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COLD AND DRY DECEMBER 2010

Temperatures for the month of December were colder than normal and brought some snow to parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Georgia Field Office. Many areas in northern Georgia had a white Christmas for the first time since 1882. Precipitation for the month of December was well below normal for most of the State. Soil moisture conditions for the month were mostly short to adequate.

The cold weather, along with hard freezes has affected pastures and delayed growth of small grains. The use of hay and supplemental feed has increased. Most of the range and pasture conditions were in the very poor to fair categories. Producers were finishing up harvest of soybeans, cotton, sorghum, pecans and peanuts. Other producers continued the transplanting of Vidalia Onions in the State.

Other activities included breaking the ice on water troughs, and the routine care of poultry and livestock.

The next monthly reports will be published on January 31, 2011 and February 28, 2011. We will resume publishing the weekly reports on March 6, 2011.