

March 25, 2019

**GEORGIA:** Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.33 inches in Bibb County to 6.30 inches in Gilmer County. Temperatures were above average in several counties this month. Wet weather persisted for the first half of the month in the northern part of the state. Conversely, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, abnormally dry conditions moved in to many counties in the southeastern part of the state, with moderate drought conditions impacting a few counties. Livestock producers throughout the state were feeding hay where grazing conditions were poor. Fertilizer, lime, and some pesticides were spread on pastures this month. Unseasonably cold temperatures and late frosts negatively impacted some peach and blueberry crops causing minimal losses. Many producers have begun preparing the land for planting field crops. Some growers in the southern part of the state have already begun planting corn. There were reports in southwest Georgia of cotton fields which were never harvested due to the wet winter.