

Georgia Flood Report

Athens
Georgia
September 29, 2009

Overview

Georgia has 18 counties that sustained flood damage in the wake of the September 2009 flood event. Most of these counties are in the northern part of the state.

About 120 watershed dams were in the affected counties and all of them are in the process of an initial inspection. Of these 120 dams, about 30 of them activated their emergency spillways. None of the dams breached even though they were not designed to withstand a 500 year storm.

A more formal inspection is now underway to assess damages and repairs that may be needed. This inspection will be completed by the end of the week. We know that at least 3 of them sustained significant damage. These 3 are in Paulding, Fulton, and Cobb counties.

The damage occurred in 10 of Georgia's 13 Congressional districts. District 1 and District 12 did not have any damage. We have significant damage in Walker County. Roads are still closed and several streams have been rerouted.

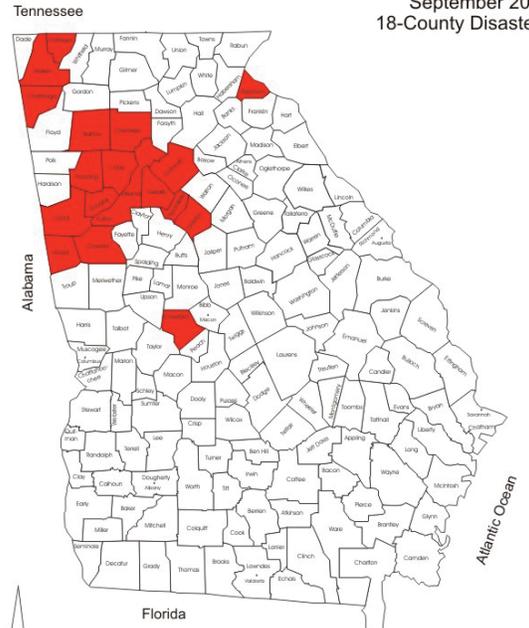
There are several roads that are under cut due to stream erosion and topping. We have sediment from streams in farm fields and covering roads. Field offices are reporting debris in streams and bridges with erosion at the bridge abutments. EQIP structures and stream crossings have been blown out or damaged. We are beginning to get phone calls from landowners about erosion and fencing help needed.



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Legend

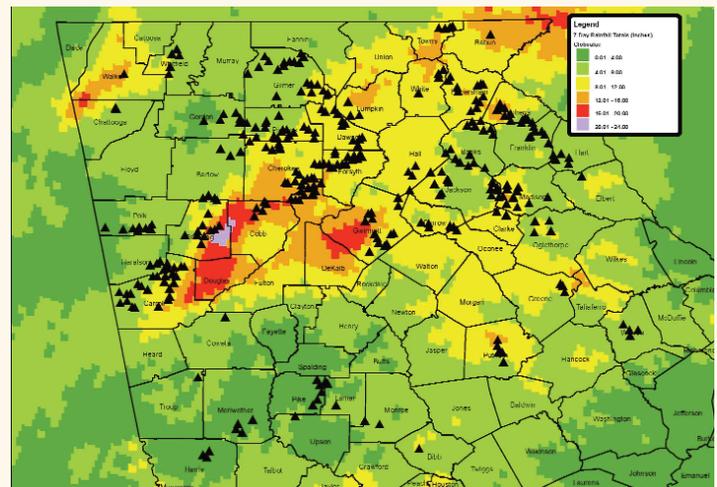
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18-County Disaster Area



Source:
Information provided by NRCS field personnel,
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Athens, GA, 1997.

0 25 50 75 100 miles
0 20 40 60 80 100 Kilometers
Scale is approximate

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| Bartow | Cobb | Fulton | Rockdale |
| Carroll | Coweta | Gwinnet | Stephens |
| Catoosa | Crawford | Heard | Walker |
| Chattooga | DeKalb | Newton | |
| Cherokee | Douglas | Paulding | |



Rainfall Map
7-Day period, North Georgia, September 2009