South Carolina

January was another wet month for the state. Although temperatures were above normal for the most part, much of the state experienced 1-3 inches of snow during a short cold snap mid-month. The average high temperatures ranged from low to high 50s and the average low temperatures ranged between the high 20s to the high 30s. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.94 inches to 4.46 inches. The wet soil conditions have delayed some fieldwork and may delay spring planting as well. Most crops not harvested by mid-January have been given up on and soggy field conditions are stalling the destruction of the unharvested cops. Small grains in the Upstate are progressing at a faster than normal rate due to the warm temperatures. However, small grain acreage is down substantially due to field conditions elsewhere and that which was planted is struggling. Pastures and livestock are reported in good to excellent condition in some areas but mold and rot from the continued rains in others are negatively impacting pastures and hay supplies.