General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.7 inches of rain up to 8.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

County Comments
Severe storms on Monday and Wednesday were followed by a cold front that dropped temperatures back to the 30s and 40s. Apple trees were in bloom, but some reported poor or no blooming on other fruit trees.

Heather Kolich, Forsyth County
Rains have pastures looking better. Several producers are gearing up to bale cool season grasses.

Rocky Tanner, Johnson County
Rough weather in central Georgia gave us some much needed rain, but the wind burned and whipped young vegetable crops. Watermelons fared better than expected.

Brooke Jeffries, Wheeler County
Two tornadoes touched down in Webster and Stewart Counties last week. The smaller one on Monday did minimal structural damage. The EF-2 tornado on Wednesday did much more damage. It destroyed two commercial poultry houses, numerous irrigation pivots, and a storage warehouse at the local farm supply. Huge rainfall totals will keep farmers out of the fields for several days.

Laura Griffeth, Stewart County
The storm systems kept farmers out of fields which delayed land preparation and planting. High winds damaged some corn fields by sand blasting.

Ty Torrance, Decatur County