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WET CONDITIONS

For the week ending March 14, 2010, rain midweek increased wet field conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Georgia Field Office. Daily average high temperatures ranged from the upper 50's to lower 70's. Lows averaged from the mid 30's to lower 50's. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 0% very short, 1% short, 38% adequate, and 61% surplus. Most area's received a quarter inch or more of precipitation midweek, statewide the average rainfall for the week was nearly two inches.

Rainfall caused minor flooding and erosion concerns in parts of the state. Field work in preparation for planting spring crops were delayed by the wet conditions. Winter grazing continues to be limited and producers were still feeding supplements and hay to livestock.

Other activities included applying fertilizer and pre-emergent herbicide when conditions allowed. County Extension Agents reported an average of 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/14/10

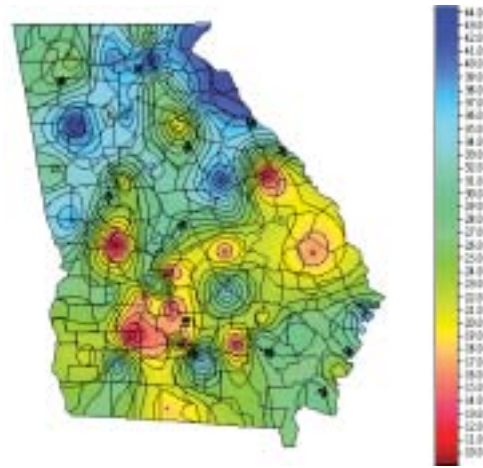
Crop Stage	This Week	Prev Week	Prev Year	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn Planted	5	1	11	9
Corn Emerged	0	0	0	1
Winter Wheat Jointing	24	16	51	33
Winter Wheat Boot	2	1	5	3
Peaches Blooming	3	3	50	25
Watermelons Planted	1	0	4	3

Crop Condition for Week Ending 03/14/10

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	9	17	45	29	0
Winter Wheat	2	31	44	21	2
Range and Pasture	8	31	40	19	2
Onions	0	6	48	46	0
Peaches	0	0	5	95	0
Vegetables	2	24	52	22	0

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 03/14/10

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	1	1	0
Adequate	38	65	0
Surplus	61	34	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 03/14/10, 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	45	55
District 2 (NC)	0	0	33	67
District 3 (NE)	0	0	58	42
District 4 (WC)	0	0	40	60
District 5 (C)	0	0	14	86
District 6 (EC)	0	0	23	77
District 7 (SW)	0	0	44	56
District 8 (SC)	0	0	52	48
District 9 (SE)	0	7	51	42

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Pasture Condition for Week Ending 03/14/10, 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)	19	21	31	26	3
District 2 (NC)	1	11	60	27	1
District 3 (NE)	0	28	30	31	11
District 4 (WC)	10	28	46	16	0
District 5 (C)	15	44	24	16	0
District 6 (EC)	0	28	47	25	0
District 7 (SW)	9	46	33	12	0
District 8 (SC)	9	36	43	11	1
District 9 (SE)	1	8	81	10	0

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Weather Summary for Week Ending 03/14/10, by Station Location

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Alapaha	68	45	57	1.60	3	3.10	10.50	10.55	55
Albany	70	47	58	0.84	2	2.67	11.44	11.50	58
Alma	69	47	58	2.19	3	3.10	10.60	9.52	56
Arabi	68	45	57	1.02	3	2.39	12.02	12.11	54
Atlanta	60	47	54	2.25	5	3.73	11.61	9.82	NA
Attapulgus	70	48	59	2.00	3	4.11	12.26	12.45	58
Baxley	67	46	56	2.39	2	3.41	11.23	11.05	57
Brunswick	68	49	59	0.90	3	1.69	8.89	8.96	59
Byromville	65	45	55	2.95	4	5.14	16.37	16.04	55
Byron	64	44	54	2.22	3	4.01	11.98	12.02	53
Cairo	69	49	59	1.55	4	3.32	10.86	11.04	56
Cordele	67	45	56	2.11	4	3.75	14.28	14.41	53
Covington	62	43	52	2.74	5	4.36	11.75	11.77	50
Dallas	60	43	52	2.97	5	5.53	12.57	11.69	49
Dawson	69	44	56	1.05	3	3.23	15.82	16.01	55
Dearing	65	45	55	2.19	4	3.75	10.76	10.77	53
Dixie	69	48	59	2.00	3	4.09	13.50	13.70	58
Douglas	68	46	57	1.51	3	2.73	10.19	10.02	55
Dublin	67	46	56	2.71	4	4.49	13.29	13.37	54
Dunwoody	59	42	51	3.36	5	5.24	12.82	12.82	47
Eatonton	64	42	53	3.47	4	5.05	13.36	13.42	51
Elberton	64	42	53	1.75	4	3.08	12.64	12.67	52
Ellijay	57	40	48	2.08	5	3.78	11.51	11.63	47
Gainesville	58	43	50	2.70	4	4.86	13.87	13.89	51
Georgetown	69	45	57	1.61	4	4.37	14.64	14.75	55
Griffin	61	43	52	3.67	4	5.78	13.04	12.95	50
Homerville	70	46	58	2.02	2	3.08	11.11	11.27	59
Johns Creek	60	42	51	3.01	4	5.24	13.32	13.32	49
Jonesboro	62	42	52	2.39	4	3.66	11.74	13.26	50
Midville	66	46	56	1.97	4	3.52	11.82	11.74	55
Nahunta	71	46	59	1.40	2	2.55	10.82	10.52	57
Newton	70	47	58	1.46	4	3.29	13.51	13.66	58
Odum	69	46	57	2.29	3	3.37	12.17	12.29	58
Ossabaw	67	49	58	1.46	2	4.01	12.65	10.94	53
Pine Mountain	63	41	52	3.42	5	5.54	13.29	13.35	51
Roopville	63	42	52	3.46	4	5.14	12.62	12.66	51
Savannah	70	47	58	2.05	3	3.10	11.59	11.65	57
Shellman	69	45	57	1.12	3	3.10	13.66	13.78	57
Skidaway	66	48	57	2.14	2	3.02	11.42	11.49	55
Sparta	64	43	53	3.00	4	4.39	12.45	12.39	52
Statesboro	67	46	57	1.53	4	3.04	11.66	11.77	57
Tennille	65	45	55	2.55	5	4.33	12.33	12.34	53
Tiger	56	39	47	1.53	5	3.78	16.89	15.77	46
Unadilla	65	46	55	2.24	4	3.74	14.60	12.67	54
Valdosta	70	50	60	1.95	2	3.76	13.87	14.07	57
Vienna	67	46	56	2.19	4	3.96	14.17	14.32	53
Vidalia	67	48	57	2.14	4	3.41	12.03	12.11	55
Williamson	62	43	52	4.04	5	6.02	13.59	13.58	50
Woodbine	71	47	59	1.18	3	2.01	9.83	9.89	60

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DISTRICT COMMENTS

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DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST

Received 0.75 inches of rain.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

Thunderstorms this week increased wet field conditions - major activity was routine care of livestock and poultry

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

Soggy pastures desperately need to dry out.

Too wet to plow.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

March 10 rainfall for the county was between 3-4 inches causing minor flooding of bottom land and a continued saturation of the ground.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

We have received 1.41 inches of rainfall so far. Planting is at a standstill.

Field work began in preparation for planting corn. Wheat fields fertilized and beginning to show improvement. Cotton harvest almost finished. Unfortunately or fortunately over 2 inches of rain fell across the county on Friday. Field work is once again on hold. Warmer weather is making everyone feel better.

Tremendous rains once again 3.5 inches in 24 hours. Rains causing flooding, erosion concerns. Also causing damage to pastures and livestock easily tear up the ground like a disc harrow.

Excessive rainfall has slowed fertilization on ryegrass, hay and silage. Pre-emergent herbicide applications to hay lands and pastures have also been delayed.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

Received 1 1/2 more inches of rain. Wheat looking a little better. Lime going out on many fields. Soil approaching corn planting temperature.

Still feeding supplement and hay to cows. – it has been a long, long winter.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

Wet for the past 4+ months.

More rainfall at the end of this past week. Field conditions are still wet.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Getting some rainfall. Farmers ordering cotton and peanut seeds. Harrowing and preparing land. Not much cover crops planted due to wet fall and winter. Feeding livestock hay and alternative feeds. Still need the Poultry industry to rebound. Applying lime on fields where possible. Ready for a good year. Cotton acres will be up. Soybeans and some corn about the same as peanuts. Cotton is King for 2010.

This week was very wet, with little field activity.

DISTRICT 9 - SOUTHEAST

Another 2.5 to 3.0 inches of rain on Thursday has stopped field operations again.