According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 3, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.27 inches of rain up to 7.29 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments
Last week’s rains were beneficial for fall planted crops, but slowed down cotton, soybean, peanut, and sweet potato harvesting. The peanut and sweet potato harvests should be wrapping up soon. Strawberries and brassicas were looking good, with few problems observed.

W Bruce McLean, Horry County

We got some rain from thunderstorms last week and the weather has turned significantly cooler since. We are seeing a few spider mites on strawberries. Caterpillar populations are still low on brassicas and disease has been relatively low also. Producers were still picking some last minute fall squash, zucchini, peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes.

Justin Ballew, Lexington County

A couple of misty mornings and a thunderstorm during the week slowed fieldwork somewhat. Cotton, soybean, and peanut harvests continued as weather permitted. Small grain and winter cover crop planting continued as weather permitted. After nearly six weeks of drought conditions, we now have adequate moisture in the topsoil and subsoil.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County