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**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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GENERAL

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 16th, 2014. The State average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.0 inches. The State average temperature for the week was four degrees below the long-term average. Soil moisture ratings for topsoil were reported at 2% very short, 40% short, and 58% adequate. Soil moisture ratings for subsoil were reported at 3% very short, 32% short, and 65% adequate.

COUNTY AGENTS COMMENTS

“Harvest weather has been pretty good. Some wheat has been planted, but not expecting large wheat acreage this year due to low price. Soybean and cotton harvest is still in progress.”

William Hardee, Horry County, District 30

“Good weather conditions have allowed harvesting operations to progress at a good pace. A few farmers have stated that they should be finished harvesting soybeans by week's end. Fall, irrigated vegetables are looking good, and farmers should have product to sell during the Thanksgiving market window.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“The weather was mostly favorable for cotton, peanut and soybean harvesting to continue at a good pace. Peanut harvested is complete. No measurable rainfall this week. Rain is needed for small grain planting and emergence.”

Hugh Gray, Hampton County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 16, 2014

Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg	Crop and Stage	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, Harvested	89	59	72	Soybeans, Mature	97	85	85
Oats, Planted	58	49	56	Soybeans, Harvested	68	40	45
Oats, Emerged	31	32	40	Winter Wheat, Planted	68	48	46
Peanuts, Harvested	98	100	97	Winter Wheat, Emerged	37	19	24
Soybeans, Leaves Dropped	100	90	93				

Condition for Week Ending November 16, 2014

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	0	0	33	62	5	Soybeans	0	3	14	69	14
Pasture	1	10	39	48	2	Winter Wheat	0	0	83	17	0

South Carolina Weekly Weather Summary for the Week Ending November 16, 2014

Most of South Carolina observed their second consecutive week with no rain. Afternoon high temperatures on Monday reached 65 degrees at Chester, Hemingway and Charleston. A brief coastal shower brought McClellanville and the Georgetown County AP 0.05 inches of rain. Sandy Springs reported a Tuesday morning sub-freezing 31 degrees. Bright and warming sunshine on Tuesday afternoon resulted in a 77-degree high temperature at Union, Bennettsville and Edisto Island. Rock Hill's Wednesday morning 6:00 a.m. temperature of 40 degrees climbed to 77 degrees at 3:00 p.m. It was quite warm for the date with 82 degrees at Barnwell and 80 degrees at Orangeburg. Fountain Inn and Darlington recorded 79 degrees. Thursday's cloud layer over Aiken and Johnston only allowed for a high temperature of 58 degrees. Spotty light rains fell at Lake City (0.05 inches) and at Marion (0.03 inches). A boundary of more seasonal cold arrived for Friday. At 8:00 a.m., Florence noted 42 degrees and north winds of 18 mph. The Laurens County AP 11:00 a.m. temperature of 37 degrees was 20 degrees colder than at the same hour on Thursday. McCormick's Friday high temperature only made it to 42 degrees. Autumn's coldest air was observed on Saturday morning. Chesnee's 19 degrees was their lowest temperature since February 1, 2014. Newberry recorded a morning minimum of 23 degrees; it was 24 degrees at Johnston, 27 degrees at Hemingway and 32 degrees at Edisto Island. At 10:00 a.m., instruments at the Greenwood County AP noted a peak barometric pressure value of 30.48 inches of mercury. Despite the sunny, clear conditions, the 46-degree Saturday high temperature at Little Mountain and Mullins was over twenty degrees below the date's average value. During the late morning hours, light rains formed over the central coastal counties and moved northward into the Pee Dee region. Dillon received 0.20 inches of rain and 0.16 inches fell at the Georgetown County North Inlet gage. Variable surface winds on Sunday made an effort to bring milder air into the state with high temperature values ranging from Anderson's 55 degrees to Beaufort's 66 degrees. More light rain began arriving for parts of the Upstate during the evening hours. The state average temperature for the seven-day period was four degrees below the long-term average.

The highest official temperature reported was 83 degrees at Cheraw on November 12. The lowest official temperature reported was 18 degrees at Caesars Head on November 15. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 0.24 inches at Charleston AP on November 16. The state average rainfall for the seven-day period was 0.0 inches.

SOIL: 4-inch depth soil temperature: Columbia 55 degrees, Charleston 56 degrees.

RIVERS AND SURF: South Carolina river stages were below normal. Charleston Harbor reported a water temperature of 60 degrees and Springmaid Pier at Myrtle Beach reported a surf water temperature of 59 degrees.

Precipitation

Location	Weekly Total	Jan 1 Total	Departure from Avg.
Anderson AP	0.01	29.48	-9.0
Greer AP	0.00	42.52	1.3
Charlotte, NC AP	0.01	39.43	2.6
Columbia Metro AP	0.00	34.67	-5.4
Orangeburg AP	0.01	40.72	-1.3
Augusta, GA Bush AP	0.00	31.47	-7.3
Florence AP	0.02	38.12	-0.5
N Myrtle Beach AP	0.06	34.93	-12.2
Charleston AP	0.24	45.36	-1.4
Savannah, GA AP	0.00	41.90	-2.0

Weekly rainfall totals this period ending midnight Sunday.

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