

March 25, 2024

GEORGIA: March temperatures ranged from 1.1 to 7.0 degrees warmer than historical averages depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.8 inches in Chatham County to 9.4 inches in Taylor County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the state had no drought classification by month's end, compared to 4 percent abnormally dry at the beginning of the month.

Weather across the state was similar to previous months with mild temperatures and adequate rainfall. The third week of the month did see a frost across some parts of the state. Many peaches had already begun blooming due to the warmer temperatures in late February into early March. No significant damage was reported to peaches or berries. Winter grazing and cool season pastures were continuing to improve with the spring weather. Livestock conditions were mostly good across the state. Although hay supplies have been tight, good rainfall and mild temperatures throughout the month have allowed local pastures and hayfields to begin spring growth and reduced the need for supplemental feeding. Winter wheat was noted to be growing well and beginning to head out. Fields were applied side dressing of nitrogen and herbicides as conditions permitted. Some wheat across western Georgia was noted to have rust and aphid pressure. Vidalia onions were noted to be progressing well with very few downy mildew issues so far this year. Some corn planting began over the last week; however, most was delayed due to wet field conditions. Fields were being burned down in preparation for spring planting.