General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 1.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments
Cooler nighttime temperatures and dryer conditions are progressing well, helping area cotton and peanut farmers harvest this year’s crop. Soybeans are starting to shed leaves, and harvest is set to begin in a couple weeks.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County
Cotton and peanut harvest is full speed ahead while experiencing dryer weather. As harvest continues, we are seeing that cotton appears to have experienced minimal damage from Hurricane Irma in most areas of the county. Soybeans are nearly ready for harvest as many are dropping leaves quickly.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County
Due to good weather conditions, harvest is progressing well. Fall greens that are irrigated are progressing well, but dryland greens are not progressing much. Direct-seeded greens are spotty, having germinated only where there was adequate soil moisture.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County
A week of cooler temperatures, sunny days, and no measurable rainfall allowed harvest of peanuts, cotton, and soybeans to move along at a good pace. Most growers are pleased with crop yields. Growers have slowed all fall planting to focus on crop harvesting. Most areas need a good rain.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/22/17

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<th>Crop stage</th>
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<th>Prev year (percent)</th>
<th>5 Year avg (percent)</th>
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### Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/22/17

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