



South Carolina

Weekly Weather and Crop Progress Report

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GENERAL

The work week began with misty, drizzly weather that did not total up to much in local area rain gages. There were some light frosts in several Upstate counties. Precipitation was not sufficient enough to prevent South Carolina's soil moisture ratings from declining to 4% very short, 34% short, 59% adequate, and 3% surplus. On average, there were 5.8 days that were suitable for field work.

FIELD CROPS

COTTON harvest continued at a faster pace as the week progressed. Yields are now forecasted at 860 pounds per acre. Conditions were 6% very poor, 14% poor, 42% fair, 30% good, and 8% excellent. **OATS** were being reported in mostly good condition. An excellent **PEANUT** crop in terms of production was nearly all dug. Average yields have been coming in at 3,500 lbs. per acre, which would make a new state record. **SORGHUM** harvest was slowing down. **SOYBEAN** conditions vary widely. Coastal beans were reporting better yields than those further inland due to differences in the amount of rainfall received. The state average yield is currently expected to be 27 bushels an acre. Conditions were 11% very poor, 19% poor, 28% fair, 34% good, and 8% excellent. **SWEET POTATOES** were nearly all harvested. **WINTER WHEAT** planting should pick up this week. Conditions were 1% poor, 46% fair, 52% good, and 1% excellent.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

LIVESTOCK conditions changed only slightly from the previous week. Conditions were reported as 3% poor, 46% fair, 49% good, and 2% excellent. **PASTURE** conditions were 3% very poor, 16% poor, 48% fair, and 33% good. Late variety **APPLE** harvest was looking good. **WINTER GRAZINGS** were being reported in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 9, 2008

Crop and Stage	2008	2007	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2008	2007	5-Yr Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Apples, Harvested	99	95	98	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	91	88	89
Cotton, Bolls Opened	100	100	99	Soybeans, Mature	71	67	71
Cotton, Harvested	60	78	62	Soybeans, Harvested	21	21	31
Oats, Planted	58	42	57	Sweet Potatoes, Harvested	98	93	98
Oats, Emerged	38	17	39	Winter Grazings, Planted	85	60	77
Peanuts, Harvested	95	98	94	Winter Grazings, Emerged	59	27	57
Sorghum, Harvested	90	95	95	Winter Wheat, Planted	27	22	38
Soybeans, Turned Color	100	98	99	Winter Wheat, Emerged	17	9	28

Condition for Week Ending November 9, 2008

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	3	9	46	35	7	Soybeans	11	19	28	34	8
Livestock	0	3	46	49	2	Winter Grazings	0	4	37	59	0
Oats	0	4	38	56	2	Winter Wheat	0	1	46	52	1
Pasture	3	16	48	33	0						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending November 9, 2008

Areas of light rain were reported Monday into Wednesday. Clarks Hill measured one half-inch but most sites only received less than one quarter of an inch. Slow clearing began Wednesday afternoon for the westernmost counties allowing for full sun and temperatures warming into the middle 70's. Clemson AP recorded a Wednesday high temperature of 77 degrees. A few isolated showers developed ahead of a cold front Friday with amounts ranging from just a trace at many sites to 0.25 inches at Lake Keowee. Clear skies, gusting winds to near 30 mph, and noticeably cooler air overspread the state for the weekend. Sunday's high temperature at Anderson AP was 60 degrees. The state average temperature for the period was near normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 80 degrees at Hunts Bridge, Lake Bowen, Chesterfield, and Cheraw on November 6. The lowest official temperature reported was 28 degrees at Lake Bowen on the morning of November 9. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 0.58 inches at McClellanville ending at 7:00 a.m. on November 3. The state average rainfall for the period was 0.2 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 62 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Ocean water temperatures at Springmaid Pier Myrtle Beach were reported at 66 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Deviation from Average
Greer	0.08	31.53	-12.3
Columbia	0.03	35.90	-6.9
Orangeburg	0.07	37.45	-5.3
Charlotte, NC	0.13	36.37	-1.7
Augusta, GA	0.20	32.66	-6.9
Florence	0.30	45.01	5.6
N Myrtle Beach	0.45	44.41	4.3
Charleston	0.29	44.99	-1.4
Savannah, GA	0.02	41.07	-4.0

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.



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