

February 26, 2024

**Alabama:** February temperatures were generally higher than historical averages, particularly in the northern half of the state. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees lower than normal in Montgomery County to 5.4 degrees higher than normal in Lawrence County. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 1.7 inches in Mobile County to 9.2 inches in Montgomery County. The rainfall helped alleviate drought conditions across the state. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 16.3 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 62.9 percent at the month's beginning. Despite warmer temperatures across much of the state, many winter crops were reported to be in bad condition due to previous freeze events. Winter grazing conditions were reported to be mostly improving due to rising temperatures and rain. Hay shortages were reported in some areas due to the fall drought. Much of the state's livestock were reported to be in fair condition due to the lack of winter grazing, fluctuating temperatures and hay shortages.