General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 18, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.4 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.

Crops
Spotty showers maintained adequate soil moisture for most areas. Cooler temperatures and lower humidity made fieldwork easier for farmers. Peanut digging picked up pace as well as combining. Heavy dews and shorter days limited suitable combining hours. Cotton defoliation was in full swing, although actual harvest was just beginning. Some farmers began planting cover crops for next season.

Brassica crops continued to look good and grow well; however, caterpillar populations remained high. Fall greens were progressing nicely, and some of the early transplanted collards were large enough for sale. Pest pressure was relatively low in the Pee Dee region. In the Midlands region, producers were still seeing a fair amount of powdery mildew and downy mildew in cucurbits and anthracnose in peppers. Strawberry planting began and progressed well with good field conditions. Concerns were noted about deer being a threat to newly planted strawberries.

Livestock and Pastures
In the Upstate region, fields were tilled in preparation for winter wheat and pasture renovations and overseeding. Overall cattle condition remained mostly good. Pasture condition had a slight increase in the fair category.
For the state’s complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

October 13, 2020
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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

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