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**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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SPECIAL NOTE: Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were cancelled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

GENERAL

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service South Carolina Field Office, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 5th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.7 inches. The State average temperature for the week was near the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 3% very short, 14% short, 78% adequate, and 5% surplus. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 8% very short, 13% short, 76% adequate, and 3% surplus.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Army worms continue to be a contributing factor in pasture conditions. Rains have been very light and scattered, however some cells have dumped large amounts on small areas.”

Mike Price, Anderson County, District 10

“The county had its first light frost on Sunday morning, October 5th.”

Danny Howard, Greenville County, District 10

“Late leaf spot is hammering peanuts. Cotton defoliation is high.”

Cory Heaton, Chester County, District 20

“Friday showers slowed peanut harvest over the weekend.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Sunny conditions allowed farmers to start harvesting peanuts and defoliate cotton. I have not seen any cotton being picked in my area as of week's end. Fall vegetables are progressing well.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A week of bright sunshine allowed good progress to resume in peanut harvesting. A thunderstorm on Friday afternoon dropped about an inch of rain which halted field work and peanut harvesting for the week. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Cotton harvesting has begun.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg
	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, Harvested	97	NA	97	Soybeans, Turned Color	59	NA	42
Cotton, Bolls Opened	83	NA	80	Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	23	NA	16
Cotton, Harvested	13	NA	12	Soybeans, Mature	10	NA	10
Peanuts, Harvested	34	NA	36	Winter Wheat, Planted	20	NA	13
Soybeans, Pods Set	97	NA	97				

Condition for Week Ending October 5, 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
Cotton	0	3	27	64	6	Peanuts	0	0	17	72	11
Livestock	0	9	32	54	5	Soybeans	1	4	28	58	9
Pasture	6	13	37	42	2						

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending October 5, 2014

Localized heavy rains fell over the central coast during the pre-dawn hours of Monday morning. Edisto Beach measured 2.40 inches. At noon, light rain was falling at Rock Hill, Florence and Beaufort. Twenty-four-hour rainfall amounts measured on Tuesday morning included 1.25 inches at Greenwood and Summerville, 1.22 inches at McCormick and 1.00 inches at Hemingway. Clearing, cooler conditions were observed on September's end of the month. At 2:00 p.m., Greenville, Darlington and N Myrtle Beach all reported sunny skies and 81 degrees. The 30-day rainfall range indicated a heaviest total of 11.32 inches at Pinopolis Dam and a least total of 1.90 inches at Travelers Rest. The 18 days of measurable rain at Charleston AP tied their September record set in 1979. Union's October start at 56 degrees warmed under an all day sun to 88 degrees. On Thursday, Sandy Springs, Aiken, Lake City and Adams Run all reached 85 degrees. Showers began arriving on Friday morning for the South Carolina mountains in advance of an approaching cold front. Table Rock State Park reported a rainfall of 0.81 inches. Thundershowers developed over central counties producing rainfall amounts of 1.70 inches at Batesburg, 1.60 inches at Edgefield and 1.11 inches at Columbia Metro AP. Charleston and Beaufort held on to another warm day at 86 degrees. Gusting west to northwest surface winds delivered modified Canadian air to the state on Saturday. Saluda's Saturday maximum temperature was 68 degrees. The season's coldest temperatures were observed on Sunday morning. Hunts Bridge recorded a freezing 32 degrees and Fountain Inn was nearly as cold with 33 degrees. Patchy ground and rooftop frost was seen in Anderson, Pickens, Greenville and Spartanburg counties. The 40-degree minimum at Cades was their coldest value since April 18. York recorded a Sunday high temperature of 64 degrees. It was 68 degrees in Clinton and 72 degrees in Summerville. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was near the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 89 degrees at Cheraw on October 1 and at Clarks Hill and Cades on October 2. The lowest official temperature reported was 31 degrees at Long Creek on October 5. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 4.20 inches at Sullivan's Island ending at 7:00 a.m. on September 29. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.7 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 69 degrees, Charleston 71 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were near normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 75 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 75 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	0.62	26.57	-7.3
Greer AP	0.60	39.10	2.6
Charlotte, NC AP	0.12	37.78	5.4
Columbia Metro AP	1.12	32.00	-4.0
Orangeburg AP	0.71	39.18	1.3
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.50	31.11	-3.6
Florence AP	1.26	37.36	2.6
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.17	33.22	-9.2
Charleston AP	0.54	44.00	1.5
Savannah, GA AP	0.67	40.51	0.8

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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