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Weekly Weather and Crop Progress Report



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GENERAL

Although some parts of the State observed scattered showers, the majority of the week saw little to no measurable rainfall. The misty days at the beginning of the week stalled harvesting in the Low Country for a few days, but progress was still made as the farmers were able to return to their fields by midweek. The dry weather further aided some field activities as the cotton and peanut harvests continued in full swing, but it has had an effect on small grain plantings in many areas. All small grains were well behind their respective 5-year averages at week's end. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture was 11% very short, 36% short, and 53% adequate.

FIELD CROPS

BARLEY was 20% planted, fifteen percent behind the 5-year average. **CORN** was at 99% harvested, equal to both last year and the 5-year average. **COTTON** had 89% of its bolls opened and 21% had been harvested. **OATS** were 15% planted, thirteen percent behind the 5-year average. **PEANUTS** were 44% harvested, five percent behind the previous year and ten percent behind the 5-year average. **RYE** was 20% planted, eight percent behind the 5-year average. **SOYBEANS** had 70% of its leaves turning, 34% of the leaves had dropped, 18% had matured, and 4% was harvested. **SWEET POTATOES** were at 70% harvested. **TOBACCO** had 97% of its stalks destroyed, ahead of the 5-year average by two percent. **WINTER GRAZINGS** were at 62% planted, while **WINTER WHEAT** was 15% planted.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

APPLES were at 86% harvested, seven percent ahead of last year and four percent above the 5-year average. **LIVESTOCK** and **PASTURE** conditions continued to decline under the stress of decreasing soil moisture supplies.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 15, 2006

Crop and Stage	2006	2005	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2006	2005	5-Yr Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Apples, Harvested	86	79	82	Sorghum, Harvested	85	66	73
Barley, Planted	20	17	35	Soybeans, Turned Color	70	62	71
Barley, Emerged	5	9	22	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	34	33	34
Corn, Harvested	99	99	99	Soybeans, Mature	18	17	18
Cotton, Bolls Opened	89	89	87	Soybeans, Harvested	4	3	5
Cotton, Harvested	21	25	25	Sweetpotatoes, Harvested	70	54	57
Oats, Planted	15	18	28	Tobacco, Stalks Destroyed	97	97	95
Oats, Emerged	5	9	16	Winter Grazings, Planted	62	39	51
Peanuts, Harvested	44	49	54	Winter Grazings, Emerged	16	13	32
Rye, Planted	20	16	28	Winter Wheat, Planted	15	14	25
Rye, Emerged	8	6	17	Winter Wheat, Emerged	5	4	12
Sorghum, Matured	95	92	93				

Condition for Week Ending October 15, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	0	8	43	43	6	Soybeans	1	6	35	54	4
Livestock	0	0	30	68	2	Sweetpotatoes	0	0	20	80	0
Pasture	2	15	40	43	0	Winter Grazings	3	3	42	52	0
Peanuts	1	2	35	58	4						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending October 15, 2006

Slow clearing of the cloudy skies and light showers was observed Monday afternoon. Above normal warming followed on Tuesday into Thursday. Daily high temperatures climbed into the lower 80's. Weak boundaries, passing west to east, caused a few scattered and brief rainshowers. The fall season's strongest cold front entered the state Friday with dry, cold air on northerly winds. Frost and freezing temperatures were reported Saturday and again Sunday morning from rural sites across the midlands, westward to the state's higher elevations. High temperatures, under the weekend's bright sunshine and brisk winds, ranged from the middle 60's to the lower 70's. For the period, the state average temperature was three degrees below normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 84 degrees at Conway on October 12. The lowest official temperature reported was 27 degrees at Hunts Bridge on the morning of October 15. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 0.32 inches at Anderson ending at 7:00 AM on October 12. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 0.1 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 70 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Ocean water temperatures at Myrtle Beach and Fripp Inlet were reported at 69 to 71 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Deviation from Average
Greer	0.00	29.31	-11.3
Columbia	0.00	32.68	-7.9
Orangeburg	0.21	30.54	-10.1
Charlotte, NC	0.11	32.89	-2.2
Augusta, GA	0.84	31.11	-6.1
Florence	0.10	37.09	-0.2
Myrtle Beach	0.62	41.73	3.9
Charleston	0.00	40.51	-3.8
Savannah, GA	0.00	29.12	-13.8

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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