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Weekly Weather and Crop Progress Report



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GENERAL

Rain was the highlight of the week as the State received some timely showers that should greatly aid small grain planting progress and emergence rates in some regions, as well as enable the planting of small grains to begin in others. Cotton and peanut harvesting activities slowed due to the rainfall, but were still able to make reasonably good progress for the week as a whole. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 9% short, 88% adequate, and 3% surplus.

FIELD CROPS

BARLEY was 46% planted and 29% emerged. **COTTON** had 96% of its bolls opened and 38% had been harvested. **OATS** were 38% planted and 22% emerged. **PEANUTS** were 80% harvested. **RYE** was 41% planted and 26% emerged. **SOYBEANS** had 98% of its leaves turning, 68% of the leaves had dropped, 49% had matured, and 12% was harvested. **SWEET POTATOES** were at 85% harvested. **TOBACCO** had 99% of its stalks destroyed. **WINTER GRAZINGS** were at 74% planted, while **WINTER WHEAT** was 25% planted and 15% emerged.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

APPLES were at 98% harvested, six percent ahead of last year and four percent above the 5-year average. **LIVESTOCK** and **PASTURE** conditions showed improvement as soil moisture supplies received some relief from the widespread rainfall.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 29, 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	98	92	94	Sorghum, Harvested	95	85	88
Barley, Planted	46	36	56	Soybeans, Turned Color	98	90	91
Barley, Emerged	29	25	39	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	68	62	65
Cotton, Bolls Opened	96	98	96	Soybeans, Mature	49	43	44
Cotton, Harvested	38	44	43	Soybeans, Harvested	12	17	17
Oats, Planted	38	38	50	Sweetpotatoes, Harvested	85	75	84
Oats, Emerged	22	29	35	Tobacco, Stalks Destroyed	99	100	99
Peanuts, Harvested	80	74	78	Winter Grazings, Planted	74	59	67
Rye, Planted	41	34	48	Winter Grazings, Emerged	55	39	51
Rye, Emerged	26	26	36	Winter Wheat, Planted	25	33	35
Sorghum, Matured	99	99	99	Winter Wheat, Emerged	15	23	26

Condition for Week Ending October 29, 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>
Barley	0	0	50	50	0	Peanuts	1	4	47	45	3
Cotton	0	5	50	37	8	Rye	0	0	50	50	0
Livestock	0	1	29	68	2	Soybeans	1	7	40	43	9
Oats	0	0	50	50	0	Winter Grazings	4	5	34	57	0
Pasture	1	14	30	55	0	Winter Wheat	0	0	14	86	0

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending October 29, 2006

Cold, high pressure settled into the state on Monday with fast drying and clear skies. A frost and freeze was observed Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for most sites with the exception of the southern coast. At 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, both Clemson and Charleston were reporting 54 degrees. Increasing south winds early Friday signaled the approach of a boundary and associated rains that continued through the day. Winds at Charleston AP gusted to 47 mph and several locations measured rainfall amounts in excess of two inches before clearing began overnight. Saturday's weather was sunny and cool with brisk northwest winds. The week ended on a mild note with afternoon high temperatures around 70 degrees. For the period, the state average temperature was seven degrees below normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 77 degrees at Allendale on October 29. The lowest official temperature reported was 25 degrees at Hunts Bridge and Cheraw on the morning of October 25. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 2.27 inches at Chappells ending at 7:00 AM on October 28. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 1.1 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 63 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near to below normal. Ocean water temperatures at Myrtle Beach were reported at 64 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Deviation from Average
Greer	1.61	33.88	-8.5
Columbia	1.30	34.47	-7.4
Orangeburg	0.74	32.12	-9.8
Charlotte, NC	0.87	35.75	-1.0
Augusta, GA	0.91	32.58	-6.0
Florence	0.87	39.00	0.5
Myrtle Beach	2.20	44.72	5.6
Charleston	1.07	42.80	-2.7
Savannah, GA	0.39	29.65	-14.6

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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