

February 22, 2021

**South Carolina:** February temperatures were on par with or down as much as 5.5 degrees Fahrenheit below historic averages. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 2.5 inches to 11.7 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the state had minimal to no abnormally dry conditions throughout the month. Heavy rain events in many areas began in December and continued throughout February, keeping growers out of fields and forcing livestock producers to manage pasture and feed areas more intensively to reduce mud and increase drainage. Wet conditions delayed small grain and pasture fertilizer topdressing. Wheat growth lagged and was in need of sunshine and warmth to catch up to historic norms. Land preparations for corn planting was delayed. Planting of vegetable greens was also delayed. Fall vegetables that were planted on high ground were holding up well. Many producers reported livestock health problems related to excessive rain and cool temperatures.