

January 2, 2024

South Carolina: December temperatures were 1.0 to 3.6 degrees warmer than historic averages depending on location. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 3.6 inches in Florence County to 14.0 inches in Georgetown County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 50 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions, 23 percent had moderate drought conditions and 5 percent had severe drought conditions by month's end, compared to 69 percent abnormally dry, 41 percent with moderate drought, 15 percent with severe drought and 3 percent with extreme drought at the month's beginning. Harvest of cotton and soybeans continued throughout the month as conditions allowed. Planting of winter wheat also carried on into December, with emergence aided by sufficient rainfall in most areas. Good weather conditions allowed farmers to start taking soil samples and begin preparing for the spring.