

## **February 27, 2017**

**Alabama:** While the state received more much needed rainfall during the month of February, most of the heavy rains were in the southeast corner of the state. With above average temperatures and less rainfall the last two weeks, the US Drought Monitor is showing increased drought conditions for much of the northern half of the state. Water supplies have been replenished and pastures and crops are responding well to the increased moisture as well as the unseasonably warm temperatures. Pastures are in fair condition and have been greening very well. Cattle are in good condition and are gradually being returned to pastures. Some producers have adequate hay supplies to support their herds with the improving pastureland, but some are still very short as they have been feeding throughout the entire winter. Wheat and oats are looking good for this time of year. The mild conditions have caused some trees to bud which could be problematic if there is another frost in the near future. Preparations are being made for spring planted crops as the days suitable for fieldwork have been abundant throughout the month. Average mean temperatures for the month ranged from 50°F in Talladega to 59°F in Mobile. Precipitation estimates for the month ranged from 1.09 inches in Huntsville to 3.78 inches in Evergreen in the lower part of the state.