General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops
Cotton and peanut planting continued throughout most of the state; however, many producers expressed concern about the lack of soil moisture and its potential impact on recently planted row crops. Other producers stopped planting dryland crops hoping the soil moisture improves soon. Several growers reported being behind schedule on planting. Corn growers throughout the central and southern parts of the state reported fields beginning to yellow and wilt due to the dry conditions. Some hay was harvested in the northern and central parts of the state, and small grains were harvested in the central part of the state. The tobacco crop was looking good in the southeastern part of the state. Growers in the western part of the state reported strawberries producing at high levels, squash and tomato planting, and early variety peach harvesting activities. Producers in the southeastern part of the state expected to begin harvesting midseason blueberries in the near future.

Livestock and Pastures
Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Warm season pastures continued to struggle due to cooler temperatures earlier in the month combined with a lack of soil moisture in recent weeks. Several livestock producers began feeding hay.