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Question of the Week – 31st Parallel

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The photo on the Chattahoochee River is at the 31st Parallel and it's on the west side of the river. So, since the river is all in Georgia then at that point 3 states come together. It's the beginning point of the Tri-States area. Also the 31st parallel was the bottom of the United States in Alabama when the Spain owned areas south of there. In Georgia the boundary came on down to the confluence of the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers, now under Lake Seminole. In Alabama there were mounds built every mile to mark the boundary.





Here's an excerpt from an article on the rivertrek.org website... *“Ellicott’s Line”* on the Chattahoochee River. A treaty in 1795 between the new nation of America and Spain established the 31st Parallel of Latitude as the boundary line between the two countries. The problem was, no one knew exactly where the 31st Parallel was located. A Boundary Commission composed of representatives from Spain and the U.S. was established to locate and mark this boundary line. President George Washington appointed Major Andrew Ellicott as chief surveyor for the U.S. The Boundary Commission ran the line from the Mississippi River to the Chattahoochee River and on to the Atlantic Ocean. As they progressed along the boundary they marked every mile with a small mound. The distance between the Mississippi and Chattahoochee Rivers was 381 miles, consequently the Commission erected 381 of these boundary markers. In the 1990s a small group of historians and surveyors proceeded down the Chattahoochee River with handheld GPS units. When they arrived at the 31st Parallel they begin walking West in a remote wooded setting being careful to stay on the 31st Parallel. Lo and behold, after walking only a few dozen yards from the river they came upon a small mound situated exactly on the 31st parallel. Since its discovery professionals have excavated sufficiently around the base of this mound to confirm it is indeed Ellicott’s Mound Number 381 that was erected in 1799. “

This week's question is about this photo.



What is this that was brought in for me to identify?

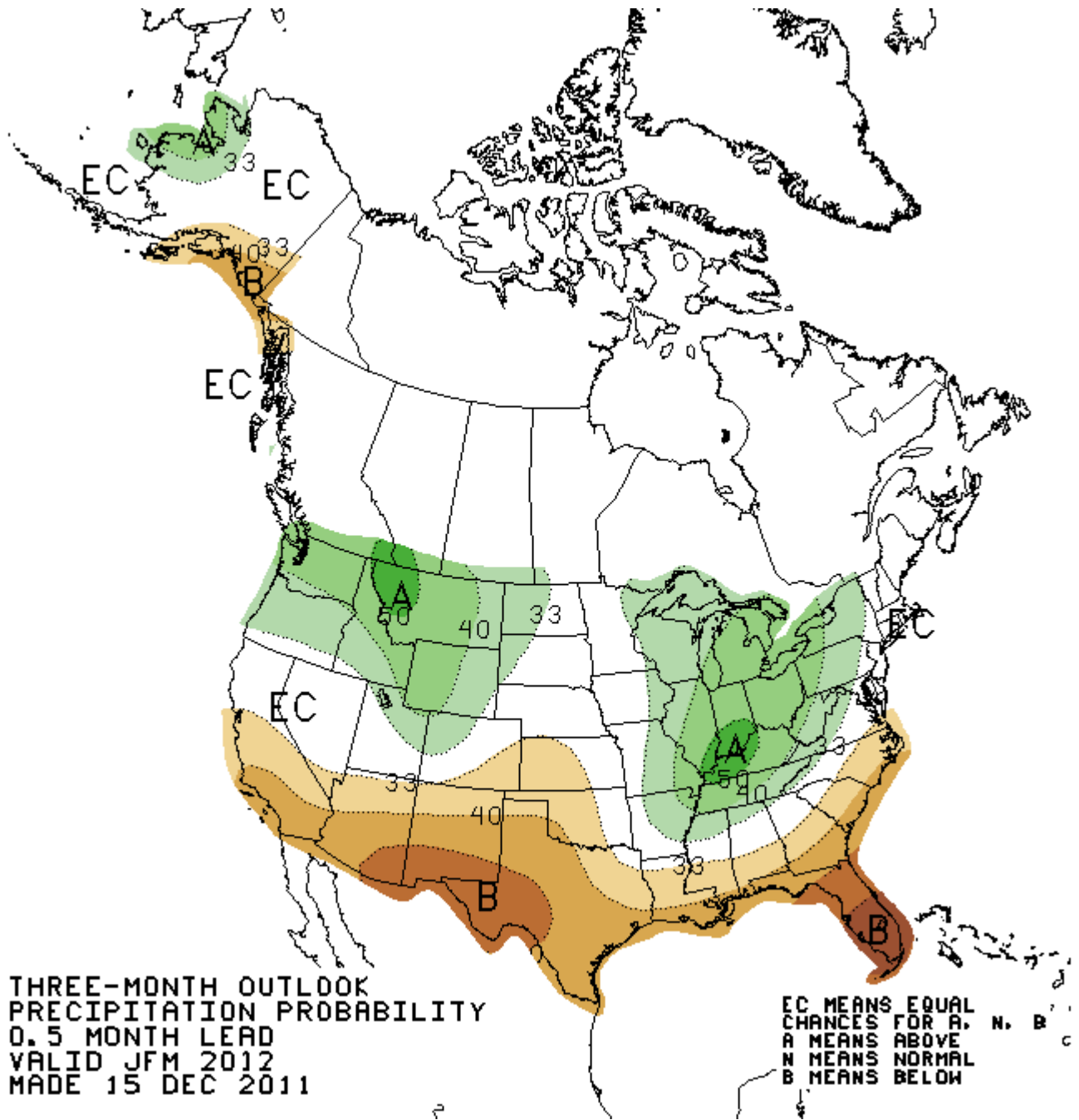
The weather outlook is for slightly less rain than normal and higher temperatures for the next 3 months. Here's a photo of irrigation running today on some small grains for cattle grazing.



Here's some info from the National Weather Service.

La Niña is expected to continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2011-12.

During December 2011 – February 2012, there is an increased chance of above-average temperatures across the south-central and southeastern U.S. below-average temperatures over the western and north-central U.S. Also, above-average precipitation is favored across the northern tier of states, excluding New England, and drier-than-average conditions are more likely across the southern tier of the U.S.



[Georgia Agritourism Conference](#)

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In Georgia, agriculture and tourism are our state's top two economic generators. The [Georgia Agritourism Association \(GAA\)](#) is the official voice of this exciting combination.

Owners and operators from the state's newest, oldest and most successful agritourism destinations will gather for an extraordinary 2012 Georgia Agritourism Conference January 5-6 in Savannah. The professional development experience and presentations by an array of speakers, business-to-business prospects, networking opportunities, trade show access and interaction with industry thought leaders will be phenomenal! Go to: www.georgia-agritourism.org/conference for details.

[How to say Pecan](#)

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What is the right way to say 'pecan'?



Lots of pecans have been picked up already but there are a few more out there. Here's a photo I took this morning of some hanging in there. Prices have been very good this year.

Here's a link below to a very good video concerning how to say "Pecan". Some folks say that it depends on the current price. If prices are below a dollar a pound then it's a "Pee-Can" but with high prices we can call it a "pu-cahn"

Brad Haire and Dr. Lenny Wells, University of Georgia

Pecans are known to be the healthiest of all tree nuts, packing more antioxidants than any other. What isn't so certain is how the heck do you correctly pronounce it? Is it "pee-can" or "pu-cahn"?

"I run into both" ways of saying it, said Lenny Wells, pecan specialist with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, who is writing a book on the history of North America's only commercially grown native nut.

In this episode of "In the Field," Wells and Brad Haire, news director with UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, try to figure it out ... kinda, sorta.

(Brad Haire is a news editor with the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.)

Later,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rome Ethridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish under the name.

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