

January 29, 2024

South Carolina: January temperatures were generally on par with historical averages depending on location. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 2.7 inches in Marion County to 14.0 inches in Pickens County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 2 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 39 percent abnormally dry and 16 percent moderate drought at the beginning of the month.

Excessive rainfall made for wet field conditions which has delayed much field work and preparation. The rain did help to alleviate drought conditions that had persisted since the fall. Overall crops were noted to be faring well despite the unseasonably cold temperatures. Small grains were noted to be in good condition with some producers applying pesticides and nitrogen to wheat as field conditions permitted. Cattle producers were feeding hay but noted that supplies were running low.