

**March 30, 2020**

Alabama: Average temperatures ranged from 2.4 to 14.5 degrees warmer than historical values. Total rainfall for the month ranged from trace amounts of rain to 11.1 inches in Limestone County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the state remained drought free throughout the month. Most of the state was affected by heavy rains throughout the month, delaying field preparations for many. In areas where rain slowed down later in the month, corn was planted, cotton and peanut fields had lime and fertilizer applied, and hay was being chemically burned for the new hay season. Herbicide and fertilizer applications for wheat were delayed due to excessive rain and flooding throughout the month. Some wheatfields were still under water, but starting to recover. The wheat crop was rated in fair to excellent condition, overall. Pastures were greening, but not fast enough for cattlemen that were at the end of their hay supplies and needing relief. However, cattle were still in good condition. Vegetable planting had begun and the strawberry crop was looking good.