

January 29, 2024

GEORGIA: January temperatures ranged from no difference to 2.7 degrees cooler than historical averages depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.5 inches in Bulloch County to 13.7 inches in Rabun County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 22 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions and 9 percent had moderate dry conditions by month's end, compared to 53 percent abnormally dry, 29 percent moderate drought and 12 percent severe drought at the beginning of the month.

Most of the state saw plenty of rainfall during the month which helped to alleviate drought conditions that had persisted since the fall. The rain did cause flooding in some areas and limited field activities. Cattle were noted to be in a good overall condition, however cooler temperatures and excess rain made it difficult for producers to meet the nutritional needs of cattle. Producers were feeding hay but noted that supplies were running low. Both small grain and winter grazing progress was noted to have slowed down due to the cool temperatures.