

**March 26, 2018**

**South Carolina:** Total rainfall for the month ranged from no rain in Berkeley County to 5.26 inches in Anderson County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the State was 69 percent abnormally dry, a decrease from the 54 percent this time last month. Average mean temperature for the month ranged from 47°F to 54°F. As spring weather progresses, producers were beginning to plant corn. Strawberries were ripening and some were already being harvested. Hay and grazing land was turning green and were ready for a timely first cutting. Cool temperatures and winds had pushed back some spring planting of tomatoes and other warm season crops. Corn was being planted at a good pace. Small grains, livestock, and winter grazing were in good shape.