

February 27, 2023

Alabama: February temperatures ranged from 3.7 to 9.9 degrees warmer than normal depending on location. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.3 inches in Dale County to 9.2 inches in Marshall County. Most of the state received a significant amount of rain in February, with only the southeastern region of the state not receiving much precipitation. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 0.5 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 3 percent at the month's beginning. Despite the warmer temperatures, reporters in some areas noted fruit, early planted winter small grain crops, and grazing crops in poor condition due to deep freezes in December and January. Crops that were planted later were noted to have bounced back well from the freeze. Operators began field preparations for spring row crop plantings, although wet field conditions prevented some field work. Pastures continued to improve and started to green due to the warm temperatures and significant precipitation. Livestock were reported to be in good condition, although some operators had to supplement feed due to the lack of grazing in parts of the state.