

January 29, 2018

South Carolina: Total rainfall for the month ranged from 0.4 inches in Edgefield County to 8.9 inches in Oconee County. Total snowfall ranged from trace amounts in Greenwood County to 8.0 inches in Berkeley County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the percentage of the State in a moderate drought remained around 22 percent throughout January. Average temperatures were below normal for the month. Small grains, pastures, and hayfields were in fair to good condition, but their development was delayed by cold temperatures. Livestock condition was good. Hay quantities were sufficient. Vegetables and winter greens sustained mild to significant freeze damage, so producers plowed some fields under. Fruit and nut crops were on track to accumulate enough chilling hours for the season. Field activities included harrowing, tilling, and applying chemicals for weed management and soil fertility.