

January 30, 2023

Alabama: January temperatures were generally warmer than in previous years, especially in the central and northern regions of the state. Despite the warmer temperatures, much of the state did experience short and significant bursts of cold weather throughout the month. January brought a significant amount of rain across the state. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.4 inches in Baldwin County to 12.5 inches in Walker County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 6 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 49 percent at the month's beginning. Wheat and oats were reported to be in mostly good condition after some damage due to a deep freeze at the end of December. Winter grazing pastures were reported to be struggling in many areas of the state due to the freeze at the end of December, but some areas saw improvement due to warmer weather and a significant amount of precipitation. Cattle were reported to be in mostly fair condition, but many operators had to rely on supplemental feeding due to a lack of winter grazing.