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GEORGIA: The month of February started with temperatures near normal and ended with temperatures above normal. Precipitation continued to be below normal or near normal throughout the state. On February 11th, a wintery mix of snow and ice also covered northern parts of the state. So far this year the amount of chill hours for fruit is nearly double the amount needed for blueberries and peaches. With the recent warm weather those crops are preparing to bloom and may be at risk if Georgia has a late frost. The cold weather has delayed growth of small grains. The use of hay and supplemental feed has increased. Other activities included preparing for spring planting, fertilizing, spreading lime, testing soil, completing rental contracts, and the routine care of poultry and livestock.