

March 25, 2024

Alabama: March temperatures were generally higher than historical averages. Temperatures ranged from 0.9 degrees higher than normal in Tuscaloosa County to 4.3 degrees higher than normal in Marshall County. Much of the state experienced rainy and windy weather throughout March. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 4.0 inches in Marshall County to 7.6 inches in Marengo County. The rainfall helped further alleviate drought conditions across the state. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 0.2 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 29.2 percent at the month's beginning. Despite the warmer weather, reporters noted that winter crops were in poor to fair condition due to freeze events throughout the winter and drought conditions experienced last fall. Prevented planted wheat was reported in those areas with extreme drought. Operators began to prepare fields for spring planting with fertilizer and lime. Reporters noted that cattle producers still had to feed supplemental hay due to drought conditions last fall.