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According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, Georgia January climate varied only slightly from December. Precipitation estimates for the month in Georgia ranged from 0.5 inches on the southeast coast up to 9.5 inches in the northern Appalachian area of the state. The month's average temperature ranged from the lower 40s to the upper 50s. Georgia was warmer than normal for this time of year and received only half of the chill hours that were received in January of 2011. Rains have given Georgia some relief from the exceptional drought; however, extreme drought still covers roughly 67% of the state compared to less than 7% one year ago. Field activities include preparation for spring planting and routine care of poultry and livestock.