

January 29, 2024

Alabama: January temperatures were generally lower than historical averages, particularly in the northern half of the state. Temperatures ranged from 0.5 to 6.0 degrees colder than historical averages. In addition to lower temperatures, the state was impacted by multiple deep freeze events in the month. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.9 inches in Baldwin County to 12.8 inches in Wilcox County. Parts of the state received a significant amount of snowfall, with Lauderdale County receiving up to 6 inches. The rainfall helped alleviate drought conditions in parts of the state, but most of the state remained in a drought. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 78.4 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 89.9 percent at the month's beginning. The cold and dry conditions continued to prevent winter crop planting and negatively impacted the crops that were planted. Winter grazing conditions were reported to be generally poor due to unfavorable weather conditions. Reporters noted that many livestock operators had to feed supplemental hay to cattle.