

GENERAL

Hot, dry weather was reported all over South Carolina last week stressing livestock and causing a decline in crop conditions. A few areas reported afternoon thunderstorms on Saturday, but it was short-lived. Japanese Beetles were reported in Greenville. Soil moisture supplies were lower than the previous week at 21% very short, 41% short, 38% adequate, with no surplus reported. There were 6.4 days suitable for field work.

FIELD CROPS

CORN development was at 98% silked, 79% doughed, and 5% matured. **COTTON** squared and boll setting was above normal at 87% and 28%, respectively. **OAT** harvest was near normal at 99%. **PEANUT** pegging was running ahead of the 5-year average at 74%. **SORGHUM** planting was completed with 63% headed and 28% turning color. **SOYBEANS** were 100% planted with 98% of the crop emerged, 29% bloomed, and 5% pods set. **TOBACCO** was 98% topped, ahead of the previous year and the 5-year average. **WINTER WHEAT** harvest was completed this week.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CANTALOUPEs were 88% harvested and **WATERMELONS** were 76% harvested, both ahead of last year. **SNAP BEAN** harvest was completed this week. The **TOMATO** harvest reached 83%. **APPLE** trees were in mostly fair to good condition. The **PEACH** harvest was at 54%, and the crop's condition was generally fair to good.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES

LIVESTOCK & PASTURE conditions were down slightly from the previous week.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	Phase	5 Yr :			:Crop	Phase	5 Yr		
		2006	2005	Avg			2006	2005	Avg
		--Percent--					--Percent--		
Barley	Harvested	100	98	99	:Sorghum	Planted	100	100	100
Cantaloupe	Harvested	88	71	84	:Sorghum	Headed	63	67	69
Corn	Silked	98	99	98	:Sorghum	Turned Color	28	29	30
Corn	Doughed	79	68	69	:Soybeans	Planted	100	100	100
Corn	Matured	5	8	14	:Soybeans	Emerged	98	97	98
Cotton	Squared	87	69	75	:Soybeans	Bloomed	29	21	21
Cotton	Bolls Set	28	19	23	:Soybeans	Pods Set	5	5	8
Oats	Harvested	99	97	99	:Tobacco	Topped	98	87	89
Other Hay	Harvested	61	50	60	:Tobacco	Harvested	16	13	17
Peaches	Harvested	54	47	50	:Tomatoes	Harvested	83	90	92
Peanuts	Pegged	74	64	66	:Watermelons	Harvested	76	63	78
Snap Beans	Harvested	100	92	95	:Winter Wheat	Harvested	100	99	100

CONDITION

Crop	Very				Excel-:		:Crop	Very				Excel-	
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	lent	Poor		Poor	Fair	Good	lent		
		-- Percent --						-- Percent --					
Apples	0	0	50	50	0	:	Peanuts	0	1	35	62	2	
Corn	4	11	37	42	6	:	Sorghum	0	3	67	30	0	
Cotton	0	7	45	46	2	:	Soybeans	1	12	37	48	2	
Other Hay	7	8	42	42	1	:	Sweetpotatoes	0	0	15	85	0	
Livestock	0	4	29	65	2	:	Tobacco	0	1	41	56	2	
Pastures	12	16	31	40	1	:	Watermelons	0	18	35	47	0	
Peaches	5	8	32	50	5	:							

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**South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending July
16, 2006**

Most inland sites during the workweek observed hot, sunny days. Counties bordering the beaches received widely scattered thundershowers, initiated by the sea breeze. Isolated, convective storms were reported across the south midlands Wednesday and upstate Thursday evening. The state's hottest weather of the season occurred on Saturday with the thermometer climbing over 100 degrees at several sites. A frontal boundary dropped south during the early evening hours Saturday, helping to create strong clusters of thunderstorms. High winds affected Dorchester County and golf-ball sized hail fell within Bamberg County. South Carolina's mid-July, 95 degree heat and need for better rainfall coverage was quite evident Sunday. For the period, the state average temperature was three degrees above normal.

The highest official temperature reported was 102 degrees at Jamestown on July 15. The lowest official temperature reported was 59 degrees at Caesars Head and Cheraw on the morning of July 11. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 1.97 inches at Loris ending at 7:00 AM on July 16. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 0.3 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth average soil temperature: Columbia 82 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Ocean water temperatures near Myrtle Beach and Fripp Inlet will average from 83 to 84 degrees.

	Precipitation		
	Weekly	Jan 1	Deviation
	Total	Total	From Avg
Greer	0.01	16.42	-12.0
Columbia	0.37	17.96	-9.1
Orangeburg	0.18	18.35	-8.8
Charlotte, NC	0.03	17.45	-6.4
Augusta, GA	0.01	20.35	-5.2
Florence	0.40	24.39	0.3
Myrtle Beach	1.27	22.45	0.2
Charleston	0.23	25.37	-1.3
Savannah, GA	0.32	16.43	-9.5

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.