

February 26, 2024

GEORGIA: February temperatures ranged from no difference to 4.9 degrees warmer than historical averages depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.6 inches in Bartow County to 8.1 inches in Muscogee County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 3.5 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 8.8 percent abnormally dry and 1.3 percent moderate drought at the beginning of the month.

Georgia experienced unseasonably warm temperatures and some excessive rainfall during February, which impacted many areas of agriculture across the state. On February 12th parts of western and central Georgia experienced heavy rains and flooding. Winter grazing and cool season pastures benefitted from the recent mild winter weather and were showing growth. Ornamental plants and blueberries were beginning to bloom and peach buds were swelling with the recent warm temperatures. Livestock producers continued to feed hay with supplies noted to be tight in some areas. Cover crops and small grains conditions were improving with the warmer temperatures. Fields were being fertilized as field conditions permitted. The excess rainfall did cause flooding in some wheat fields. Onions were progressing well with solid stands. As fields begin to dry out, farmers are beginning to prepare fields for planting.