

February 22, 2022

South Carolina: February temperatures from 2.9 degrees cooler than historic averages to 3.3 degrees warmer than historic averages depending on location. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 0.2 inches to 7.7 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 32 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 44 percent at the beginning of the month. Preparations for spring planting continued, bolstered by temperate weather. Field preparation for corn planting was beginning. Some preplant burndown applications have been made and will increase over the next few weeks. Late lime and early fertilizers were applied. Winter forages and grains were coming along as expected for this time of year. Livestock have done well with sufficient pasture space and supplemental hay. Greenhouses are being setup for tobacco with plants ready in the following weeks. Producers are sourcing seeds and chemicals early to limit the impacts of changing and uncertain supply chains.