

Alabama

Temperatures in January were generally in line with expected ranges, with some reports of temperatures slightly warmer than normal. Moderate to heavy rainfall was reported throughout much of the state, but no reports of significant flooding. The wet weather did present some farmers with difficulties in winter wheat planting and hay feeding. There were also some reports of rain related soil erosion. The wheat crops that have already been planted are progressing well and are reported to be in fair to good condition. Some farms in the southern part of Alabama reported some cotton and peanut harvesting activities in January, and a few reported leaving crops unharvested due to the rainfall. Livestock and pastures have been reported as being in fair to good condition. Precipitation estimates for the month ranged from 1.71 inches in Bessemer to 6.30 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures for the month ranged from 37.6°F in Moulton to 49.1°F in Mobile.