

January 29, 2018

Alabama: Very cold temperatures along with ice and snow made January a stressful month for livestock producers. Weather conditions also delayed fieldwork. Pastures were dry and in need of rainfall to green up. Hay supplies were adequate, but demand was steady. Wheat and other annual cool season crops were slightly damaged by single digit temperatures but should completely recover. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire State was experiencing some level of dryness with over 70 percent classified as moderate to severely dry. Average mean temperature for the month range from 58°F in Mobile County to 48°F in DeKalb County. Precipitation estimates for the month ranged from 4.85 inches in Lauderdale County to 15.73 inches in Washington County.