



# South Carolina



## Weekly Weather and Crop Progress Report

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### GENERAL

Some parts of South Carolina reported adequate precipitation with limited fieldwork at the beginning of the week, while other parts reported needing more rain. There were reports of Fall Army worms in some pastures and hay fields. Some other farm activities for the week included scouting soybeans for Stinkbugs and Velvet bean caterpillars, spraying for Armyworms and Beet worms in pastures and hayfields and spraying defoliate on cotton to get ready for harvest. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture was 13% very short, 23% short, 63% adequate, and 1% surplus.

### FIELD CROPS

**CORN** completed the dough stage, was 99% matured, and 63% harvested. **COTTON** had set 100% of its bolls, and 43% of them were opened. **SORGHUM** was at 92% turning color, 70% matured and 55% harvested. **SOYBEANS** were 98% bloomed, with 89% of the crop's pods set, 10% of its leaves turning, and 2% leaves dropped. **TOBACCO** was at 94% harvested with 57% of its stalks destroyed. Winter grazing was at 12% planted, right in line with last year.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The **PEACH** harvest was at 94%, same as last year, but behind the 5-year average.

### LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES

**LIVESTOCK** and **PASTURE** conditions stayed about the same as last week.

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	Phase	5 Yr :			:Crop	Phase	5 Yr		
		2006	2005	Avg			2006	2005	Avg
		--Percent--					--Percent--		
Apples	Harvested	35	32	31	:Sorghum	Harvested	55	27	30
Corn	Matured	99	99	99	:Soybeans	Bloomed	98	99	98
Corn	Harvested	63	66	69	:Soybeans	Pods Set	89	89	85
Cotton	Bolls Set	100	97	98	:Soybeans	Leaves Turned	10	15	17
Cotton	Bolls Opened	43	36	36	:Soybeans	Leaves Dropped	2	3	4
Other Hay	Harvested	99	100	98	:Tobacco	Harvested	94	97	94
Peaches	Harvested	94	94	97	:Tobacco	Destroyed	57	57	57
Sorghum	Turned Color	92	91	92	:WinterGraze	Planted	12	12	13
Sorghum	Matured	70	62	62	:				

### CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				Excel-:		:Crop	Very Poor				Excel-			
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	lent	Poor		Poor	Fair	Good	lent				
		-- Percent --								-- Percent --					
Apples	0	0	50	25	25	:	Peanuts	0	2	36	57	5			
Corn	7	9	34	36	14	:	Sorghum	0	0	31	53	16			
Cotton	1	8	49	34	8	:	Soybeans	1	9	41	41	8			
Livestock	0	1	24	74	1	:	Sweetpotatoes	0	0	31	69	0			
Pastures	5	11	36	46	2	:									

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**South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending  
September 10, 2006**

The week began with high humidity and afternoon temperatures near 90 degrees. A southeastward moving front eased into the state on Tuesday with widespread cloudiness and thundershowers. Heavy rains exceeding three inches were measured between the Santee Cooper lakes and the Pee Dee. Overcast conditions remained into Friday with a few light showers being reported. Daily high temperatures were observed in the 70's and 80's because of the cloud cover. Partly sunny weather returned for Saturday. Sunday's hazy sunshine and isolated, evening thundershowers ended the week. For the period, the state average temperature was near normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 92 degrees at Sandhill on September 4. The lowest official temperature reported was 57 degrees at Caesars Head on the morning of September 8. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 3.78 inches at Eutawville ending at 7:00 AM on September 6. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 1.1 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 80 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near to below normal. Ocean water temperatures at Myrtle Beach and Fripp Inlet were reported from 80 to 81 degrees.

	Precipitation		
	Weekly	Jan 1	Deviation
	Total	Total	From Avg
Greer	1.81	27.50	-8.5
Columbia	0.58	29.45	-7.2
Orangeburg	0.18	27.48	-9.3
Charlotte, NC	1.35	28.92	-1.8
Augusta, GA	0.27	28.85	-4.4
Florence	1.18	34.52	1.1
Myrtle Beach	1.35	37.70	5.2
Charleston	2.13	38.22	-0.6
Savannah, GA	1.90	26.53	-11.6

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.