General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 26, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.88 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments
Some corn began to tassel. All dryland corn is under heat and drought stress. Tomatoes are blooming, but not setting much fruit due to the heat. Some industrial hemp was transplanted on sites that had irrigation. Dryland transplanting is held up due to drought.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County
High heat and lack of rainfall is beginning to take a toll on dryland crops. Fortunately, cotton and peanuts are small and water demand is relatively low. Dryland corn is taking a hit but recovering overnight thus far. Continued hot and dry conditions will begin to do severe damage if it continues much longer.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County
Rain is desperately needed. Corn is suffering from extreme high temperatures and no rainfall.

JoAnne Deer, Barnwell County
Another week with blistering heat and no rainfall is reducing condition and yield potential for all dryland crops. Dryland corn has discolored leaves and has rolled leaves all day. Irrigated crops are progressing well. Irrigated corn tasseled in many fields. Dryland corn is stunted from lack of soil moisture. Small grain harvest continued. No crop insect or disease problems reported.

Hugh B Gray, Allendale County
For the state’s complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php]

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

May 21, 2019
(Released Thursday, May 23, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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Intensity:
- None
- D2 Severe Drought
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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