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South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

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GENERAL

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 8th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.3 inches. The State average temperature for the week was three degrees above the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 5% very short, 26% short, 63% adequate, and 6% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 1% very short, 28% short, 67% adequate, and 4% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

"Bermuda grass progress is off to a slow start this year. Overall conditions are dry and hot."

Danny Howard, Greenville County, District 10

"A much drier pattern last week coupled with the week before is beginning to raise a few eyebrows among farmers. Although we are not in a drought condition the absence of rain this week will cause major concern among our producers especially with the corn crop about to tassel. One area of the county last Thursday did receive a severe thunderstorm that included hail, and high winds with some rotation. A few roofs were riffed off of structures and trees were snapped into along with a few light poles. The area of damage was very small but significant."

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

"Crops are progressing. Moisture conditions vary, depending on where rains showers occur. Wheat harvesting, and soybean planting is progressing where farmers have enough moisture to plant."

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

"A number of areas received afternoon showers but many areas still need rain. Leaves on older dry land corn are curling in the afternoon in some areas. Small grain harvest is continuing but is being slowed in some areas due to afternoon rains. This is also slowing the double crop planting of soybeans. Peach harvest is continuing. Routine pest controls are being applied to peaches. No serious pest problems reported."

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 8, 2014

Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg
	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent	Percent
Cantaloup, Planted	94	100	99	Rye, Harvested	39	21	35
Corn, Silked	16	21	32	Snapbeans, Fresh, Planted	68	98	100
Cotton, Planted	98	87	94	Soybeans, Planted	67	62	66
Cucumbers, Fresh, Planted	93	97	99	Soybeans, Emerged	53	41	50
Cucumbers, Fresh, Harvested	26	5	30	Tobacco, Transplanted	80	100	100
Oats, Turned Color	98	98	100	Tobacco, Topped	4	9	9
Oats, Ripe	92	78	89	Tomatoes, Fresh, Planted	95	100	100
Oats, Harvested	36	33	45	Watermelons, Planted	97	100	100
Peaches, Harvested	14	14	17	Winter Wheat, Turning Color	100	99	100
Peanuts, Planted	100	95	95	Winter Wheat, Ripe	95	66	84
Rye, Turned Color	97	95	98	Winter Wheat, Harvested	30	9	32
Rye, Ripe	84	59	75				

Condition for Week Ending June 8, 2014

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cantaloup	0	4	44	52	0	Peaches	7	8	51	30	4
Corn	0	1	23	69	7	Rye	0	1	24	75	0
Cotton	0	4	26	64	6	Snapbeans	0	0	25	75	0
Cucumbers	0	0	25	75	0	Tobacco	0	0	32	60	8
Hay	0	3	50	45	2	Tomatoes	0	0	30	58	12
Livestock	0	0	19	75	6	Watermelons	0	6	28	66	0
Oats	0	0	17	73	10	Winter Wheat	0	3	21	64	12
Pasture	0	6	44	49	1						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending June 8, 2014

On Monday morning, Hemingway and Clinton cooled to 54 degrees. The Greenville-Spartanburg AP and N Myrtle Beach AP each shared an afternoon high temperature of a mild 77 degrees. At 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the Myrtle Beach Springmaid Pier noted a matching surf water and air temperature of 76.3 degrees. Inland locations warmed into the middle and upper 80's. Sunny weather on Wednesday sent the mercury to 94 degrees at Clinton and Union. The Thursday sunrise temperature at Columbia Metro AP (76 degrees) and Columbia Hamilton-Owens AP (75 degrees) was the warmest morning for each since August 13, 2013. Mid-afternoon thunderstorms formed over west-central South Carolina. Instruments at the Savannah River Site in Aiken County measured a thunderstorm wind gust of 66 mph at 3:30 p.m. Storms near Beaufort left 0.85 inches of rain and a CoCoRaHS volunteer at Pawley's Island received 1.92 inches of rain. Friday's heating caused thunderstorms over the Upstate and south Midlands. Two-inch diameter hail fell near Walhalla. At 8:46 p.m., a short-duration tornado, rated EF0 by an NWS survey team, passed southeast of Bamberg with golfballsized hail. Walterboro reported a soaking 1.72 inches of rain. Widely scattered thundershowers were observed on Saturday and Sunday. Twenty-four-hour rainfall totals into Sunday morning included 1.56 inches at Walhalla, 1.23 inches at Little Mountain and 1.15 inches at Rock Hill. Increased cloudiness on Sunday limited the afternoon heating. Greenwood AP and Ninety-Nine Islands were the only locations to reach 90 degrees. Despite localized downpours during the last half of the week, Pickens, Clinton, Greenwood and Andrews reported no rain during the week. Less than one-tenth of an inch of rain was measured at Cheraw, Calhoun Falls and Manning. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was three degrees above the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 96 degrees at Columbia Metro AP, Florence Regional AP and Jamestown on June 5. The lowest official temperature reported was 50 degrees at Cedar Creek and Pelion on June 2. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 1.88 inches at Mullins ending at 7:00 a.m. on June 6. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.3 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 78 degrees, Charleston 79 degrees. RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 80 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 80 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly	Jan 1	Departure		
Location	Total	Total	from Avg		
Anderson AP	0.27	17.84	-1.5		
Greer AP	0.16	19.97	-0.5		
Charlotte, NC AP	1.19	23.98	6.0		
Columbia Metro AP	0.10	19.06	1.4		
Orangeburg AP	0.42	19.25	0.3		
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.08	18.94	0.3		
Florence AP	0.14	17.48	0.9		
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.16	13.14	-5.4		
Charleston AP	0.86	18.11	0.5		
Savannah, GA AP	1.47	17.26	-0.4		

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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