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GEORGIA: March temperatures were generally one to four degrees warmer than historical averages, except for some counties in the southeastern region of the state, which were one degree cooler than normal. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2 inches to over 6 inches in some areas. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 61 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions, 27 percent had moderate drought conditions, and 1 percent had severe drought conditions by month's end, compared to 62 percent abnormally dry and 13 percent with moderate drought conditions at the month's beginning. Much of the state experienced severe storms during the month, with reports of tornadoes in some parts of the state. Despite the storms, reporters noted that dry conditions were a concern in many parts of the state. High winds were an issue for many areas, causing some wildfires and delaying spraying activities for spring planted crops. Despite these conditions, spring planting activities were reported to be mostly on schedule, with corn planting well underway in warmer areas of the state. Land preparation for cotton and peanut planting was ongoing, although concerns about cotton acreage levels due to low prices and high input costs were noted. Vegetable and fruit crops were reported to be in mostly good condition, although some frost damage was noted to peach tree blooms. Warmer temperatures helped improve pasture conditions, with cattle reported to be in mostly good condition, although supplemental feeding was still a necessity in drier areas.