

January 4, 2021

Alabama: December temperatures were generally on par with historic averages. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.0 inches to 8.3 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 8 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 12 percent at the beginning of the month. As a whole, agricultural activities were normal for the time of year, with no extraordinary events or pest pressure to report. Producers finished harvesting row crops and planting winter wheat in a timely manner. Winter wheat was progressing well, and its condition was fair to excellent, depending on location. Cover crop planting progressed on schedule, and the crop was off to a good start. Cattle remained in mostly good condition. Pasture grasses and winter grazing looked good, albeit progressing slowly. Producers supplemented winter grazing with hay and feed. Hay stocks were adequate. In addition to normal field activities for this time of year, some producers continued to work on repairing or rebuilding structures that were damaged by hurricanes Sally and Zeta.