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GENERAL

October and November are typically dryer than average months for most of South Carolina, but this year, as has been for much of 2007 been much dryer than we have seen in several years. Over the last couple of months, precipitation has been less than half of normal for a large portion of our State. No rain at all has been reported at any of the major weather reporting stations during the past two weeks. Surface water conditions continue to deteriorate. Soils continued to dry with average moisture ratings of 52% very short, 39% short, and 9% adequate. There was a statewide average of 6.8 days that were suitable for field work.

FIELD CROPS

COTTON harvest was very heavy this past week, and continues well ahead of normal for this time of year. Yields have been better closer to the coast, but have generally been very low across the whole State. The cotton condition was 26% very poor, 27% poor, 39% fair, and 8% good. **OAT** planting was stalling due to the lack of soil moisture. The condition of oats was 26% very poor, 10% poor, and 64% fair. The **PEANUT** harvest is nearly complete. Yields have actually been looking fairly decent. **SOYBEAN** harvest is now well under way. Yields have been very poor. There have been numerous reports of poorly yielding beans being cut for hay. The condition of the crop was little changed from the previous week at 27% very poor, 24% poor, 41% fair, and 8% good. **SWEET POTATO** harvest is winding down for this season. **WINTER WHEAT** planting remains well behind normal for this time of year. With the dry soils, many farmers are waiting on rain before continuing planting. The winter wheat condition was 30% very poor, 8% poor, and 62% good.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

LIVESTOCK conditions were 7% very poor, 18% poor, 41% fair, and 34% good. Each week more producers have been depleting their hay reserves. **PASTURE** conditions were 28% very poor, 39% poor, 28% fair, and 5% good. A poor **APPLE** harvest is drawing to a close for this year. Emerged **WINTER GRAZINGS** are in risk of decline from the drought. The condition of winter grazings was 16% very poor, 9% poor, 59% fair, and 16% good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 11, 2007

Crop and Stage	2007	2006	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2007	2006	5-Yr Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Apples, Harvested	96	100	99	Soybeans, Mature	72	82	76
Cotton, Harvested	81	57	58	Soybeans, Harvested	24	29	34
Oats, Planted	45	58	65	Sweet Potatoes, Harvested	94	98	94
Oats, Emerged	18	43	51	Winter Grazings, Planted	61	84	82
Peanuts, Harvested	99	93	95	Winter Grazings, Emerged	28	64	66
Sorghum, Harvested	96	100	97	Winter Wheat, Planted	24	34	43
Soybeans, Turned Color	99	100	100	Winter Wheat, Emerged	10	24	33
Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	92	94	91				

Condition for Week Ending November 11, 2007

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	26	27	39	8	0	Soybeans	27	24	41	8	0
Livestock	7	18	41	34	0	Winter Grazings	16	9	59	16	0
Oats	26	10	64	0	0	Winter Wheat	30	8	62	0	0
Pasture	28	39	28	5	0						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending November 11, 2007

On Monday and Tuesday, northwest surface winds delivered cold and dry air to South Carolina. At 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Greenwood AP reported a relative humidity value of 13%. Cloudless, blue skies were observed during the day Wednesday following early morning minimum temperatures falling below freezing for most counties away from the coast. Thursday morning proved to be the state's coldest in seven months. Only the Charleston peninsula and southern most beachfront locations escaped the ground frost and freeze. Sunny, cool weather started the weekend. By Sunday afternoon, calm conditions under bright sunshine were helping temperatures warm back into the middle 60's. Sixteen days have passed since the last event of measurable rain. The state average temperature for the period was seven degrees below normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 77 degrees at Jamestown and Givhans on November 6. The lowest official temperature reported was 21 degrees at Lake Bowen on the morning of November 8. The state average rainfall for the period was 0.0 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 61 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Ocean water temperatures at S Capers Island were reported at 62 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Deviation from Average
Greer	0.00	25.04	-19.0
Columbia	0.00	25.23	-17.8
Orangeburg	0.00	32.75	-10.3
Charlotte, NC	0.00	23.90	-14.4
Augusta, GA	0.00	25.96	-13.8
Florence	0.00	30.63	-9.0
N Myrtle Beach	0.00	30.12	-10.2
Charleston	0.00	37.63	-9.0
Savannah, GA	0.00	40.47	-4.8

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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