Georgia Economic Losses Due To 2006 Drought

Executive Summary

Drought conditions that began in March 2006 have caused production value losses throughout Georgia. State losses are estimated to total $819.4 million. Cotton has the greatest losses of $239.5 million. Other field crop losses include peanuts of $101.4 million, corn of $40.1 million, and tobacco of $25.3 million. Hay and forage losses of $107.6 million and pasture losses of $224.3 million have impacted cattle production throughout the state. Projected losses for the pecan crop are $49.0 million. The balance of production losses are for vegetables, melons, fruits, and broilers. Drought conditions are estimated to have total economic output impact losses that range from $965.0 million to $1.4 billion.