General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 26, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 7.9 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
Weeks of sporadic thunderstorms have left some counties with surplus soil moisture while other counties entered into abnormally dry conditions. Peanut fungicide programs were mostly on schedule in central counties, and final weed control was being applied. As aphid populations in cotton dropped, producers shifted their focus to stinkbugs. Tobacco harvesting began across several counties.

Pecan growers thinned trees as needed. Most of the spring and summer fruit and vegetable crops have been harvested. Field preparations for fall vegetable crops continued. Some fall brassicas and cucurbits have been planted and were looking good.

Livestock and Pastures
Despite spotty afternoon showers bringing relief to some dry pastures, the high temperatures depleted soil moisture quickly in much of the state. The inconsistent rainfall has led to mixed performance of pasture grasses. Both cattle and pasture condition declined slightly statewide because of the persistent heat and either too much or too little rain, depending on the county.