

January 25, 2021

South Carolina: January temperatures were on par with or up to 4 degrees Fahrenheit higher than historic averages. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 1.1 inches to 6.2 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 6 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 13 percent at the beginning of the month. Untimely rainfall hampered the last of the winter wheat planting. Due to cold, wet conditions, cover crops and small grains grew slowly, and producers held off on spreading lime until fields could dry. Despite the less than ideal weather, winter wheat condition was fair to excellent. Strawberries and winter vegetables progressed slowly, but remained in good condition overall. A few producers were able to begin preparing fields for spring row crop planting when breaks in the rain allowed. Livestock and forages were generally in good condition.