

January 4, 2022

South Carolina: December temperatures were 2.9 to 9.2 degrees warmer than historic averages depending on location. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 1.1 inches to 6.1 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 81 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 73 percent at the beginning of the month. Warm and abnormally dry conditions persisted through most of December allowing most harvest activities to be completed. Winter grain was irrigated, and warm weather benefitted crop germination and emergence. Overall, winter wheat condition was fair to good. Strawberries were in mostly good condition but behind in development. Producers were beginning to prepare land for spring and summer crops. Cattle and pasture conditions remained mostly good with the continued warm weather.