February 26, 2018

**South Carolina:** Total rainfall for the month ranged from 0.65 inches in Georgetown County to 5.67 inches in Greenville County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the State was 54 percent abnormally dry, an improvement from the 81 percent this time last month. Average mean temperature for the month ranged from 61°F in Charleston County to 50°F in Pickens County. Due to the warm weather and plenty of rain, pastures have started greening up. Mild weather allowed farmers an excellent opportunity to prepare fields for planting tobacco and corn next month. Warm temperatures have some fruit trees blooming. Soil moisture were satisfactory allowing small grains and winter grazing to grow well during the month.