

GENERAL

Scattered hail was reported in Laurens County with some damage to the peach and apple crops. Georgetown County reported some Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in the tobacco crop. Overall, crops were doing pretty well, but could use some more rainfall. Soil moisture supplies were similar to the previous week at 9% very short, 36% short, 53% adequate, and 2% surplus. There were 6.2 days suitable for field work.

FIELD CROPS

CORN development was above normal at 97% silked and 57% doughed, but behind normal at 2% maturity. **COTTON** boll setting was near normal at 13%. **OAT** harvest was near normal at 97%. **PEANUT** pegging was running ahead of the 5-year average at 63%. **RYE** was 100% harvested, slightly ahead of normal. **SOYBEANS** were 99% planted and 97% of the crop had emerged. **TOBACCO** was 86% topped, ahead of the previous year's 69% and the 5-year average of 74%. **WINTER WHEAT** harvest was 99% complete at week's end.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CANTALOUPEs were 80% harvested and **WATERMELONS** were 64% harvested, both ahead of last year. **CUCUMBERS** were 100% harvested. The **SNAP BEAN** harvest was 95% complete. The **TOMATO** harvest reached 79%. **APPLE** trees were in mostly good condition. The **PEACH** harvest was at 48%, and the crop's condition was generally fair to good.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES

LIVESTOCK & PASTURE conditions were slightly improved over the previous week.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	Phase	5 Yr :			:Crop	Phase	5 Yr		
		2006	2005	Avg			2006	2005	Avg
		--Percent--					--Percent--		
Barley	Ripe	100	100	100	:Snap Beans	Harvested	95	87	91
Barley	Harvested	94	92	96	:Sorghum	Planted	99	99	99
Cantaloupe	Harvested	80	59	74	:Sorghum	Headed	60	59	60
Corn	Silked	97	97	95	:Sorghum	Turned Color	21	20	21
Corn	Doughed	57	53	55	:Soybeans	Planted	99	99	99
Corn	Matured	2	1	8	:Soybeans	Emerged	97	94	96
Cotton	Squared	75	58	63	:Soybeans	Bloomed	10	12	15
Cotton	Bolls Set	13	7	12	:Soybeans	Pods Set	2	2	3
Cucumbers	Harvested	100	91	97	:Tobacco	Topped	86	69	74
Oats	Harvested	97	92	97	:Tobacco	Harvested	7	7	7
Other Hay	Harvested	50	34	47	:Tomatoes	Harvested	79	79	79
Peaches	Harvested	48	37	42	:Watermelons	Harvested	64	49	65
Peanuts	Pegged	63	57	52	:Winter Wheat	Harvested	99	96	98
Rye	Harvested	100	91	96	:				

CONDITION

Crop	Very					:Crop	Very						
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-		Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-		
		-- Percent --							-- Percent --				
Apples	0	0	40	60	0	:Peanuts	0	0	26	69	5		
Cantaloupe	0	6	44	50	0	:Sorghum	0	0	19	78	3		
Corn	0	4	39	45	12	:Soybeans	0	4	33	56	7		
Cotton	0	10	31	51	8	:Sweetpotatoes	0	23	15	62	0		
Other Hay	8	7	34	49	2	:Tobacco	0	1	38	56	5		
Livestock	0	1	28	67	4	:Tomatoes	0	3	13	67	17		
Pastures	7	13	35	43	2	:Watermelons	0	0	44	56	0		
Peaches	3	14	32	43	8	:							

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South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending July 9,
2006

Drying heat was observed Monday through Wednesday with only a few isolated afternoon thunderstorms providing relief. Clouds increased on Thursday with the approach of a sharp cold front. Scattered thundershowers were noted across the upstate and coastal counties. Temperatures behind the rare and cooling July air mass dropped between fifteen and twenty degrees. Early morning low temperatures in the 50's and 60's, beginning Friday into Sunday, made the event the coolest for July since 2001. Mostly sunny conditions were observed over the weekend with mild 80 degree afternoons. For the period, the state average temperature was one degree below normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 99 degrees at Cheraw and Johnston on July 3. The lowest official temperature reported was 52 degrees at Caesars Head on the morning of July 7. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 2.02 inches at Charleston AP on July 6. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 0.3 inches.

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

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Ocean water temperatures near Myrtle Beach and Fripp Inlet will average from 81 to 82 degrees.

	Precipitation		
	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Deviation From Avg
Greer	0.07	16.41	-10.9
Columbia	0.13	17.59	-8.3
Orangeburg	0.04	18.17	-7.7
Charlotte, NC	0.70	17.42	-5.6
Augusta, GA	0.22	20.34	-4.3
Florence	0.04	23.99	1.1
Myrtle Beach	0.37	21.18	0.1
Charleston	2.03	25.14	-0.2
Savannah, GA	0.07	16.11	-8.5

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.