

January 2, 2018

GEORGIA: Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.6 inches in Lowndes County to 5.5 inches in Chattooga County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the percentage of the State in a moderate drought remained around 40 percent throughout the month. Average temperatures in the major agricultural regions were on par for this time of year. On December 8th, the northwestern portion of the state received several inches of snow that caused significant tree damage and collapsed the roofs of several poultry houses and barns. Small grains, pastures, and hayfields were in good condition, but their development was somewhat delayed from cold temperatures. Pest pressure was minimal overall. Livestock condition was good in the southern region, but animals in the northern region were stressed by cold weather. Hay quantities were sufficient. Field preparations for vegetables and watermelons began. Fruit and nut crops were on track to accumulate enough chilling hours for the season. Onions were in good condition.