General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 19, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s.

Crops
Areas along the coast that received no rain or only some scattered showered during the week had fields dry out from the previous week’s heavy rain. Abundant sunshine and minimal rainfall in central South Carolina increased crop stress, especially in non-irrigated corn. Cotton square retention looked good.

Fruits and vegetables were maturing nicely with good condition overall, but some non-irrigated vegetables were beginning to show signs of heat stress. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested. Field preparations for fall crops continued, with some producers beginning to transplant vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures
Drier weather this week was ideal for hay baling. Rain received prior to the current dry spell produced good hay yields. Pasture condition improved slightly after the previous week’s ample rain. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.