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A nice pic of SIRP...
January 2022 brought a bit of rain and a range of temps to the Park. We received just over 5 inches of rain over 9 rainy days. Our high temps ranged from 81 to 44°F and lows ranged from 69 down to a chilly 22°F.

The SIRP crew kept busy in January servicing tractor and sprayer engines, getting dealer repairs done to our JD6330 tractor and JD310 backhoe, cutting firebreaks around pine areas that were clear cut last fall (ahead of controlled burn for replanting), breaking down the engine in our JD Gator ATV (it lost the connecting rod), and having lime spread over various fields plus 2-4D herbicide applied over all our rye cover crop. We also were happy to have our new JD6145R tractor delivered (it was ordered last April!).

BJ and Kyle attended the 2022 Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio and have attended Mitchell Co. Extension production meetings. Mandy returned to work after being out several weeks following the birth of their son, C.T.

Visitors to the Park included Charles Stripling, Dr. Bob Kemerait, Brian Hayes (Mitchell Co Extension), the Flint River Soil & Water Conservation District (monthly meeting) as well as Travis Bruner and crew from Irrigation Plus (Cuthbert, Ga). Travis and his guys were completing the installation of our new Reinke 2-span lateral irrigation system.

I attended (via Zoom) the annual Ag Forecast conference which was held in Tifton this year. I also was pleased to participate in the interview for a lead water agent to lead programming for extension activities in water and irrigation in south Georgia.

Speaking of water, Dr. George Vellidis and I wrapped up our 2+ year Georgia Regional Water Council Seed Grant project last summer. The project title was “Innovative Agricultural Irrigation Scheduling Tools for Increasing Water Use Efficiency in the Lower Flint – Ochlocknee and the Upper Flint Regional Water Council Areas.” The final report was accepted just before Christmas by EPD. Here’s a link to the report:


Finally, a hearty GO DAWGS! What a great win over Alabama for UGA’s first National Championship in football since 1980. I’m betting we won’t have to wait that long for the next one!

Don’t forget - on our website, near the bottom right, in a bright red banner, is a “Donate Now” button. Use it to make a donation to help our facility!
Drought Conditions

Drought Monitor map for Georgia as of February 1. As of that date, 15% of Georgia was abnormally dry. Recent rainfall will likely impact this map.

For more info:

Water Resources

Above - USGS data for the past 2 years for a groundwater monitoring well here at SIRP in Floridan aquifer. Below - stream gage on the Flint River at Newton for past 2 years.
GEORGIA AGTECH SUMMIT
SAVE THE DATE  |  March 2, 2022  |  Tifton, GA

For more information, please contact: AgTech@georgia.org
### Events

#### Past events

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Georgia Corn: Alternatives for Roundup for Weed Control

USDA Announces Targeted Cover Crop Initiative for Georgia

7 Things to Know About Enlist Herbicide Label Changes

Scotty Raines Named 2022 Georgia Farmer of the Year

New CDL Requirements Take Effect Monday and Could Cost You Up to $8,500 and Weeks of Training

New bill would add 150-mile hauling exemption

USDA to Spend $1 Bln to Promote Climate-Smart Agriculture

Brothers take non-GMO approach to top corn yield contest

Cotton is the comeback kid

Pecan Nutrient Management: Cut Costs, Not Corners

Pests and Diseases to Watch Out for This Spring

Fungicide Availability a Concern for Peanut Growers

IGS to deliver vertical farming solution supporting first solar-powered commercial scale farm in Perth, Australia

Black Gold is Worth the Wait: A Soil Health Mindset
At the Park

Right & Below:

Irrigation Plus connecting water & electric lines to be able to irrigate with new Reinke lateral in Access Rd. field.
At the Park

Right & Below:

Spreading lime & herbicides on cover crops.
At the Park

Below:

SIRP’s new addition
to the family...
JD6145.
Name two countries that allow taking a nap during work? 
Italy and Spain.

How often is an average manager interrupted? 
Every 8 minutes.

In 2016, how much population was recorded in America? 
323.1 Million.

Which fish will evaporate if left in the sun? 
Jelly Fish

Which American State was first to allow women working in public offices and juries? 
Wyoming

Which country was the first to allow women to vote? 
New Zealand

What date did the first test tube baby experiment succeeded? 

Where is the largest Aquarium in the United States? 
Georgia Aquarium.

Name the spacecraft which took the first man to the moon. 
Apollo 13.

Which action burns more calories? Watching TV or sleeping? 
Sleeping.

What two letters never appear on the telephone dial? 
Q and Z.

What is the longest running American TV show? 
Law & Order (20 seasons)

Name the American mail service of 1860 that used horses and riders? 
Pony Express.

In which place it is illegal to catch mice? 
In Ohio, it is illegal without having a hunting license.

What is the name of professionals who are always late for Doctor Appointment? 
The Doctors
Silly Valentine Jokes...

Who always has a date on Valentine’s Day? A calendar.

What Valentine’s message can you find in a honeycomb? “Bee mine.”

How did the coin propose to his girlfriend? He gave her a jingle.

What did the love-obsessed candle say when it was lit? “I found the perfect match!”

What is it called when your aunt went off to get married on V-Day? Antelope.

What’s the most romantic ship? Courtship.

How did the cashew share its feelings with the almond? “I’m nuts about you.”

What did one cappuccino say to their shy crush? “Espresso yourself.”

How can you save money on Valentine’s gifts? Become single.

What are insects called when they’re dating? Lovebugs.

What do you call someone with a cold on Valentine’s Day? “Lovesick.”

What do you call a happy couple who first met via Twitter? “Tweethearts.”

Why was the canoe considered a heartthrob? He was so row-mantic.

Why would Forrest Gump be a good Valentine? He’d probably gift a box of chocolates.

Which type of flower is the best at giving smooches? Tulips.

What can get you in trouble with the law on Valentine’s Day? Stealing too many hearts.

What do pieces of fruit write to each other in their V-Day cards? “I love you berry much!”
For January, SIRP had 5.05 inches of rainfall, compared to 3.38 inches in December, 0.07 inches in November and 3.85 inches in October.

To explore weather information, visit www.georgiawather.net.
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Trivia / Fun Fact:
Refilling a half-liter water bottle 1,740 times with tap water is the equivalent cost of a 99 cent water bottle at a convenience store.

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