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Alabama: March temperatures were slightly warmer than historical averages. Total rainfall for the month ranged from 2.2 inches in Tuscaloosa County to 9.5 inches in Marshall County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 43.6 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions by month's end, compared to 47.9 percent at the month's beginning. Some parts of the state experienced extreme weather events like high winds, heavy rain and tornadoes throughout the month but did not report any significant damages to crops. Producers in Covington County were still working to address the damaged fields from the previous month's extreme cold weather. The rain received combined with drought conditions caused several counties to experience flooding which led to erosion and debris. Winter wheat, fescue, and canola were thriving across the state with the warmer temperatures and more frequent rainfall. Many producers were prepping the fields for spring planting for crops such as cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Many have started planting corn in the central and southern areas of the state. Some livestock producers continued to supplement cattle with hay and feed as pastures continued to green up. Overall, cattle and pastures were in good condition, with pastures improving as the month progressed.