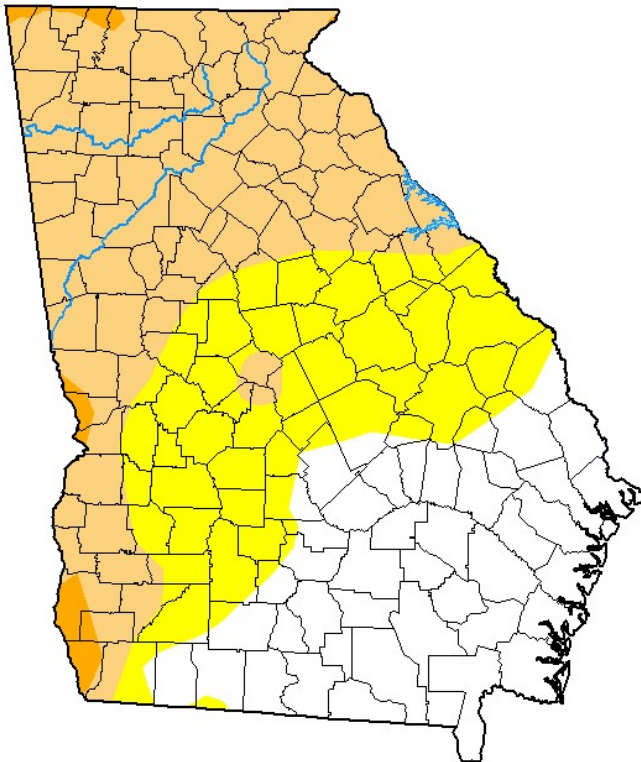
Average Temperature (°F)
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 10, 2024
(Released Thursday, Sep. 12, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.27	68.73	40.27	1.71	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-03-2024</i>	36.09	63.91	13.78	1.05	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-11-2024</i>	90.26	9.74	0.00	0.00	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>09-26-2023</i>	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-12-2023</i>	80.88	19.12	1.34	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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