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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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 17th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.5 inches. The State average temperature for the week was near the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 2% very short, 16% short, 76% adequate, and 6% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 1% very short, 18% short, 78% adequate, and 3% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Corn is mature and beginning to dry down. This week is scheduled to be the hottest week of the summer temperature wise, so drying of the crop will take place rapidly. Tobacco is ripening so fast farmers are having a hard time keeping up with the harvest. The tobacco crop is a good one with the exception of a few diseased fields. Cotton is looking real good along with the peanut crop.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

“Crops are progressing good. Farmers are working on getting land ready for fall vegetables.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“The county received two rains during the week which produced about 2 inches across the county. Crops are looking good most everywhere. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Stink bugs are being reported in cotton and some soybeans at low levels. Corn harvest is continuing as weather permits. Peach harvest is winding up.”

Hugh Gray, Hampton County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending August 17, 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, Harvested	97	96	97	Peaches, Harvested	93	93	91
Corn, Doughed	100	99	100	Peanuts, Pegged	100	98	98
Corn, Matured	85	17	25	Soybeans, Bloomed	94	66	81
Corn, Harvested	19	(NA)	(NA)	Soybeans, Pods Set	36	17	42
Cotton, Squared	100	98	99	Tobacco, Harvested	74	62	71
Cotton, Bolls Set	94	67	77				

Condition for Week Ending August 17, 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>
Corn	1	7	26	58	8	Pasture	0	17	39	42	2
Cotton	0	4	21	65	10	Peanuts	0	2	16	68	14
Livestock	0	2	36	54	8	Soybeans	0	3	22	66	9

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending August 17, 2014

Cloudy, humid weather was observed on Monday with scattered thundershowers from York County southeastward to the coast. Twenty-four-hour rainfalls measured on Tuesday morning included 1.69 inches at Rock Hill, 0.93 inches at Chester, 1.40 inches at Cades and 2.24 inches at Beaufort. At 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the Kingstree AP reported a matching temperature and dewpoint value of 82 degrees and 100 percent relative humidity. At 6:00 p.m., the Walterboro AP reported the same conditions. Allendale noted the state's highest temperature of 95 degrees. A few single-cell thunderstorms developed across central South Carolina during the Tuesday afternoon and evening hours as a modified cold front slowly entered from the northwest. Localized, heavy rains fell over Winnsboro and Lugoff with 2.20 inches each and 2.80 inches were reported at Sandhill. The CoCoRaHS volunteer observer at Pawley's Island 3.4W measured an overnight rain of 4.60 inches. The Greenwood AP instruments 3:00 p.m. relative humidity value on Tuesday of 82 percent fell to 29 percent at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Sunrise temperatures on Thursday moved into the upper 50's over the Upstate and middle 60's along the coastal plain. Cedar Creek cooled to 59 degrees. It was 62 degrees in Newberry, 64 degrees at Shaw AFB and Hemingway, and 66 degrees in Allendale. At 3:00 p.m., Orangeburg and Charleston City noted sunny skies and 84 degrees. Three of the Georgetown County CoCoRaHS volunteer rainfall observers reported at least 12 inches of rain during the first two weeks of August. Florence and the McEntire ANG AP started Friday with a cool 63 degrees. Anderson and Bishopville warmed to 88 degrees. Afternoon temperatures began increasing on Saturday through Sunday. The Charleston AP recorded 95 degrees at 2:23 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday's isolated showers were limited to portions of the upper Savannah River basin. Clark's Hill and Sullivan's Island recorded a Sunday maximum temperature of 95 degrees. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was near the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 97 degrees at McCormick on August 12. The lowest official temperature reported was 58 degrees at Hunts Bridge, Long Creek, Chesnee, Ninety Nine Islands and Sandy Springs on August 14. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 4.74 inches at Kingstree ending at 7:00 a.m. on August 12. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.5 inches.

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

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near to below normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 85 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 83 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	0.00	23.34	-4.5
Greer AP	0.38	34.14	3.6
Charlotte, NC AP	0.89	33.48	6.8
Columbia Metro AP	0.02	27.99	-1.7
Orangeburg AP	1.70	34.95	3.9
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.33	28.28	-0.8
Florence AP	0.48	27.84	-0.4
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.21	26.33	-5.3
Charleston AP	0.91	34.99	2.8
Savannah, GA AP	0.49	34.88	3.4

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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