

## **South Carolina**

December was generally warm and wet throughout the state which has wheat and other small grains progressing normally in those areas where farmers were able to plant. Above average rainfall has most of the state showing soil moisture to be adequate or surplus. Continual flooding and wet conditions have prevented farmers in some areas from accessing fields to plant winter grains for 2016. For the most part, any cotton, peanut, and soybean crops which had not been harvested prior to December are likely to be left in the fields and destroyed as a result of October's historic flood and still soggy field conditions. Livestock has been reported in fair to good condition. Average mean temperatures for the month ranged from 51.3°F in Slater-Marietta to 62.5°F in Charleston. Precipitation estimates for the month ranged from 3.39 inches in Charleston to 12.07 inches in Slater-Marietta. It is of note that the rainfall received this year is currently 12.49 inches above the 30 year average in Orangeburg, 14.12 inches above the 30 average in Florence, and 24.52 inches above the 30 year average in Charleston.