

January 4, 2021

FLORIDA: Total rainfall for the month ranged from no rain in a few locations to 4.8 inches in Escambia County. According to the December 29, 2020 U.S. Drought Monitor, 10.7 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions at month's end, compared with 0.8 percent at beginning of the month. Average mean temperatures ranged from 48.2°F in Jasper County to 70.5°F in Monroe County. Pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good, throughout the month but experienced seasonal declines. At the beginning of the month, frosts caused damage to several pastures in the Panhandle and parts of the northern peninsula. Cattle conditions remained mostly good to excellent throughout the month. Cotton harvesting finished much later than normal, wrapping up by the final week of December. As cotton harvest finished up, cover crops were planted. Vegetable producers prepared their land for spring planting towards the end of the month. Sugarcane was planted and harvested in the southern part of the peninsula. Citrus activities were normal and included mowing, spraying, fertilizing, and general grove maintenance. Grapefruit, early and midseason oranges, and tangerines were harvested and processed.