

C.M. Stripling Irrigation Research Park

Monthly Newsletter

March 2023



The park, before the crop season starts...



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From the Sr. Agriculture Specialist

B. J. Washington

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.

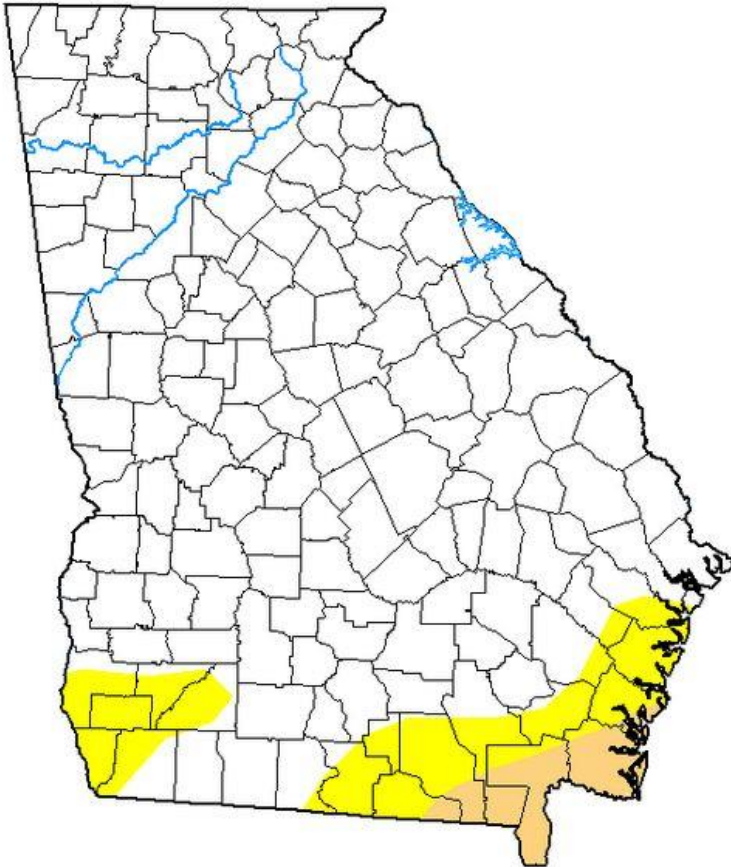
As always, thank you for your continued support of Stripling Irrigation Research Park and UGA!!



Drought Conditions

U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

February 28, 2023
(Released Thursday, Mar. 2, 2023)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.49	12.51	3.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 02-21-2023	90.41	9.59	3.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-29-2022	30.81	69.19	47.68	20.27	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-01-2022	60.65	39.35	10.52	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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droughtmonitor.unl.edu

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

February 9	Weed Mgmt. Mtg. (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)
February 14	FRSWCD mtg.
February 20	Cotton Update (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)

Upcoming events

March 14	FRSWCD mtg.
March 15	Pecan Update (Mitchell Co. Ag Center)
April 11	FRSWCD mtg.
May 9	FRSWCD mtg.
May 18 - 19	Integrative Precision Ag Conference (Athens)
May 29	Memorial Day



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.



At the Park



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



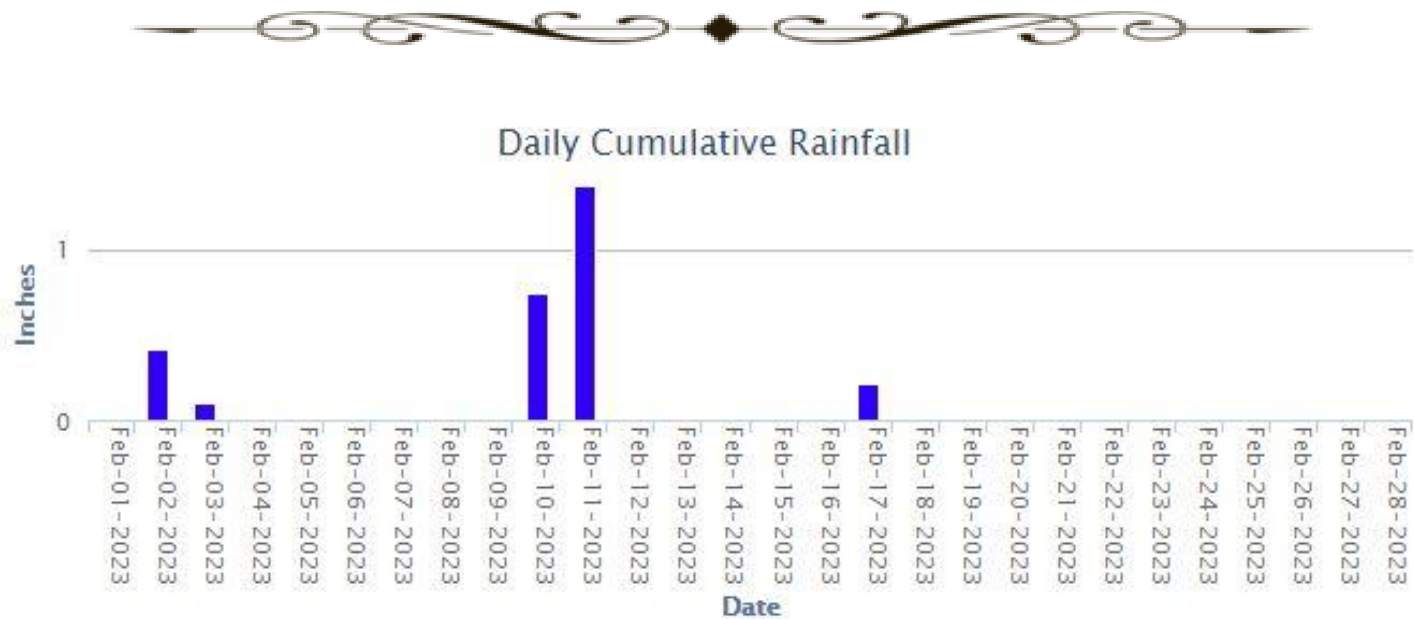
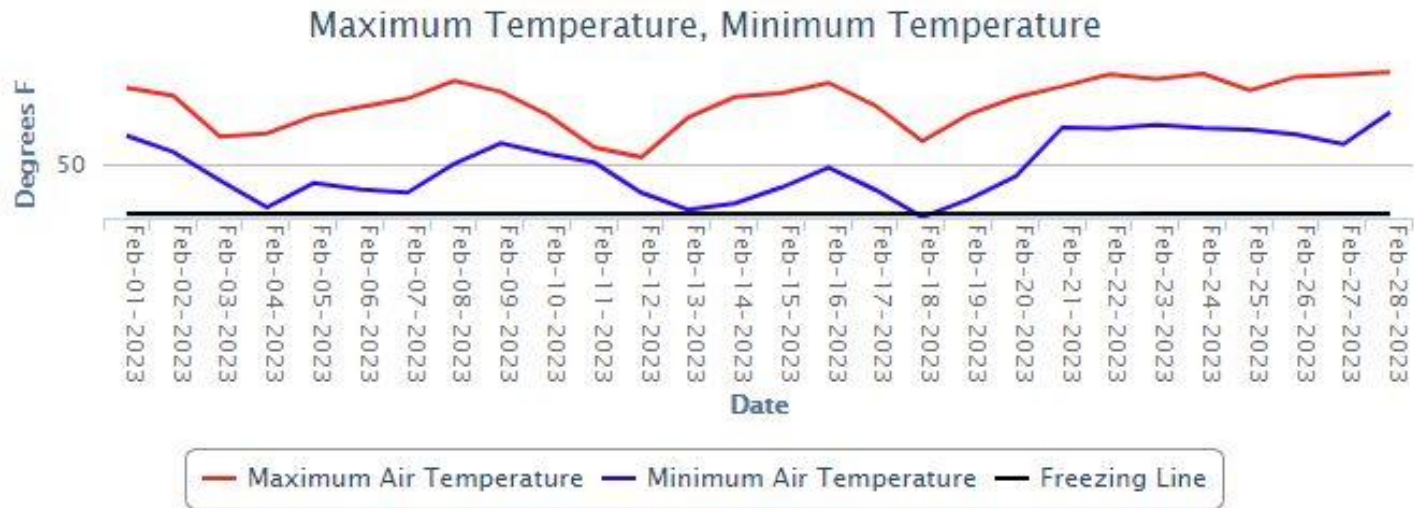
80's Throwback

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... ?

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| The Walkman | Pac-Man, Space Invaders & Joust video games | |
| Atari 2600 | Apple II & Commodore 64 computers | |
| Cabbage Patch Kids | Polo shirts & Khaki pants ('Preppie') | |
| Rubik's Cube | Valspeak - "like", "Totally" & "For sure" | |
| Swatch Watches | Rotary Dial Phone & Memorizing phone numbers | |
| MTV | | |
| Disposable Contact Lenses | | |
| Koosh Balls | Where's the Beef? | Risky Business |
| Jelly Shoes | Who shot J.R.? | Top Gun |
| Shoulder Pads | Miami Vice | The Terminator |
| Hair Crimping | Knight Rider, | Die Hard |
| Hacky Sacks | Dukes of Hazzard | Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure |
| Parachute Pants | Cheers | Who Framed Roger Rabbit? |
| Slap Bracelets | Dallas | E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial |
| Leg Warmers | Magnum P.I | The Empire Strikes Back |
| Mullet hair cut | Family Ties | Huey Lewis & the News |
| Monster Balls | ALF | The Go-Go's |
| Ghetto Blasters | MacGyver | Journey |
| Leather skirts | Growing Pains | Aerosmith |
| Aerobics & Jazzercise | Three's Company | Pat Benatar |
| Car Surfing | Who's the Boss? | Def Leppard |
| Care Bears | The Facts of Life | Little River Band |
| Chia Pet | Back to the Future | Van Halen |
| The Moonwalk | Sixteen Candles | .38 Special |
| Plasma lamps | The Breakfast Club | AC/DC |
| The Smurfs | Weird Science | B-52's |
| Acid Wash Jeans | Pretty in Pink, | Bananarama |
| Banana Hair Clips | Ferris Bueller's Day Off | The Bangles |
| Jelly Bracelets | Vacation | Billy Idol |
| Mad Libs | Indiana Jones | Bon Jovi |
| Side Ponytails | Airplane! | Cameo |
| Break Dancing | Ghostbusters | The Cars |
| Fingerless gloves | Caddyshack | Don Henley |
| Camcorder | Purple Rain | Duran Duran |
| Cassette Tapes | The Blues Brothers | Eurythmics |



SIRP Weather



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.



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Trivia / Riddle:

What was the #1 80's song, that topped the Billboard list for 32 weeks?

Answer: "Jessie's Girl" by Rick Springfield

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