

January 4, 2022

**Alabama:** December temperatures were 8 to 11 degrees warmer than historical values. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 0.9 inches in Baldwin County to 8.3 inches in Saint Clair County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 45 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 53 percent at the month's beginning. Most producers finished harvesting row crops in a timely manner. Winter wheat planting is 2-3 weeks behind schedule in some areas due to wet conditions. Cattle have remained in good condition as producers supplemented winter grazing with hay and feed when needed. Unseasonably warm weather conditions allowed for good winter grazing growth. December began dry but most areas have experienced significant rainfall during the latter half of the month to make up for drier conditions.