

February 26, 2018

**Alabama:** Total rainfall for the month ranged from 4.28 inches in Montgomery County to 12.16 inches in Tuscaloosa County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the State was 64 percent abnormally dry, an improvement from the 100 percent this time last month. Temperatures were above average for the month causing fruit trees to bud. Due to warm weather and plenty of rain, cool season pastures have started greening up. Field preparation is a little behind due to so much rainfall. Small grains looked good at this time. Many producers are fertilizing winter rye grass. Livestock stress levels varied with temperatures. Hay stocks were adequate.