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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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 21st, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 1.1 inches. The State average temperature for the week was one degree above the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 4% very short, 20% short, 70% adequate, and 6% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 7% very short, 17% short, 73% adequate, and 3% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Most pasture conditions are not doing the best and army worms are being reported. Hay production is down and most cattle farmers are feeding winter hay already.”

Brandon Lambert, Fairfield County, District 20

“Corn harvest started. Soybeans are starting to turn color and drop leaves. Pastures are looking healthy but there have been reports of army worms.”

Brandon Lambert, Kershaw County, District 20

“A dry week allowed tobacco producers to finish up harvest so the crop is out of the field. The corn crop has also been harvested. Cotton defoliation has begun and the crop is a good one. Peanuts harvest is also beginning and the yields look good for that crop as well.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

“Farmers are digging peanuts and have begun harvesting a few acres. Cotton is opening up and fall vegetables are showing progress.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Hail reported in the eastern side of the county this week but only slight injury to crops.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

“Intermittent afternoon showers are maintaining soil moisture but slowing or stalling field work. Peanut harvest has begun for a number of growers. Many soybean growers have to apply controls for Velvetbean caterpillars. No other insect or disease problems reported.”

Hugh Gray, Hampton County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 21, 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>
Corn, Matured	100	100	100	Soybeans, Pods Set	93	76	89
Corn, Harvested	94	79	91	Soybeans, Turned Color	40	14	18
Cotton, Bolls Opened	71	43	63	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	7	3	3
Peanuts, Harvested	20	11	13	Tobacco, Harvested	100	97	98
Soybeans, Bloomed	100	96	98				

Condition for Week Ending September 21, 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>
Cotton	0	0	21	75	4	Peanuts	0	0	15	75	10
Livestock	3	8	28	59	2	Soybeans	0	3	25	67	5
Pasture	9	20	25	44	2						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending September 21, 2014

Cheraw, Sandhill, Johnston and Lake City started the week with a Monday low temperature of 65 degrees. Cloudy skies and passing showers were observed over the state. A few of the heavier rainfalls included 1.60 inches at Summerville and 1.57 inches at Blackville. Stormy weather on Tuesday produced one-inch hailstones over parts of Greenville County and a 66-mph wind gust near Tigerville. Barnwell and Beaufort warmed to 91 degrees. More one-inch hail fell during a late afternoon thunderstorm at Orangeburg. Allendale was the state's warm location on Wednesday with 89 degrees. Thursday's daybreak was obscured by areas of dense fog. Newberry, Winnsboro and Sumter all reported visibilities of less than one-quarter mile. An ill-defined boundary, best-placed through central South Carolina, separated the northern counties' cooler conditions from the seasonal warmth over the southern counties. At 2:00 p.m., Columbia, Darlington and Myrtle Beach each noted partly sunny skies and 81 degrees. Only an hour earlier, Charleston AP had met its maximum value for the day at 89 degrees. During the pre-dawn hours of Friday, a cluster of heavy thundershowers moved south through Lancaster County with flash flooding. The CoCoRaHS volunteer in Lancaster County measured 5.76 inches. Torrential rains continued, moving south through Kershaw and Richland counties. The Columbia Hamilton-Owens AP measured 1.59 inches of rain in twenty minutes. Portions of Interstate 20 and 26 were temporarily flooded due to slow drainage and roadbed ponding. Localized downpours extended their reach to the coast. McClellanville reported rains totaling 2.20 inches and Edisto Island received 2.00 inches. On Saturday, much of the coastal plain was cool and cloudy. The Charleston airport's afternoon high temperature of just 75 degrees was their "lowest maximum" since May 2. Barnwell's Sunday sunrise temperature of 57 degrees moved to a summer season-ending 91 degrees. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was one degree above the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 92 degrees at Summerville on September 15. The lowest official temperature reported was 54 degrees at Hunts Bridge and Spartanburg on September 21. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 2.65 inches at Chesterfield ending at 7:00 a.m. on September 17. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 1.1 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 76 degrees, Charleston 76 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 80 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 78 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	0.26	25.95	-6.3
Greer AP	0.45	38.50	3.6
Charlotte, NC AP	0.40	37.44	6.6
Columbia Metro AP	1.69	30.71	-3.8
Orangeburg AP	0.63	37.94	2.0
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.58	30.37	-2.7
Florence AP	0.06	35.64	2.5
N Myrtle Beach AP	1.22	32.45	-7.5
Charleston AP	3.57	42.14	1.9
Savannah, GA AP	1.01	39.75	2.0

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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