

C.M. Stripling Irrigation Research Park

Monthly Newsletter

February 2023



So it begins... spreading lime in the fields!

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From the Sr. Agriculture Specialist

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Well January flew by!

We received 4.8 inches of rainfall for the month over 12 rainy days. That is over two times as much as we received in December. Great for refilling all of our water sources. Temperatures have ranged from a cool 25.4 degrees at the lowest on January 15th to a warm 80.6 degrees on January 30th. Welcome to South Georgia, where the weather can be temperamental!

I attended the Beltwide Cotton Conference in New Orleans, LA at the beginning of the month where UGA cotton research was well represented. This was an opportunity to see research results from colleges and universities across the cotton belt. It was also an opportunity for students to compete in talks and poster contest. The following are winners from UGA:

Agronomy, Physiology and Soils Conference

- 1st place PhD Talk – Navneet Kaur (*Snider*)
- 1st place PhD Poster – Ved Parkash (*Snider*)
- 3rd place PhD Talk – Ved Parkash (*Snider*)
- 2nd place MS Poster – Caitlyn Lawton (*Hand*)
- 2nd place MS Talk – Matt Tucker (*Virk*)

Sustainability Conference

- 2nd place MS Poster – Mary Logan Tostenson (*Porter*)



From the Sr. Agriculture Specialist

Cotton Engineering Conference

2nd place Graduate Student Talk – Luke Fuhrer (*Porter*)

Cotton Improvement Conference

2nd place Graduate Student Talk – Samantha Jo Wan (*Chee*)

3rd place Graduate Student Talk – Amrit Pokhrel (*Virk/Snider*)

Congratulations to all!

Also, congratulations to Dr. Wes Porter. He received the J. Tom Cothern Outstanding Young Cotton Agronomist Award.

The staff at SIRP was busy this month with tractor and equipment maintenance in preparation for the upcoming crop growing season. We were also able to attend the corn and cotton meetings, the peanut farm show, and the ag forecast meeting in Tifton. I was also able to meet with scientist in Tifton about upcoming 2023 research projects here at SIRP.

Finally, congratulations to the University of Georgia Bulldogs on Back2Back Football National Championships!! GO DAWGS!!

Once again, thanks for all of your support to Stripling's and UGA!!

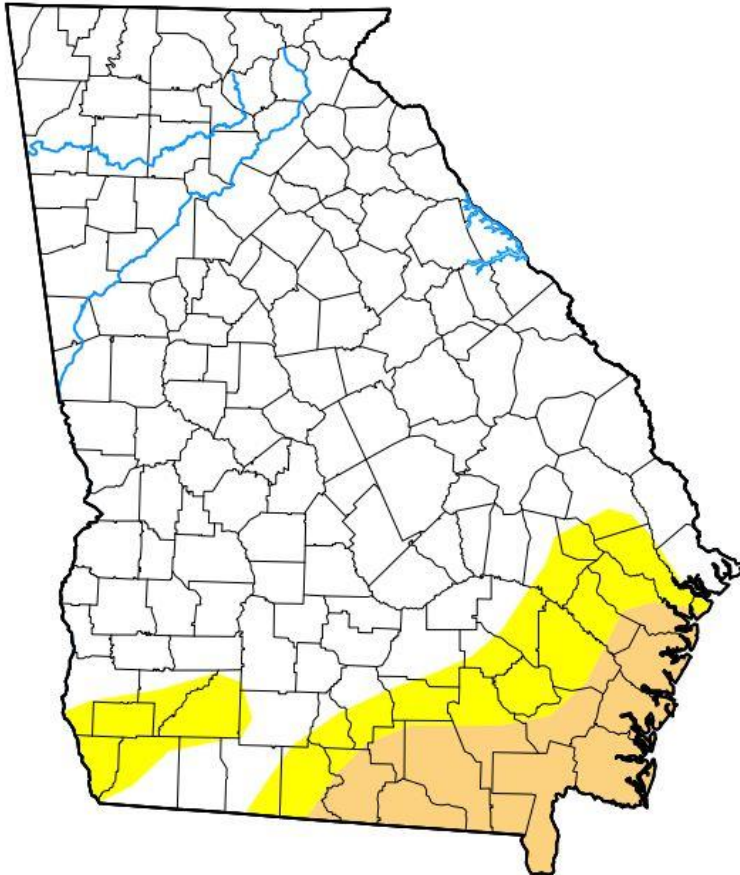
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Drought Conditions

U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

January 31, 2023
(Released Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	79.19	20.81	9.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>01-24-2023</i>	66.79	33.21	19.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-01-2022</i>	23.41	76.59	39.53	15.66	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-01-2022</i>	84.82	15.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Drought Monitor map for Georgia as of January 31, 2023. Dry conditions exist across the lower part of the state. Currently, 20% of GA is abnormally dry, 9% is in moderate drought and 0% is under severe drought conditions. For more info:

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?GA>



Events

Past events

January 17, 2023	Corn Short Course (Tifton)
January 19	Georgia Peanut Farm Show (Tifton)
January 23	Peanut Prod. Mtg. (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)
January 25	Cotton Production Workshop (Tifton)
January 27	2023 Georgia Ag Forecast (Tifton)
February 9	Weed Mgmt. Mtg. (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)

Upcoming events

February 14	FRSWCD mtg.
February 20	Cotton Update (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)
March 14	FRSWCD mtg.
March 15	Pecan Update (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)
April 11	FRSWCD mtg.



In The News

[Institute for Integrative Precision Agriculture Awards First Seed Grants](#)

[Honey bee colony loss in the U.S. linked to mites, extreme weather, pesticides](#)

[Peanut Show speakers discuss allergies and farm bill](#)

[Soil pH and nutrient availability](#)

[Applying corn herbicides in difficult weather conditions](#)

[Nitrogen price is the 'problem child'](#)

[UGA's Monfort Discusses TSWV Impact in '22](#)

[UGA Extension helps farmers improve efficiency, save 100 million gallons of water](#)

[Lowered tariffs on pecans could help Georgia growers](#)

[Georgia Peanut Farm Show Provides a Day of Education for Farmers](#)

[UGA again in top 5 for new products to market](#)

[Farm Babe: The societal hypocrisy of pesticides](#)

[Ag 101: Getting a pesticide applicator certification](#)

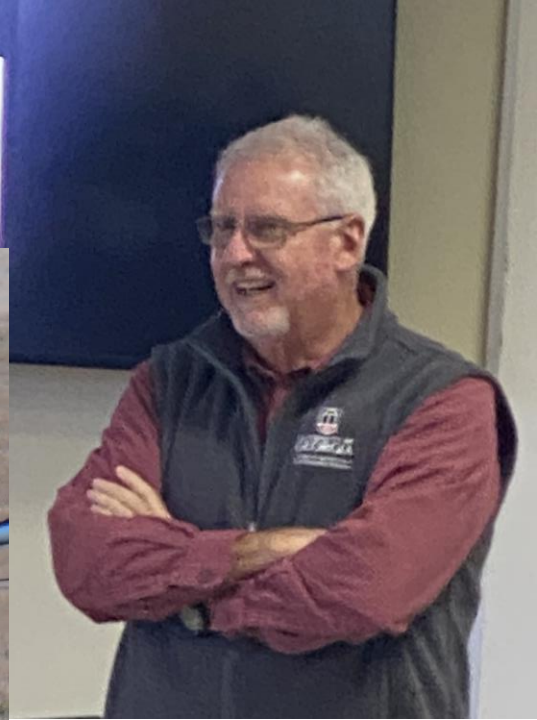
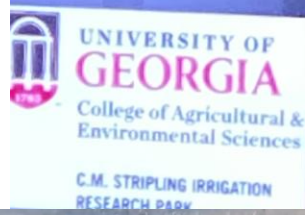
Videos:

[Things Farmers Say During Harvest](#)

[I Like To Farm It \(I Like to Move It Parody\) - Peterson Brothers, Feat. Gatlin Didier](#)



At the Park



Calvin returns to lead the tour with the STEM class from Westminster School in Atlanta. They visit SIRP on their tour down the Flint River.



At the Park

Right & Below:
Collins Irrigation
met at SIRP for a
Customer
Appreciation lunch.
Lunch was catered
by Backstreet
Seafood in Pelham.



At the Park



Avery Insurance's Customer Appreciation lunch.
Lunch was catered by Roscoe Gay's Seafood (Colquitt Co.).



Funny Puns

One day YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook will join together and be called: YouTwitFace

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

Geology rocks, but geography is where it's at.

70% of the earth is water, and virtually none of it is carbonated. So the earth is, in fact, flat.

I sympathize with batteries. I'm not included in anything either.

I once survived the fallout from moving an image 1 cm to the right in Word.

Today I saved \$236.17 by not going to Target for toothpaste.

Tell my Wifi love her.

Does my partner think I'm a control freak? I haven't decided yet.

Why did the frog take the bus to work today? His car got toad.

What do you call a bee that comes from America? USB.

What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

Last night, I accidentally superglued my thumb and finger together... but don't worry, it will be ok. 🖐️

When I was at the gym yesterday, everyone kept asking me why I was always sitting still on the stationary bike. I'm going downhill, dude. Mind your business.

What do you call a dog that can do magic? A labracadabrador.

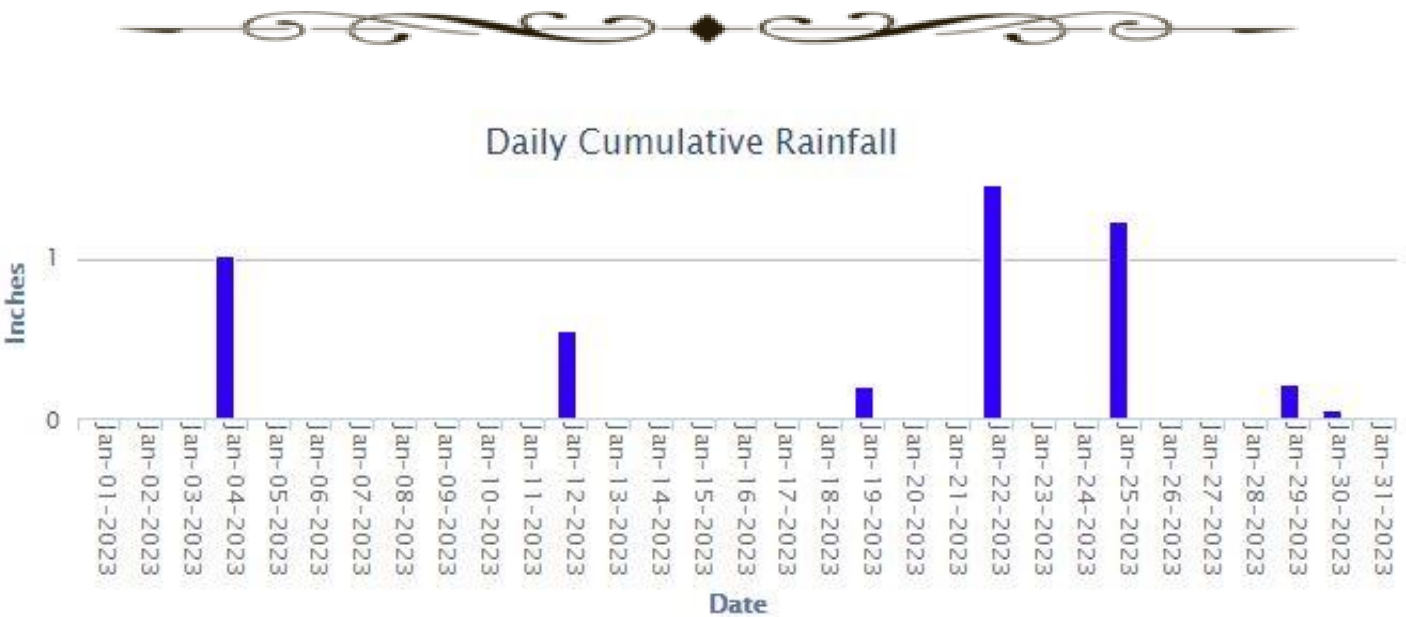
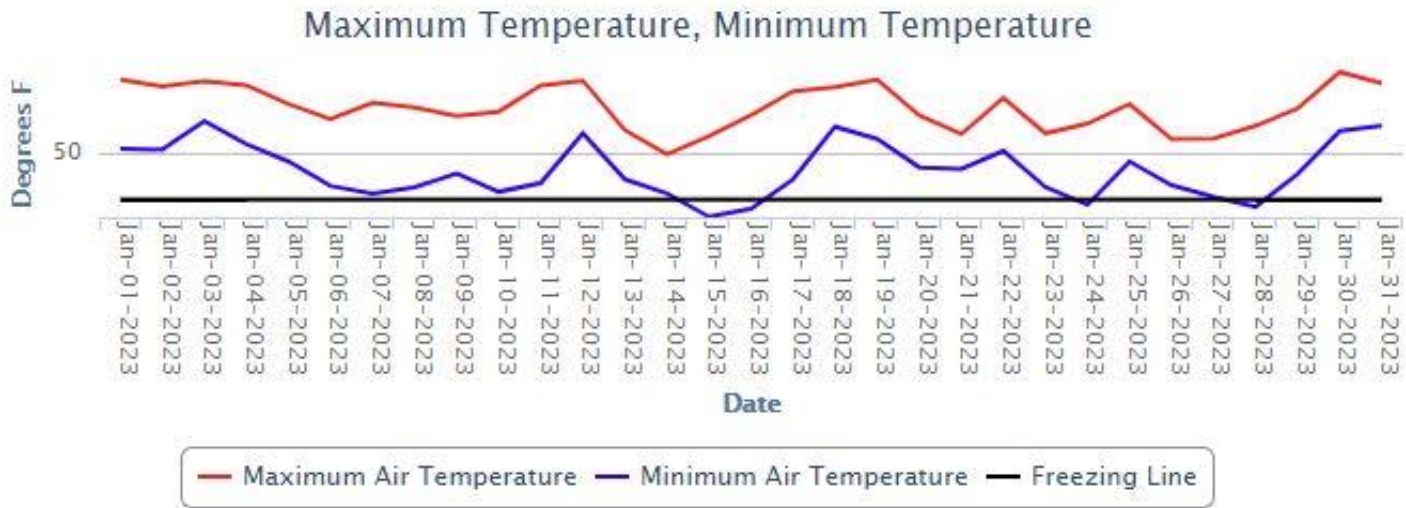
I was at the park wondering why this frisbee kept getting bigger... and then it hit me.

I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is "Goodbye."

What does a nosey pepper do? Get jalapeno business.



SIRP Weather



For January, SIRP had 4.80 inches of rainfall, compared to 2.13 inches in December, 2.67 inches in November, 2.68 inches in October, and 2.54 inches in September.

To explore weather information, visit www.georgiaweather.net.



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Trivia / Riddle:

Was electronics company Nintendo founded in 1889, 1946 or 1975?

Answer: 1889 (Yes, really)

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