



Crop Progress and Condition



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Agricultural News (January): January saw well above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Rainfall was exceptional early in the month as Kentucky averaged over 1.5 inches on back to back weeks. Precipitation (liq. equ.) for the period totaled 4.22 inches statewide which was 1.05 inches above normal and 133% of normal. Precipitation totals by climate division, West 4.62 inches, Central 4.59 inches, Bluegrass 3.58 inches and East 4.10 inches, which was 1.29, 1.21, 0.85 and 0.87 inches above normal. Temperatures for the period averaged 41 degrees across the state which was 8 degrees warmer than normal. High temperatures averaged from 48 in the West to 50 in the East. Low temperatures averaged from 34 degrees in the West to 35 degrees in the East.

The mild, wet winter has particularly effected livestock with some reports of pneumonia and calf losses to internal parasites. Despite setbacks, livestock are still in mostly good condition rated at 1% very poor, 6% poor 24% fair, 60% good, 9% excellent.

Hay supplies continue to be short from early feeding last fall. The current hay supply is rated 8% very short, 35% short, 52% adequate, 5% surplus.

Winter wheat is starting to green up early and remains in mostly good condition and is rated 2% very poor, 2% poor, 25% fair, 62% good, 9% excellent.

Tobacco continues to be stripped with some farmers experiencing delays due to labor shortages. Tobacco stripping is 89% complete.