

January 2, 2020

**FLORIDA:** Total rainfall for the month ranged from no rain in multiple locations to 9.4 inches in Broward County. According to the December 31, 2019 U.S. Drought Monitor, 24.14 percent of the State was experiencing abnormally dry conditions at the month's end, down significantly from 60.54 percent on December 17, 2019. Average mean temperatures ranged from 41.6°F in Okaloosa County to 78.1°F in Monroe County. Pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good, improving most notably later in the month. Pastures throughout the state experienced seasonal decline. At the beginning of the month, several pastures in the Panhandle and northern peninsula received some frost damage. Cattle remained in mostly good to excellent condition throughout the month. Cotton harvesting finished at the beginning of the month. Several producers reported planting cover crops. Many vegetable growers were able to prepare land for spring plantings toward the end of the month. Citrus grove operations were normal for this time of year and included mowing, spraying, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Grapefruit, early and midseason oranges, and tangerines were harvested throughout the month. Processing plants were open and ran early and mid-season oranges as well as red and white grapefruit.