General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 4, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments
Most full-season soybeans have been planted. Recent rains slowed down small grain harvesting. There is plenty of soil moisture right now. Heavy rains over the past few weeks damaged some soybeans due to flooding.

Chris Talley, Anderson County
Horry County is experiencing favorable growing conditions, but insect pressure is increasing. Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in tobacco has reached a 10 to 30 percent infestation rate across the county. Some of the earliest planted corn is tasseling.

William Hardee, Horry County
A severe thunderstorm with straight line winds, hail, and heavy rain ravished the northern portion of the county on Saturday afternoon. Some tobacco farmers had several fields that will be a total loss along with significant damage to corn. Otherwise, corn looks really good with most of the crop in full tassel.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County
Early cotton has grown out of thrips damage, and later planted cotton and peanuts benefited from lower thrips numbers. Rain is needed across the area. Irrigation systems are busy.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County
Tomato harvesting has begun.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 29, 2017 to June 04, 2017
http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/

Average Temperature (°F)
May 29, 2017 to June 04, 2017
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U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

May 30, 2017
(Released Thursday, Jun. 1, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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