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Alabama: February temperatures were slightly warmer than historical averages, with the state experiencing a cold snap near the middle of the month. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.3 inches in Montgomery County to 8.2 inches in Tallapoosa County. On average, the precipitation for the month was slightly higher than normal. The cold snap and increased precipitation resulted in the Northern half of the state receiving up to 1.5 inches of snowfall. There were no reported damages with these extreme weather conditions. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 47.9 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 61.8 percent at the month's beginning. Many crops were able to recover from the previous month's extreme weather as the month warmed up; however, many reported fall-seeded crops were struggling to grow due to the Fall drought. Winter wheat improved with the much-needed rainfall but remained behind schedule. Many producers were planning for their upcoming spring plantings. Field preparation for corn planting was beginning with corn planting already underway in some areas of the state. In Etowah County, crops were reported to be in good condition, but blueberry and other fruit producers were concerned with drastic changes in temperatures causing early blooms. In Cullman County, strawberries were looking good with no reported damages. In Geneva County, producers started to cut terraces and disc fields as well as add lime and fertilizer to soil. Livestock producers continued to supplement cattle with hay despite the ongoing hay shortage due to drought conditions. Overall, cattle and pastures were in fair condition. Pastures improved near the month's end with the warmer temperatures.