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CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION NEWS RELEASE

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IMPROVED CONDITIONS

For the week ending March 7, 2010, favorable conditions at the end of the week allowed fields to continue to dry out, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Georgia Field Office. Daily average high temperatures ranged from the lower 50's to lower 60's. Lows averaged from the upper 20's to the mid 30's. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 0% very short, 1% short, 65% adequate, and 34% surplus. Most area's received a quarter inch or more of precipitation on Tuesday; limited to no rainfall was reported the rest of the week.

Some of the winter wheat has jointed and peaches are beginning to bloom in southern counties. Field activities included harrowing, shredding cotton stalks, and preparing fields for planting. Winter grazing continues to be limited.

Other activities included getting equipment ready for planting corn, clipping tobacco plants in greenhouses, and the routine care of poultry and livestock. County Extension Agents reported an average of 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/07/10

Crop Stage	This Week	Prev Week	Prev Year	5 Year Avg
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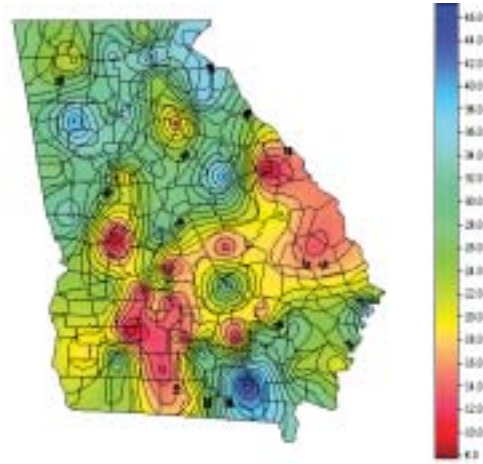
Data collection for crop progress will resume the week ending March 14, 2010.

Crop Condition for Week Ending 03/07/10

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	2	32	38	26	2
Range and Pasture	8	26	41	23	2
Vegetables	2	27	48	23	0

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 03/07/10

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	1	0	0
Adequate	65	55	0
Surplus	34	45	0



Soil Moisture (%) at 12 Soil Depth

*Soil Moisture Map is supplied by the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network (AEMN) and the office of the State Climatologist, University of Georgia. For detailed Georgia weather data, visit the AEMN homepage at www.georgiaweather.net.

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 03/07/10, by District

District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	0	0	64	36
District 2 (NC)	0	0	80	20
District 3 (NE)	0	0	60	40
District 4 (WC)	0	0	66	34
District 5 (C)	0	0	56	44
District 6 (EC)	0	0	68	32
District 7 (SW)	0	1	56	43
District 8 (SC)	0	0	66	34
District 9 (SE)	0	13	61	26

* A list of the counties in each of the nine Georgia Agricultural Statistics Districts is available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Georgia/Publications/County_Estimates/index.asp.

Pasture Condition for Week Ending 03/07/10, by District

District	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	17	21	40	22	0
District 2 (NC)	2	12	62	23	1
District 3 (NE)	0	0	18	58	24
District 4 (WC)	1	36	56	7	0
District 5 (C)	27	40	22	11	0
District 6 (EC)	0	26	59	15	0
District 7 (SW)	13	26	35	26	0
District 8 (SC)	8	35	32	24	1
District 9 (SE)	2	15	55	28	0

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Weather Summary for Week Ending 03/07/10, by Station Location

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Alapaha	58	32	45	0.63	1	2.40	8.94	8.95	50
Albany	59	33	46	0.86	1	2.67	10.65	10.66	51
Alma	59	33	46	0.33	1	1.57	8.43	7.33	49
Alpharetta	52	27	40	1.44	2	3.16	11.59	11.47	39
Arabi	57	31	44	0.55	1	2.02	11.07	11.09	48
Arlington	59	33	46	0.99	2	3.19	12.42	12.21	49
Atlanta	52	32	42	0.46	1	1.77	9.36	7.57	NA
Attapulugus	59	33	46	0.80	2	3.54	10.41	10.45	51
Baxley	58	31	45	0.34	1	1.81	8.89	8.66	50
Blairsville	48	24	36	0.51	1	1.62	9.12	7.22	40
Blue Ridge	45	26	36	0.76	2	2.48	11.68	9.23	36
Brunswick	59	37	48	0.49	1	2.15	7.99	8.06	53
Byromville	57	32	44	0.73	1	2.66	13.51	13.09	48
Byron	57	32	44	0.61	1	1.98	9.77	9.80	47
Cairo	59	33	46	0.83	1	3.05	9.45	9.49	52
Calhoun	49	24	37	0.81	1	1.92	10.12	8.39	41
Camilla	60	32	46	1.02	1	3.28	11.83	11.45	49
Cordele	58	32	45	0.59	1	2.18	12.27	12.30	47
Covington	55	29	42	0.63	1	1.83	9.01	9.03	43
Dahlonega	50	28	39	0.74	1	2.30	11.14	10.84	39
Dallas	51	28	40	1.25	2	2.83	9.60	8.72	41
Danielsville	54	27	41	0.44	2	1.61	11.15	8.65	45
Dawson	58	31	45	0.86	2	2.70	14.91	14.96	49
Dearing	55	30	42	0.42	1	2.17	8.97	8.58	46
Dixie	61	34	47	0.73	1	3.60	11.67	11.70	51
Douglas	58	33	45	0.50	1	2.07	8.69	8.51	50
Dublin	58	31	45	0.45	1	2.06	10.63	10.66	48
Dunwoody	52	28	40	0.81	1	2.39	9.46	9.46	41
Eatonton	55	28	41	0.49	1	1.90	9.90	9.95	43
Elberton	55	27	41	0.38	1	1.40	10.90	10.92	45
Ellijay	49	26	37	0.65	1	2.02	9.54	9.55	40
Gainesville	52	29	41	0.93	1	2.32	10.51	11.19	44
Georgetown	56	31	43	0.99	2	5.40	11.18	13.14	47
Griffin	54	30	42	0.83	1	2.28	9.37	9.28	45
Hatley	57	33	45	0.54	1	2.17	11.84	10.18	48
Homerville	60	33	46	0.55	1	2.42	9.16	9.25	53
Jeffersonville	56	31	44	0.55	1	2.33	10.50	7.95	47
Johns Creek	54	28	41	0.93	1	2.44	10.31	10.31	43
Jonesboro	54	29	42	0.48	2	1.58	9.40	10.87	42
Lake Seminole	58	39	49	1.00	2	3.64	10.47	6.60	50
Midville	56	31	44	0.35	1	1.71	9.91	9.77	48
Moultrie	58	34	46	0.70	1	2.74	9.12	8.99	48
Nahunta	61	33	47	0.59	1	2.54	9.48	9.12	50
Newton	60	32	46	0.90	2	3.03	12.18	12.20	50
Odum	59	31	45	0.31	1	2.17	9.95	10.00	51
Ossabaw	56	36	46	0.34	1	3.52	11.20	9.48	48
Pine Mountain	56	29	42	0.68	1	2.31	9.87	9.93	44
Plains	57	32	45	0.85	1	2.85	14.30	12.31	46
Roopville	54	30	42	0.66	3	1.97	9.16	9.20	44
Rome	52	28	40	0.95	1	2.31	10.00	9.83	42
Savannah	59	32	45	0.25	1	1.79	9.56	9.60	51
Shellman	58	33	45	0.72	2	2.39	12.60	12.66	49
Skidaway	55	34	44	0.24	1	1.84	9.28	9.35	47
Sparta	55	29	42	0.29	1	1.60	9.47	9.39	46
Statesboro	55	33	44	0.50	1	1.86	10.19	10.24	48
Tennille	56	31	43	0.50	1	1.91	9.78	9.79	46
Tiger	50	25	38	0.60	2	2.64	15.36	14.24	39
Unadilla	57	32	44	0.53	1	1.82	12.45	10.43	47
Valdosta	61	35	48	0.64	1	3.38	12.04	12.12	52
Vienna	57	33	45	0.62	1	2.26	12.10	12.13	47
Vidalia	58	33	45	0.42	1	1.76	9.91	9.97	50
Wat-UGA	53	29	41	0.47	1	1.58	10.95	10.56	43
Williamson	55	29	42	0.72	2	2.16	9.55	9.54	43
Woodbine	63	34	48	0.44	1	2.40	8.65	8.71	56

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DISTRICT COMMENTS

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DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST

No comments available.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

Cold weather, snow and ice are still hitting county.

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

No comments available.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

Routine care of livestock and hoping the warmer trend will stay. Wheat fairly stunted but should rebound. Not nearly enough winter grazing.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

No comments available.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

No comments available.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

No comments available.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

No comments available.

DISTRICT 9 – SOUTHEAST

No comments available.