The park, before the crop season starts...
As they say, “Time flies when you’re having fun!”. February is gone, hello March.

February was mild for the most part and pretty dry. Temperatures ranged from a low of 33.4 on February 13 to a high of 83.6 on February 28 (This was close to a record high!). We received 2.88 inches of rain over 6 events.

The SIRP staff was able to attend several county production meetings for updates on best production practices for the upcoming growing season. Thank you to all of the extension researchers for their hard work in performing their research projects and sharing the results with farmers and industry. We look forward to working with you all during the 2023 growing season.

We were also able to attend annual safety meetings in Tifton and via Zoom.

Planning and field preparation has begun for the upcoming growing season and the notorious “winter projects” are ending.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Stripling Irrigation Research Park and UGA!!
Drought Monitor map for Georgia as of February 28, 2023. Dry conditions exist across the lower part of the state. Currently, 12% of GA is abnormally dry, 3% 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

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In The News

Pecan Growers Look Forward To Increased Exports, Profits As India Reduces Tariffs

A farm bill for the ‘many and most’

Show of strength: Nearly 700 GFB members visit state capitol

Georgia among states suing EPA over WOTUS rule

Waiting for the right conditions critical in corn planting

5 tips to prepare for tar spot

High Cotton: Williams family credits water, timeliness, varieties for success

Farmers tout technology as essential for growing future

UGA Extension helps farmers improve efficiency, save 100 million gallons of water

Attorney General Challenges New WOTUS Rule to Protect Georgia Farmers and Landowners

Celebrate March – National Peanut Month

USDA Forecasts Bigger Crops, Lower Prices for 2023-24 Crops

Earlier take-off could lead to fewer bumblebees and less pollination

Targeted laser kills weeds, thins crops

UGA Researchers Look To The Future with Vertical Farming

The first corn field of 2023

Videos:

Ranger Nick: A Tool to Help with Precision Agriculture
At the Park

B.J., Kyle & Daryl take a Fire Safety Training class in Tifton.
At the Park

Right:
B.J. disking the Front 4 field.

Below:
Spreading lime in the Access field.
Dr. George Vellidis talking about soil moisture sensors while at a Flint River Soil & Water Conservation District Field Day in Colquitt, GA.
Trivia/Puns/Riddles

How many sides does a dodecagon have? 12

According to Greek mythology, who stole fire for man's benefit? Prometheus

Which branch of mathematics deals with the sides and angles of triangles, and their relationship to each other? Trigonometry

What was Mozart's full baptismal name? Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart

Name the Chinese game played with small tiles. Mah-jong

Which delicacy is loved by pigs, who dig for it around tree roots? Truffles

Who was known as The Tramp or The King of Comedy? Charlie Chaplin

Which hormone controls the supply of sugar between muscles and blood? Insulin

Name the four main human blood groups. A, B, AB and O

Who was the legendary king who was killed at the Battle of Camelford? Arthur

How many points does a compass have? 32

The Dewey Decimal system is used to categorise what? Books

How many squares are there on a chess board? 64

By what name is Norma Jean Baker more commonly known? Marilyn Monroe
I came across a “nostalgic 80’s” list and went a little further with it. How many of the following items, slogans, shows, movies & bands do you remember…?

The Walkman
Atari 2600
Cabbage Patch Kids
Rubik’s Cube
Swatch Watches
MTV
Disposable Contact Lenses
Koosh Balls
Jelly Shoes
Shoulder Pads
Hair Crimping
Hacky Sacks
Parachute Pants
Slap Bracelets
Leg Warmers
Mullet hair cut
Monster Balls
Ghetto Blasters
Leather skirts
Aerobics & Jazzercise
Car Surfing
Care Bears
Chia Pet
The Moonwalk
Plasma lamps
The Smurfs
Acid Wash Jeans
Banana Hair Clips
Jelly Bracelets
Mad Libs
Side Ponytails
Break Dancing
Fingerless gloves
Camcorder
Cassette Tapes

Pac-Man, Space Invaders & Joust video games
Apple II & Commodore 64 computers
Polo shirts & Khaki pants (‘Preppie’)
Valspeak - “like”, “Totally” & “For sure”
Rotary Dial Phone & Memorizing phone numbers

Where’s the Beef?
Who shot J.R.?
Miami Vice
Knight Rider,
Dukes of Hazzard
Cheers
Dallas
Magnum P.I
Family Ties
ALF
MacGyver
Growing Pains
Three's Company
Who's the Boss?
The Facts of Life
Back to the Future
Sixteen Candles
The Breakfast Club
Weird Science
Pretty in Pink,
Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Vacation
Indiana Jones
Airplane!
Ghostbusters
Caddyshack
Purple Rain
The Blues Brothers

Risky Business
Top Gun
The Terminator
Die Hard
Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure
Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
The Empire Strikes Back
Huey Lewis & the News
The Go-Go’s
Journey
Aerosmith
Pat Benatar
Def Leppard
Little River Band
Van Halen
.38 Special
AC/DC
B-52’s
Bananarama
The Bangles
Billy Idol
Bon Jovi
Cameo
The Cars
Don Henley
Duran Duran
Eurythmics
For February, SIRP had 2.88 inches of rainfall, compared to 4.80 inches in January, 2.13 inches in December, and 2.67 inches in November.

To explore weather information, visit [www.georgiaweather.net](http://www.georgiaweather.net).
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Trivia / Riddle:
What was the #1 80’s song, that topped the Billboard list for 32 weeks?

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