



South Carolina



Weekly Weather and Crop Progress Report



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GENERAL

Hot, dry weather along with some intermittent showers was reported in parts of South Carolina last week continuing to stress livestock and furthering the decline in crop conditions. There were 6.4 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture was 30% very short, 44% short, and 26% adequate.

FIELD CROPS

CORN was 96% doughed, 50% matured, and 5% harvested. **COTTON** was 98% squared, 68% bolls set, and 1% bolls opened. **PEANUT** pegging was at 99%, ahead of both the previous year and the 5-year average. **SORGHUM** headed was 88%, with 58% turning color and 1% harvested. **SOYBEANS** were 76% bloomed, with 31% of the crop's pods set and 1% of the leaves turning. **TOBACCO** was at 59% harvested.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CANTALOUPEs were 99% harvested and **WATERMELONS** were 92% harvested. The **TOMATO** harvest reached 100% completion last week. The **PEACH** harvest was at 70%, ahead of last year but behind the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES

LIVESTOCK & PASTURE conditions declined slightly from the previous week due to heat and humidity.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	Phase	5 Yr :			Crop	Phase	5 Yr		
		2006	2005	Avg			2006	2005	Avg
		--Percent--					--Percent--		
Cantaloupe	Harvested	99	96	98	Sorghum	Turned Color	58	58	58
Corn	Doughed	96	97	95	Sorghum	Matured	15	15	15
Corn	Matured	50	48	54	Sorghum	Harvested	1	1	1
Corn	Harvested	5	4	7	Soybeans	Bloomed	76	66	63
Cotton	Squared	98	94	97	Soybeans	Pods Set	31	25	31
Cotton	Bolls Set	68	56	65	Soybeans	Leaves Turned	1	1	1
Cotton	Bolls Opened	1	1	2	Tobacco	Harvested	59	52	51
Other Hay	Harvested	91	86	84	Tobacco	Destroyed	2	2	4
Peaches	Harvested	70	69	72	Tomatoes	Harvested	100	99	99
Peanuts	Pegged	99	91	95	Watermelons	Harvested	92	89	96
Sorghum	Headed	88	93	88					

CONDITION

Crop	Very				Excel-		Crop	Very				Excel-	
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	lent	Poor		Poor	Fair	Good	lent		
		-- Percent --							-- Percent --				
Apples	0	10	50	40	0	Peanuts	1	7	36	50	6		
Corn	6	15	42	29	8	Sorghum	0	2	57	35	6		
Cotton	2	25	40	28	5	Soybeans	8	18	46	25	3		
Livestock	0	4	47	48	1	Sweetpotatoes	0	15	42	43	0		
Pastures	10	24	47	18	1	Tobacco	0	4	49	39	8		
Peaches	5	4	45	42	4								

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