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South Carolina: December brought much needed rain to the state and helped bring the annual precipitation significantly closer to the state's yearly average. Temperatures have been warm for December but there were also a few frosts during the month. In the western part of the state, small grain crops were planted and are benefitting from the rain. The summer drought left many producers having to completely re-seed their pasture and purchase additional hay. In central and eastern South Carolina, many producers focused on clearing debris from fields impacted by Hurricane Matthew with some limited small grains being planted. Pastures and livestock are in good condition with hay readily available. Winter vegetables had an excellent harvest. Average maximum temperatures ranged from the mid 60s in eastern South Carolina to the mid 50s in the west. Average minimum temperatures ranged from the mid 40s in the east to low 30s in west. Precipitation estimates for the month range from 6.10 in Bamberg to 2.0 inches in Anderson.