May 1, 2017

General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.3 inches of rain up to 8.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments
Farmers were pleased to receive some valuable rainfall. The rain greened up the pastures, allowing great grazing conditions. Nearly all corn is planted and emerging with good conditions. Peanut planting started and should be in full swing over the next few weeks.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Horry County received several inches of rain early in the week. Since we have been considerably dry during the last three to four months, the rain was more than welcome and benefited the crops. Most of the wheat has flowered. Tobacco transplants are starting to take root nicely. Farmers are starting to plant peanuts.

William Hardee, Horry County

Recent rains have brought welcomed relief to the drought in Oconee County. We certainly have not made up for the rain shortage, but things are improving.

Morris Warner, Oconee County

A thunder storm passed over Allendale County on Sunday and Monday, April 23 and 24, providing heavy rain that relieved drought conditions in most areas. As a result, corn improved. Additionally, peanut and cotton growers began planting at a rapid pace. Pastures improved somewhat. No crop insect or disease problems reported. High temperatures during the end of the week coupled with rapidly growing crops quickly removed soil moisture. More rain will be needed shortly. Small grain is drying down quickly, and harvest will begin soon.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County
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