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**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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GENERAL

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 15th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.8 inches. The State average temperature for the week was three degrees above the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 9% very short, 33% short, 55% adequate, and 3% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 2% very short, 35% short, 61% adequate, and 2% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Thunderstorms were few and far between last week as hot and dry conditions dominated the weather pattern. Isolated thunderstorms were a welcomed sight for the few farmers that received them. It is beginning to get dry in many areas and the forecast this week is for scorching temperatures with small chances of rain. Tobacco is trying to run a top out but it needs water to do it. Corn is beginning to tassel so it desperately needs water as well.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

“Good progress made on wheat harvest. Top dress fertilizer going out now on cotton. Double crop soybeans and cotton planted behind wheat.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Some corn leaves were rolling up, due mostly to high heat. Cotton is progressing well, and some farmers are harvesting sweet corn. Also, farmers are harvesting some summer squash, and other vegetables. Tomatoes should soon be ready for harvest. The wheat harvest is progressing at a good pace, and soy bean planting has kept up with the wheat harvest. Rain events are spotty, but not excessive.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A thunderstorm passed over the county on Thursday relieving dryness in most areas. Wheat harvest is wrapping up. Double cropping of soybeans is continuing behind wheat harvest. Peach harvest is continuing. Routine pest controls are being applied to peaches. No serious pest problems reported this week. Most cotton, peanut, and soybean growers are reporting a serious problem with deer feeding on crops worse this year than ever.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 15, 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>
Cantaloup, Planted	100	100	100	Rye, Ripe	98	86	90
Corn, Silked	42	45	57	Rye, Harvested	60	29	53
Cotton, Planted	99	91	96	Snapbeans, Fresh, Planted	96	100	100
Cucumbers, Fresh, Planted	100	100	100	Soybeans, Planted	79	75	78
Cucumbers, Fresh, Harvested	38	15	47	Soybeans, Emerged	65	47	60
Oats, Turned Color	100	100	100	Tobacco, Transplanted	100	100	100
Oats, Ripe	100	93	98	Tobacco, Topped	23	25	24
Oats, Harvested	63	59	70	Tomatoes, Fresh, Planted	100	100	100
Peaches, Harvested	17	20	25	Watermelons, Planted	100	100	100
Peanuts, Planted	100	98	99	Winter Wheat, Ripe	99	92	98
Rye, Turned Color	100	99	100	Winter Wheat, Harvested	56	32	56

Condition for Week Ending June 15, 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>
Cantaloup	0	3	37	60	0	Peaches	4	6	50	40	0
Corn	0	2	19	71	8	Rye	0	2	30	68	0
Cotton	0	3	24	67	6	Snapbeans	0	0	20	80	0
Cucumbers	0	0	30	70	0	Tobacco	0	0	30	65	5
Hay	0	2	52	45	1	Tomatoes	0	0	25	63	12
Livestock	0	0	26	70	4	Watermelons	0	6	26	68	0
Oats	0	1	19	75	5	Winter Wheat	0	2	20	72	6
Pasture	0	7	42	50	1						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending June 15, 2014

There was no shortage of heat and humidity on Monday for central and eastern South Carolina. Bennettsville, Florence, Columbia, Kingstree and Charleston all reached 95 degrees. An evening thunderstorm over the Orangeburg AP produced 40 mph winds and 2.05 inches of rain in one hour. More 95-degree heat was recorded on Tuesday afternoon at Union, Sandhill, Shaw AFB and Conway. During the early morning hours of Wednesday, high winds felled trees across Aiken, Saluda and Newberry counties. A wind gust of 46 mph was recorded on Lake Murray at 1:00 a.m. Johnston measured a 24-hour rainfall of 1.05 inches. Disorganized thunderstorms formed during the early afternoon heating for west-central counties and portions of the upper Savannah River. Parts of Pickens County were pelted with 1.75-inch diameter hail and 2.09 inches of rain. Thundershowers over McCormick brought 1.62 inches of rain and 1.46 inches fell at Columbia's Hamilton-Owens AP. Scattered storms on Thursday resulted in 1.10 inches of rain at Batesburg and 1.05 inches at Greenwood. Cheraw was one of a few locations to reach 92 degrees under the expanse of Thursday's clouds. On Friday, Columbia Metro AP and the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station warmed to 91 degrees. An isolated thundershower at Chesnee left 1.06 inches of rain. A pair of CoCoRaHS volunteer observers near Summerville reported heavy rains around 8:43 p.m. with totals of 1.72 inches and 1.57 inches respectively. Saturday's early afternoon thunderstorms over Fort Sumter produced a wind gust of 48 mph and a rainfall of 1.10 inches at Sullivan's Island. Clarks Hill reported a Saturday high temperature of 93 degrees. Most of the state reported a dry Sunday and lower 90-degree afternoon temperatures. Darlington was one of the warmest at 95 degrees. A few reporting locations receiving less than one-quarter of an inch of rain for the week included Calhoun Falls and Florence Regional AP (0.04 inches), Conway (0.10 inches) and Greenville Downtown AP (0.19 inches). The state average temperature for the seven-day period was three degrees above the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 99 degrees at Jamestown on June 10. The lowest official temperature reported was 54 degrees at Caesars Head on June 9. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 3.12 inches at Orangeburg AP on June 9. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.8 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 81 degrees, Charleston 83 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 84 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 84 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg
Anderson AP	0.31	18.15	-2.0
Greer AP	0.65	20.35	-1.0
Charlotte, NC AP	1.00	24.98	6.1
Columbia Metro AP	0.78	19.84	1.1
Orangeburg AP	4.15	23.40	3.3
Augusta, GA Bush AP	1.78	20.72	0.9
Florence AP	0.04	17.52	-0.2
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.29	13.43	-6.3
Charleston AP	0.33	18.44	-0.4
Savannah, GA AP	1.69	18.95	-0.2

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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