

January 25, 2021

**Alabama:** January temperatures were generally on par with historic averages. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 0.8 inches to 5.7 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 23 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 8 percent at the beginning of the month. As a whole, agricultural activities were normal for the time of year, with no extraordinary events or pest pressure to report. Winter wheat was progressing well, and its condition was average to above average, depending on location. Strawberries were progressing nicely. Cattle remained in mostly good condition. The growth of winter grazing ranged from insufficient to abundant, with southern counties having the best growth. Correspondingly, the quantity of hay and other supplements provided by livestock producers was based on the availability of grazing. Hay stocks remained adequate throughout the state. In addition to normal field activities for this time of year, some producers continued to work on repairing or rebuilding structures that were damaged by hurricanes Sally and Zeta.