

February 5, 2025

Alabama: January temperatures were unseasonably cool, which resulted in over 8 inches of snowfall in the along the coast and Southeast part of the state. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.9 inches in Jefferson County to 5.7 inches in Pickens County. The rainfall received throughout the month continued to alleviate drought conditions for the state. The snowfall provided some additional soil moisture as it melted off. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 61.8 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 81.1 percent at the month's beginning. Many producers reported the extreme weather stunted growth of winter wheat and ryegrass, however conditions improved slightly as temperatures increased. Cover crops also improved as the state warmed up and received more precipitation. Hay continued to be in high demand and hard to come by due to the limited supply and recent extreme weather conditions. In Cullman County, there were no reported damage from the freezing temperatures to peaches or strawberries. In Houston County, some satsuma producers reported tree damage and stunted growth. Overall, pastures were in fair condition. Most cattle producers continued supplementing livestock with hay.