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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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 19th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 1.0 inches. The State average temperature for the week was three degrees above the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 2% very short, 19% short, 77% adequate, and 2% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 6% very short, 17% short, 76% adequate, and 1% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Peanut harvest picked back up the end of the week. some cotton harvest beginning but will ramp up this week.”
Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Cotton harvest progressed at a good rate. Farmers with access to new equipment were able to cover ground at a rapid pace. Fall vegetables are progressing at a good rate. A few farmers are transplanting the last of their fall collards.”
Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Two thundershowers during the week dropped a couple of inches of rain stalling field work for two days. As weather permitted, cotton and peanut harvesting progressed at a rapid pace.”
Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 19, 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	99	98	100	Soybeans, Turned Color	82	59	72
Cotton, Bolls Opened	92	75	90	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	52	24	34
Cotton, Harvested	25	10	27	Soybeans, Mature	34	18	25
Oats, Planted	19	9	17	Soybeans, Harvested	12	4	8
Peanuts, Harvested	52	55	63	Winter Wheat, Planted	30	13	20
Soybeans, Pods Set	100	95	99				

Condition for Week Ending October 19, 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	4	25	61	10	Peanuts	0	3	19	66	12
Livestock	0	5	36	56	3	Soybeans	1	4	21	63	11
Pasture	0	7	42	49	2						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending October 19, 2014

A warm boundary began to replace the cooler conditions on Monday. At noon, it was 65 degrees at Clemson AP, 75 degrees at Columbia Metro AP and 85 degrees at Charleston AP. Localized downpours brought Pawley's Island 2.56 inches of rain and 1.98 inches fell at Hemingway. South winds on Tuesday gusted to 35 mph at Orangeburg AP and heavy rains developed over the mountain counties. Twenty-four-hour rainfall amounts measured on Wednesday morning included 3.96 inches at Caesars Head, 3.58 inches at Jocassee Dam and 3.16 inches at both Long Creek and Keowee Dam. Multi-day rain reports for central and eastern zones indicated 1.88 inches at the USC Columbia Campus, 1.48 inches at Darlington, 1.36 inches at Greenwood, 1.70 inches at Allendale and 1.37 inches at Edisto Island. Florence Regional AP received the state's least rainfall amount with just 0.13 inches. West to east clearing on Wednesday revealed bright blue skies and noticeably cooler temperatures. Airport instruments at Greenville-Spartanburg and Rock Hill recorded a Thursday afternoon high temperature of 69 degrees. On Friday morning, the Conway AP cooled to 46 degrees. Newberry, Johnston and Hartsville all reported a mild Friday afternoon temperature of 77 degrees. Mostly sunny weather on Saturday helped Barnwell, Cades and Charleston reach 85 degrees out ahead of the arrival of more seasonal cooling for Sunday. Walterboro's Sunday sunrise temperature of 53 degrees never made it to 70 degrees. Cades, located in Williamsburg County, with just 0.34 inches of rain for October 2014 is on pace to observe its second driest (October 2000 no rain) over the past twenty years. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was three degrees above the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 90 degrees at Walterboro on October 14. The lowest official temperature reported was 36 degrees at Jocassee 8WNW on October 17. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 5.52 inches at Jocassee 8WNW ending at 7:00 a.m. on October 15. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 1.0 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 70 degrees, Charleston 71 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 74 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 72 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	2.11	29.28	-6.0
Greer AP	1.76	42.21	4.1
Charlotte, NC AP	0.73	38.61	4.6
Columbia Metro AP	1.37	33.93	-3.6
Orangeburg AP	0.97	40.15	0.6
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.08	31.19	-5.1
Florence AP	0.13	37.49	1.3
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.35	33.57	-10.7
Charleston AP	0.85	44.85	0.5
Savannah, GA AP	0.99	41.50	-0.1

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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