April 11, 2011

General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2011. Statewide topsoil moistures were rated at 1% very short, 10% short, 79% adequate, and 10% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 1% very short, 13% short, 82% adequate, and 4% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from a trace of rain up to 2.0 inches. The week’s average temperature ranged from the lower 50s to the upper 60s.

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VP- Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX- Excellent

County Extension Comments

“Severe weather hit the county on Monday night, April 4th. Trees blew down affecting power and roadways. Hail also damaged crops.”

Eddie Ayers, Fannin County, District 20

“Small grains have really jumped; crimson is about full bloom, wheat approaching boot; ryegrass for hay and grazing has done well but the heat is beginning to work on it. Soil moisture disappears as soon as we get a little. Some ryegrass put down; scouting wheat; nutrient mgt and weed control in forages.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Small grains looking good; corn planting continues; pastures/hayfields greening up nicely; 1/2 inch of rain around the county this past week.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Warm weather and rain hit just right for what should be a very good wheat crop...no disease or insect problems at this time. Working hard to get finished with corn planting, held up by storm system last week. Summer pasture/yard grass beginning to come in as ryegrass slows down. Growers busy spreading litter, fertilizer and lime.”

Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

“Most vegetable crops survived heavy storm damage and cooler temperatures. Most areas received 1-1.75 inches of rain in Tuesday morning storms.”

Brian Tankersley, Tift County, District 80
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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U.S. Drought Monitor

Georgia

April 5, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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