

January 24, 2022

GEORGIA: January temperatures were generally on par with historic averages. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.8 inches in Glynn County to 6.4 inches in Rabun County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 11 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 3 percent at the month's beginning. Georgia experienced two snow and ice events during January. Pastures and cool season annuals slowed down considerably as well as winter annual weeds due to cold weather conditions. Livestock conditions were mostly fair, however hay supplies continued to run low. Armyworm issues from the summer caused hay quality issues which in turn affected the supply. Cold nights and warm day temperature swings caused some respiratory issues in cattle. The growth of wheat, rye and oats have slowed down due to cooler temps. Some small grains were exhibiting nutrient deficiency due to soil leaching. The small grains that have started to turn yellow were getting ready to be side dressed with nitrogen. Spring vegetable fields were prepared with mulch and harvest of winter vegetables continued as land prep for row crops started. Strawberry transplanting progressed well as cool temperatures during January slowed down growth.