



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Georgia Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.64 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

The dry weather was conducive to cotton harvesting, but some of the bolls in the tops of the plants looked nearly withered. There were also some defoliation issues. Cotton yields were looking promising in many fields. The ground was so hard that peanut harvesting was a struggle. Record high temperatures were drying out peanuts so quickly that producers were unable to dig many acres before going back to pick them. Peanuts left drying too long were getting splits in them.

**Seth McAllister, Terrell County**

Dry conditions persisted, causing pastures and hayfields to look as though it is already winter. Producers were feeding hay that would have been fed during the winter. Late planted corn was harvested. Soybeans began dropping leaves. Peanuts and cotton continued to be harvested. Dry field conditions made it very difficult to dig dryland peanuts. We need rain!

**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County**

Virtually all pastures turned brown and there was no feed left in them. Farmers were feeding hay and were unable to plant winter grazing because it was too hot and would likely die even if irrigated. Hay yields are expected to be off due to the heat and dry conditions. We continued to have lots of issues with the fall vegetable crops, and there was uncertainty regarding how the heat will impact the onion seedlings.

**Ross Greene, Evans County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/06/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	92	87	87	90
Cotton - Harvested .....	28	18	11	14
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	89	87	92	NA
Oats - Planted .....	5	1	6	14
Peanuts - Dug .....	62	46	53	46
Peanuts - Harvested .....	46	28	36	30
Pecans - Harvested .....	1	NA	3	3
Rye - Planted .....	12	9	8	15
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	73	62	70	NA
Soybeans - Harvested .....	23	14	19	16
Winter wheat - Planted ...	1	NA	1	3

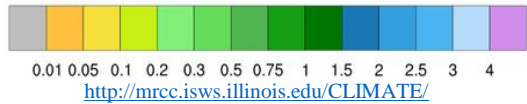
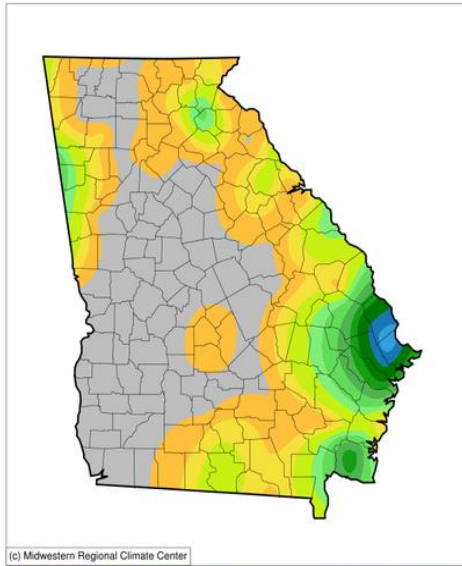
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/06/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	4	13	32	47	4
Cotton .....	4	11	32	47	6
Pasture and range .....	25	35	28	11	1
Peanuts .....	5	13	28	47	7
Pecans .....	2	13	24	52	9
Soybeans .....	10	20	38	30	2

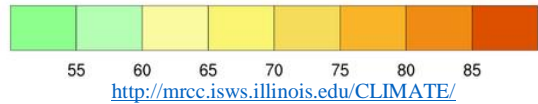
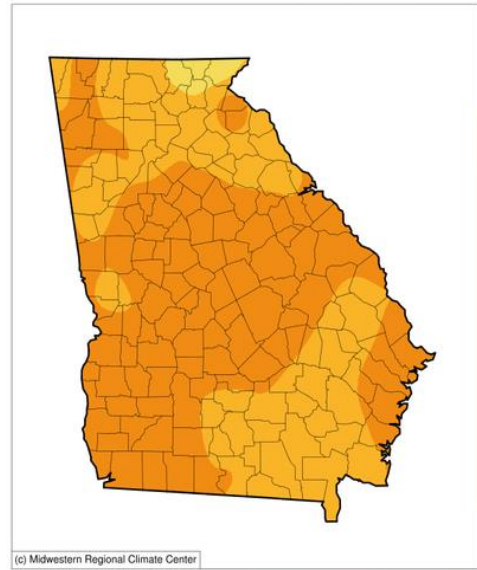
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/06/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short .....	64	63
Short .....	31	29
Adequate .....	5	8
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short .....	51	47
Short .....	39	39
Adequate .....	10	14
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019

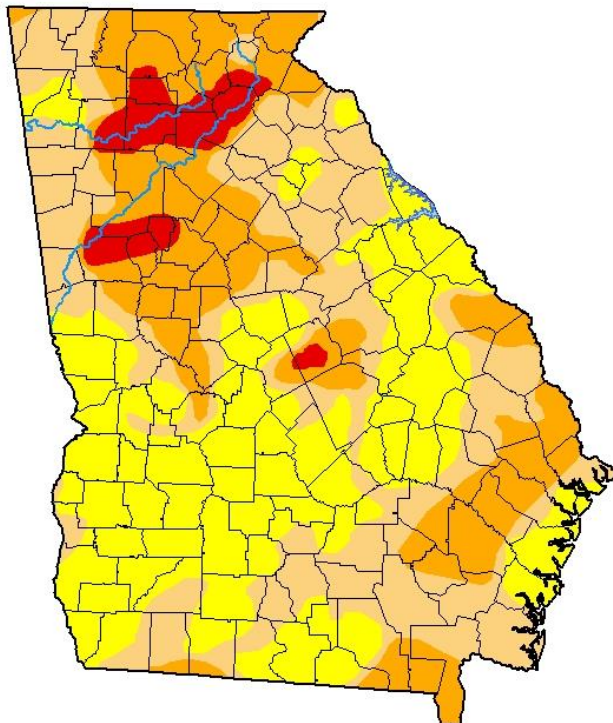


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**October 1, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-24-2019</i>	0.72	99.28	56.20	16.11	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-02-2019</i>	63.35	36.65	6.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2019</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2018</i>	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-02-2018</i>	54.52	45.48	8.27	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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