According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

The remaining acres of corn are being harvested this week ahead of the uncertain path of Hurricane Matthew. Cotton, peanut, and soybean farmers are hoping for minimal impact as these crops continue to mature.

Good weather conditions have allowed farmers to turn peanuts and harvest them when they are dry enough. Fall greens look good, but some areas of the county need rain to keep the crop progressing.

Rain late last week in certain areas in Hampton County slowed peanut harvest and cotton defoliation. The rest of Allendale and Hampton Counties could use some rain and a few more heat units to finish out the crops. Yields seem to be lower than expected for peanuts. I believe this is due to excessive amounts of rain received in late May. Peanut maturity is also slowing way down due to the cool nights. Cotton is being defoliated and harvest should really get going sometime around the middle of the week. Soybean harvest for the most part is still a few weeks away but in drought stressed fields, leaves have to start to drop.
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