May 2, 2011

County Extension Comments

“Activities were interrupted by severe weather; loss of life, homes, structures, barns, equipment, timber, etc. Fallen trees, broken fences, most livestock accounted for safely. Spraying small grains, fertilizing forages and assisting those in need.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Light rains helped a little. The rain was only .3 to .5 inches. The topsoil moisture level and the water table are lower than normal for this time of year. Burn down herbicide applications, nitrogen side dressing of corn and land preparation for other crops were the most common activities this week.”

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County District 50

“Thunderstorms Thursday morning had some high winds with .75 inches up to 2 inches of rain across the county. Some rye and wheat were blown down by the high winds.”

Elvin Andrews, Lanier County, District 80
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

U.S. Drought Monitor

Georgia

April 26, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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Intensity:
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

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

http://drought.unl.edu/dm

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