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Agricultural News (December): Kentucky experienced well above normal temperatures and rainfall for the month of December. By the end of the month, the US Drought Monitor showed no signs of drought conditions across the entire state. Precipitation for the month totaled 6.74 inches, 2.46 inches above normal. Precipitation totals by climate division, West 7.19 inches, Central 7.68 inches, Bluegrass 6.93 inches and East 5.60 inches, which was 2.62, 2.85, 2.95 and 1.73 inches above normal respectively. Temperatures averaged 49 degrees for the month, 11 degrees above normal. Temperatures averaged from 48 in the West to 49 in the East. Departure from normal temperatures ranged from 11 degrees warmer than normal in the West to 12 degrees warmer than normal in the East.

Harvest of corn and soybeans is mostly complete, but some are waiting for a freeze to allow them to get back in the fields to finish. Tobacco producers continued to strip their tobacco when conditions allowed. The amount of tobacco stripped was 87 percent, compared to 66 percent last year. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 0% very poor, 1% poor, 6% fair, 74% good, and 19% excellent.

Most producers feel hay supplies are adequate, however quality may be an issue in some areas due to weather conditions experienced throughout the year. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1% very short, 9% short, 83% adequate, and 7% surplus. Livestock are in good condition due to a relatively mild December and good pasture conditions. Livestock conditions were rated as 0% very poor, 2% poor, 12% fair, 74% good, and 12% excellent.