

March 5, 2025

GEORGIA: February temperatures were 1.5 to 7.0 degrees warmer than historical averages depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 0.9 inches in Chatham County to 7.4 inches in Pickens County. Some parts of the northern region of the state received some snow, with Fannin County receiving over 2 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 62 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions and 13 percent had moderate drought conditions by month's end, compared to 35 percent abnormally dry and 9 percent with moderate drought conditions at the month's beginning. Despite some freezes throughout the month, warmer temperatures than normal helped improve winter crop conditions. Field preparation activities, including burndown herbicide applications, began to ramp up for the spring planting season. Some operators in warmer areas were beginning to plant corn. Wheat is finally recovering from some cold snaps during February and starting to joint in some areas. Timely precipitation and generally warmer temperatures have wheat progressing at a rapid pace. While some vegetables were ready for harvest, there were reports of damage from earlier January freeze events. Winter grazing conditions improved in most regions due to the warmer temperatures and precipitation levels. Cattle were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition, with many operators continuing to feed supplemental hay.