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**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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GENERAL

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 26th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.0 inches. The State average temperature for the week was one degree below the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 2% very short, 29% short, 67% adequate, and 2% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 3% very short, 20% short, 74% adequate, and 3% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Excellent field conditions for harvest last week.”
Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Good weather for last two weeks has allowed for excellent harvest progress.”
David Dewitt, Lee County, District 50

“Weather conditions have been very good for crop harvesting operations. Fall irrigated vegetables are progressing good, with warm temperatures encouraging growth.”
Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Last week had excellent harvesting weather.”
Tim Davis, Richland County, District 50

“Bright sunshine, no rainfall but chilly mornings has permitted cotton and peanut harvesting to continue at a rapid pace. Small grain planting is moving slowly.”
Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 26, 2014

Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, Harvested	100	100	100	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	81	42	51
Cotton, Bolls Opened	97	83	94	Soybeans, Mature	60	36	39
Cotton, Harvested	51	14	39	Soybeans, Harvested	29	11	15
Oats, Planted	32	24	26	Winter Wheat, Planted	39	21	25
Peanuts, Harvested	72	79	78	Winter Wheat, Emerged	13	3	9
Soybeans, Turned Color	96	76	86				

Condition for Week Ending October 26, 2014

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	2	28	62	8	Peanuts	0	4	18	66	12
Livestock	0	4	36	58	2	Soybeans	1	4	21	62	12
Pasture	0	6	45	48	1						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending October 26, 2014

Much like the weeks of October's past, it was a dry seven days of cool to cold mornings and mild to warm afternoons. The lone exception to the absence of rain was observed over Hilton Head Island when 1.87 inches of thunderstorm rain fell in the hour ending at 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Kingstree, Allendale and Sullivan's Island all warmed to 81 degrees on Tuesday afternoon. Seasonal cold arrived for Wednesday. Sandy Springs reported a low of 36 degrees. At 1:00 p.m., Spartanburg, Aiken and Myrtle Beach all reported sunny skies and 64 degrees. On Thursday morning, Liberty-Pickens AP and Chesnee each recorded a freezing 32 degrees. Pelion and Cedar Creek noted 34 degrees and Walterboro cooled to 41 degrees. Afternoon temperatures reached 70 degrees at Greenwood, Sumter and Georgetown AP. Despite mid-level cloudiness passing over the state on Friday, McCormick, Columbia and Dillon all recorded a mild 73 degrees. Sunny, warming weather continued through the weekend. Greenville, Manning and Georgetown reached 75 degrees on Saturday. At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, it was 85 degrees at Florence Regional AP with a relative humidity value of just 22 percent. Walhalla's 84-degree Sunday high temperature was the same value observed at N Myrtle Beach. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was one degree below the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 89 degrees at Barnwell on October 26. The lowest official temperature reported was 29 degrees at Jocassee 8WNW on October 23. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 1.91 inches at Hilton Head Island AP on October 21. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.0 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 69 degrees, Charleston 68 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near to below normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 71 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 68 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	0.00	29.28	-6.7
Greer AP	0.00	42.21	3.4
Charlotte, NC AP	0.00	38.61	3.9
Columbia Metro AP	0.00	33.93	-4.3
Orangeburg AP	0.00	40.15	0.0
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.00	31.19	-5.8
Florence AP	0.00	37.49	0.7
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.00	33.57	-11.4
Charleston AP	0.00	44.85	-0.2
Savannah, GA AP	0.40	41.90	-0.3

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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