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FLOOD RECOVERY

Damaged crops have been trying to recover from the recent flood, according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office. Daily average high temperatures were in the high 70's. Average lows were in the 50's most of week. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 2% very short, 14% short, 68% adequate, and 16% surplus.

Heavy rains destroyed hayfields in the northern part of the state, with some hay being left molded from excessive moisture. Due to the recent flooding some farmers are unsure if the yellowing in soybeans has been due to soil saturation. Heavy rains have delayed the harvest of several crops. Boll rot has appeared in some cotton.

Other activities included growers cutting hay. County Extension Agents reported an average of 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/09*

Crop Stage	This Week	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg.
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn Harvested for Grain	95	92	96	94
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	44	28	42	46
Soybeans Harvested	1	NA	1	2
Sorghum Harvested	20	16	54	44
Cotton Bolls Opening	73	57	86	85
Cotton Harvested	2	0	9	12
Winter Wheat Planted	3	1	3	3
Apples Harvested	32	27	32	43
Peanuts Dug	23	9	42	36
Peanuts Combined	11	3	27	23
Pecans Harvested	1	NA	0	1
Rye Planted	21	12	16	17
Other Small Grains Planted	14	8	13	12

*Harvest progress covers intended acres to be harvested.

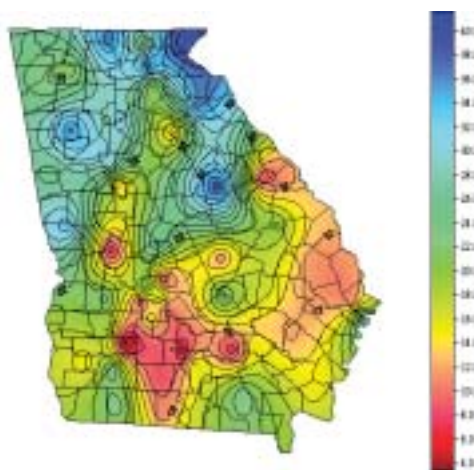
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/04/09

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Soybeans	1	6	29	56	8
Sorghum	1	7	47	42	3
Cotton	3	8	34	43	12
Range and Pasture	1	7	37	48	7
Apples	0	0	10	40	50
Hay	0	11	34	50	5
Peanuts	0	4	28	54	14
Pecans	0	4	40	42	14

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/09

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	2	0	23
Short	14	9	30
Adequate	68	54	37
Surplus	16	37	10

*Soil Moisture Map is supplied by the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network (AEMN) and the office of the State Climatologist, University of Georgia. For detailed Georgia weather data, visit the AEMN homepage at www.georgiaweather.net.



Soil Moisture (%) at 12" Soil Depth

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/09, by District

District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	0	0	67	33
District 2 (NC)	0	0	60	40
District 3 (NE)	0	3	64	33
District 4 (WC)	0	2	88	10
District 5 (C)	0	6	80	14
District 6 (EC)	0	11	68	21
District 7 (SW)	2	31	63	4
District 8 (SC)	12	37	49	2
District 9 (SE)	0	20	79	1

* A list of the counties in each of the nine Georgia Agricultural Statistics Districts is available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Georgia/Publications/County_Estimates/index.asp.

Pasture Condition for Week Ending 10/04/09, by District

District	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	5	18	32	40	5
District 2 (NC)	0	2	22	67	9
District 3 (NE)	0	0	39	40	21
District 4 (WC)	0	16	50	29	5
District 5 (C)	0	6	16	62	16
District 6 (EC)	0	1	35	64	0
District 7 (SW)	1	3	31	56	9
District 8 (SC)	0	6	54	39	1
District 9 (SE)	0	1	50	47	2

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Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/04/09, by Station Location

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg.	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Alapaha	83	53	68	0.00	0	1.11	4.48	39.23	75
Albany	83	58	71	0.00	0	0.81	6.46	42.05	81
Alma	83	56	70	0.00	0	1.82	8.41	41.41	75
Alpharetta	75	50	63	0.38	1	13.93	18.94	49.49	67
Arabi	81	54	67	0.00	0	4.15	10.09	44.83	75
Arlington	82	56	69	0.02	1	2.84	11.13	46.78	75
Atlanta	75	55	65	0.35	1	9.49	14.32	42.66	NA
Attapulgus	80	57	69	0.00	0	3.07	6.71	41.16	77
Baxley	82	52	67	0.00	0	2.71	8.25	39.73	75
Blue Ridge	69	47	58	0.39	1	11.75	17.64	51.39	61
Brunswick	83	64	73	0.00	0	1.26	15.38	49.02	79
Byromville	80	55	67	0.09	1	8.22	11.65	41.20	74
Byron	79	55	67	0.39	2	9.28	12.94	42.19	73
Cairo	81	59	70	0.00	0	3.30	7.26	39.92	77
Camilla	83	57	70	0.00	0	3.15	11.77	47.77	77
Cordele	81	55	68	0.05	1	7.10	15.70	40.93	73
Dahlonega	72	48	60	0.24	1	15.56	20.03	55.58	65
Dallas	74	51	63	0.67	1	16.76	22.49	49.56	69
Danielsville	76	50	63	0.16	1	9.24	11.29	36.88	70
Dawson	81	54	68	0.02	1	2.38	12.04	43.99	76
Dearing	79	54	67	0.07	1	5.98	9.00	38.49	73
Dixie	82	57	69	0.00	0	2.68	7.68	37.02	77
Douglas	82	55	68	0.00	0	1.14	7.05	40.72	76
Dublin	81	55	68	0.09	1	6.79	10.26	34.96	75
Dunwoody	74	51	62	0.41	1	15.13	19.59	50.57	69
Eatonton	78	50	64	0.32	1	14.85	17.85	51.18	70
Elberton	78	51	65	0.07	1	5.32	7.33	39.42	70
Ellijay	72	45	58	0.28	1	13.18	17.96	44.31	66
Gainesville	74	53	63	0.10	1	8.48	12.56	43.66	70
Georgetown	80	55	67	0.16	2	3.03	10.31	51.49	74
Griffin	76	53	64	0.38	1	3.62	6.31	37.88	72
Hatley	80	56	68	0.00	0	6.50	10.22	39.46	74
Homerville	84	53	69	0.00	0	1.63	4.68	44.63	75
Johns Creek	76	51	63	0.45	1	16.04	23.16	52.86	70
Jonesboro	76	52	64	0.42	1	6.32	11.35	42.81	71
Lake Seminole	81	64	73	0.00	0	1.20	3.08	34.75	79
Midville	80	54	67	0.01	1	3.75	10.98	37.92	75
Moultrie	82	58	70	0.06	2	0.86	5.65	41.19	79
Newton	83	58	70	0.04	1	3.81	10.98	48.02	76
Odum	84	53	68	0.00	0	2.77	9.30	43.55	78
Ossabaw	82	62	72	0.00	0	0.76	12.65	50.22	75
Pine Mountain	76	51	64	0.57	1	4.65	10.83	43.68	71
Plains	80	56	68	0.06	1	1.72	7.61	39.49	73
Roopville	76	52	64	0.76	1	9.88	13.56	41.74	70
Sasser	81	55	68	0.01	1	1.90	9.23	40.21	74
Savannah	84	57	70	0.00	0	2.57	10.80	46.63	77
Shellman	82	57	69	0.10	1	3.11	13.51	42.80	78
Skidaway	81	60	71	0.00	0	1.18	11.38	45.09	75
Sparta	78	51	65	0.15	1	18.04	21.56	51.24	72
Statesboro	81	56	68	0.01	1	3.29	6.94	31.00	76
Tennille	78	54	66	0.08	2	7.41	14.77	48.08	72
Tifton	81	58	69	0.00	0	1.07	7.51	45.31	74
Tiger	71	45	58	0.38	3	15.86	21.03	58.23	65
Unadilla	79	54	66	0.12	1	8.36	14.33	40.10	74
Valdosta	82	61	71	0.00	0	2.52	7.08	40.41	77
Vienna	80	55	67	0.02	1	4.20	9.86	40.22	74
Vidalia	81	58	70	0.00	0	10.56	19.92	52.37	77
Woodbine	85	59	72	0.00	0	1.56	10.84	45.37	79

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October 4, 2009

DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST

Early in week drying out from flooding then rain Friday morning, Sunday afternoon, and evening.

Due to the rain and flooding of the last couple weeks, unsure if yellowing in soybeans is due to soil saturation or not. Five days suitable for work is tentative - weather was good but ground probably too wet to do anything. Got another 4 inches of rain in the last seven days.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

After a week of drying out, we got another .5-.7 inches of rain overnight. This rain being slow and steady will hopefully absorb into the ground, rather than run off to the nearest stream and river.

Light spotty rain showers this week, many producers cut hay this week

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

No comments available.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

Heavy rains destroyed much of the hayfields in the northern part of the county and other hay is molded due to excess moisture.

Some cotton producers are taking leaves off and peanut harvest will likely start this week. Rain is great for soybeans, but not for peanuts that need to be dug.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

Cooler nights and daytime temperatures show Fall is finally arriving. Summer grasses will start slowing down with the shorter days and cooler nights. Farmers are gathering their final cutting of summer hay.

Rains are now delaying harvest of crops. It's the latest peanut crop we have had in years.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

Cooler weather seems to be making soybeans go ahead and drop leaves. It should slow peanut maturity down some. We are seeing some boll rot on cotton.

Still not bothered by many soybean insects, but stink bugs got into late-growth, late season cotton that set fruit in late August.

Peanuts very slow in maturing. Cool nights, cloudy days and some rain have digging set back. Many will start this coming week due to calendar whether they are at maximum maturity or not.

Some cotton looks good, but dry land cotton is a mess with 9-10 nodes of green growth, squares and blooms above the open bolls on plants that cut-out before Labor Day. Defoliation will be difficult.

Will have some canola planted this year for local market. Wheat acres are expected to be down considerably.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

Soils are drying.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Peanuts checked to date are a mixed bag. Crop is not as good as we thought. Drought and cool weather has set in and underground white mold and mature nuts shutting down due to stress is forcing some fields to be dug early. Verdict is still out but yield and grades will be off. Some burning unsold tobacco. A good bit of cotton being defoliated. Cotton looks pretty good but no yield or quality data in yet. Cotton may be bright spot but isn't worth much. Farmers are hoping to break even this year at this point. Corn yields are below normal. Hope for rainfall over weekend or we will be in bad shape on dry land crops. We need rain.

This past week has been very dry good for disease management for vegetable crops also good hay harvesting weather. Peanut harvesting continues to be on tract for 2009.

Peanut harvest is beginning with the earliest planted fields being harvested. Next week should see approx 15% of the crop harvested if weather permits, and the percentage harvested will spike sharply for the week after next. Cotton harvest is slowly beginning but will lag somewhat until peanut harvest is fully underway. Intentions for planting small grain for harvest as grain (not for cover crop) are very low this fall. Prices will have to increase before growers show interest.

DISTRICT 9 - SOUTHEAST

No comments available.