

March 29, 2021

GEORGIA: March temperatures were on average 3.4 degrees warmer than historical values. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.3 inches in Macon County to 13.5 inches in Rabun County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 21 percent of the state was in abnormally dry conditions compared to 1 percent at the beginning of the month. A dry start to the month allowed producers to get into fields and start planting activities for row crops. Frequent rain showers throughout the latter half of month saturated many fields in the state and reduced field activities. Small grains were progressing well as many producers sprayed for weeds and prepped for anticipated fungicide pressure due to wet conditions. Producers in the southern part of the state noted fields beginning to dry out allowing them to return to the fields and continue planting preparations. Corn planting began, but rain has limited progress in many areas. Pastures started to green up as a result of the warm and wet conditions of the month. Peaches and blueberries were in full bloom. Vegetable growers planted some fields while some held off due to potential freeze later in the coming week. Onion harvesting is expected to begin soon. In multiple counties, pecan trees began budding.