



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**Agricultural News (January):** January brought above normal temperatures and much below normal precipitation. As temperatures remained mild, a lack of widespread precipitation has persisted. The chain of unseasonably dry weather was broken at times by a mix of rain and snow at various points in the month. Precipitation for the month totaled 1.14 inches, 1.8 inches below normal. Precipitation totals by climate division, West 1.14 inches, Central 1.21 inches, Bluegrass 1.42 inches and East 0.77 inches, which was 1.95, 1.94, 1.11, and 2.24 inches from normal respectfully. Temperatures averaged 36 degrees for the month, 3 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged from 43 degrees in the West to 42 degrees in the East. Low temperatures averaged from 31 degrees in the West to 30 degrees in the East.

Tobacco stripped is at 93%, staying in line with the typical progress for this point in the season. Winter wheat condition was rated as 1% poor, 13% fair, 71% good, and 15% excellent.

The warmer than normal weather and lack of precipitation has reduced stress typically experienced by livestock at this juncture of the winter. Pastures have remained in fair condition and have allowed many farmers to retain most of their stored hay. Some of the fall seedings have shown uneven stand uniformity due to the dry conditions at that time. The current hay supply is rated as 1% very short, 7% short, 83% adequate, and 9% surplus. The current condition of livestock is rated as 1% very poor, 3% poor, 21% fair, 65% good, and 10% excellent.