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South Carolina: December temperatures were 2.4 degrees colder to 2.2 degrees warmer than historic averages depending on location. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 0.2 inches in Horry County to 12.2 inches in Oconee County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 58 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions and 17 percent had moderate drought conditions by month's end, compared to 72 percent abnormally dry and 32 percent with moderate drought at the month's beginning. Spring planted crops wrapped up harvesting and fall seeded crops were planted. Winter wheat started to emerge. Final hay cuttings were impacted by armyworm infestations and grazing grasses might need replanting. Drier than average conditions and cold temperatures increased hay feeding for livestock to supplement pasture.