

February 22, 2021

GEORGIA: February temperatures were on average 2 degrees colder than historical values. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.8 inches in Walton County to 9.9 inches in Telfair County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, only 6 percent of the state was in abnormally dry conditions at the end of the month. Frequent rain events saturated fields, caused runoff, and prevented farmers from getting into their fields across the state for much of the month. Small grains and winter wheat were in need of additional fertilizer but wet conditions prevented farmers from applying it, which led to nutrient deficiencies in many areas. Spring crop planting was also delayed due to the wet and cold conditions. Hay supplies started to run short in some areas due to increased feeding. However, cattle were rated in mostly fair to good condition overall. Pest pressure was limited in the state due to the cold temperatures. Damage from frost and cold temperatures were reported in some winter forages. Onion crop progress was behind the normal pace due to limited sunshine and overcast days during the month. Fruit trees were pruned and pecan trees were planted.