

January 4, 2022

GEORGIA: December temperatures were 7 to 10 degrees warmer than historical values. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.1 inches in Chatham County to 8.3 inches in Coweta County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 49 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 39 percent at the month's beginning. Cool season forages and winter grazing were growing very well due to the mild weather conditions. Livestock conditions were fair to good; however, hay supplies were running low. Armyworm issues have caused hay quality issues which has affected the supply. Some producers are supplementing the hay with protein due to low quality. With the daily warmth and cool nights there were more respiratory problems in livestock. Onions planted in November and December are doing well as fields were bedded with plastic for the upcoming spring season. Late planted cotton continued to be harvested and is nearing completion. Fungal pathogens and weed control problems were noted as a concern due to the historically warm December.