

January 25, 2021

GEORGIA: January temperatures were average to 5 degrees warmer than historical values. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 0.6 inches in Bibb County to 7.6 inches in Grady County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the state remained drought free throughout the month with only 11 percent abnormally dry. Small grains did well over the past month. Aphid pressure was noted in small grains in the southern part of the state. Persistent rain in some locations has led to pasture conditions being subpar compared to previous years and hay was being fed at a rapid pace. Livestock conditions were fair to good but lower quality hay fed to some cattle caused deterioration in body condition. Onions planted in November and December are doing well. Vegetable planting was delayed in some areas due to wet field conditions. As weather permitted, fields were bedded with plastic for the upcoming spring season. Cool temperatures left fruit and nut crops in good condition. Field activities included harrowing, tilling, applying chemicals, and pruning.