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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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 28th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.3 inches. The State average temperature for the week was two degree below the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 2% very short, 15% short, 76% adequate, and 7% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 7% very short, 13% short, 76% adequate, and 4% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“A wet, cool, cloudy week basically shut down field work last week. Some farmers were able to dig a few acres of peanuts on sand hills but that was about the extent of field activity. Farmers are hoping for drier weather to start peanut and cotton harvest at a steady pace.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

“Cloudy skies and misting rain have halted peanut harvest. Quality is becoming an issue after a week of rainy weather. Cotton defoliation is at a standstill until dry weather returns.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Wet conditions have kept farmers from harvesting peanuts that have been turned. Sunny, dryer conditions are needed to combine the peanuts. Some farmers have flown on defoliant on some cotton when conditions have allowed it.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Rainy weather this week has halted most field operations.”

Tim Davis, Richland County, District 50

“A week with little sunshine and rainy, heavily overcast days stalled most field work and peanut harvesting. Growers are becoming concerned about peanuts dropping off vines that have been dug. A few growers still have to apply controls for Velvetbean caterpillar. No other crop insect or disease problems reported. The weather this week has delayed the start of cotton picking. Bright sunshine and favorable weather is needed for the harvesting season.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 28, 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, Harvested	95	93	95	Soybeans, Pods Set	96	87	94
Cotton, Bolls Opened	79	54	72	Soybeans, Turned Color	51	24	29
Cotton, Harvested	7	2	6	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	14	8	9
Peanuts, Harvested	30	25	23	Soybeans, Mature	5	5	4

Condition for Week Ending September 28, 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	3	21	70	6	Peanuts	0	1	15	73	11
Livestock	3	9	30	52	6	Soybeans	1	2	24	65	8
Pasture	6	18	32	41	3						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending September 28, 2014

Parts of Dorchester County experienced flash flooding on Monday. The USGS rain gage near Turkey Creek in Huger recorded 4.39 inches of rain in 90 minutes. Most of the state would observe a five-day run of cloudy, cool, showery weather through Friday. Tuesday, the first full day of autumn, felt more like late November. At 1:11 p.m., Folly Island reported northeast winds gusting to 30 knots. Chester's high temperature was just 61 degrees. Most of the soaking rains fell across the coastal plain. Conway received 1.20 inches, the Georgetown AP 1.03 inches and McClellanville measured 0.92 inches. On Wednesday morning, the temperature at Johnston cooled to 52 degrees. Bishopville reported 55 degrees and the 57 degrees at Edisto Beach was their lowest temperature since May 19. At 9:15 a.m., Chester Catawba Regional AP instruments noted a crest of barometric pressure at 30.38 inches of mercury. The 65-degree high temperature in Orangeburg was their coolest afternoon since April 19. Showers at Clarks Hill left 0.47 inches and 0.45 inches fell at Dillon. At 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Spartanburg, Aiken and Marion all reported cloudy skies and 70 degrees. Friday seemed to copy Thursday's weather. Hemingway and Shaw AFB began the morning light with an overcast 64 degrees. A few ocean-bordering counties reported showers while drizzle and mist covered inland zones. Sullivan's Island reached 79 degrees on Friday afternoon. More sunshine hours on Saturday allowed for moderate warming. Union noted a maximum temperature of 81 degrees and the afternoon temperature in Beaufort rose to 83 degrees. Partly sunny weather on Sunday helped Summerville, Florence and N Myrtle Beach record 82 degrees. During Sunday's evening hours, more showers began falling over the central coast. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was two degrees below the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 91 degrees at Hardeeville on September 22. The lowest official temperature reported was 47 degrees at Caesars Head on September 24. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 5.51 inches at Huger Turkey Creek USGS ending at 7:00 a.m. on September 23. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.3 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 74 degrees, Charleston 76 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 75 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 75 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	0.00	25.95	-7.3
Greer AP	0.00	38.50	2.8
Charlotte, NC AP	0.22	37.66	6.1
Columbia Metro AP	0.17	30.88	-4.4
Orangeburg AP	0.53	38.47	1.7
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.24	30.61	-3.2
Florence AP	0.46	36.10	2.2
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.60	33.05	-8.2
Charleston AP	1.32	43.46	2.1
Savannah, GA AP	0.09	39.84	1.2

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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