

SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL WEATHER ADVISORY
AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OFFICE, CLEMSON
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SOUTH CAROLINA...ALL ZONES..

THE MAJOR WEATHER QUESTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HUGO?

THE AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OFFICE PHONE IS ALREADY RINGING WITH QUESTIONS ON POSSIBLE HARVEST ACTIONS.

COTTON...

COTTON IN MANY SECTIONS OF THE STATE IS READY FOR DEFOLIATION. SHOULD YOU DEFOLIATE NOW OR WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE STORM PASSES BY?

WE ARE GOING INTO AN EXTENDED WET PERIOD. SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ASSOCIATED WITH A WEATHER FRONT ARE MOVING INTO THE COASTAL PLAINS AND MIDLANDS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. THE HURRICANE WILL BE AFFECTING OUR WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND.

DRYING WILL BE VERY SLOW FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. WET FOLIAGE WILL ALLOW DISEASE DEVELOPMENT AND REDUCE QUALITY OF UNOPENED BOLLS.

WINDS CAN DEVASTATE A CROP THROUGH LODGING. IF LEAVES ARE REMOVED, WIND RESISTANCE IS LOWERED. THE CROP CAN WITHSTAND FASTER WINDS AND DRIVING RAINS WHEN LEAVES ARE NOT PRESENT. DRYING AFTER STORM PASSAGE WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED SINCE SUNSHINE CAN GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE CANOPY.

CORN...

NATURAL AIR DRYING OF CORN WILL BE SLOWED DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. LACK OF SUNSHINE AND INCREASING HUMIDITY MEANS THAT YOU NEED TO MONITOR YOUR BINS FOR SIGNS OF MOISTURE ACCUMULATION.

PEANUTS...

PEANUTS SHOULD BE DUG AND PUT ON TOP OF THE GROUND. LOSSES ARE MUCH LOWER WHEN DUG THAN IF LEFT UNDERGROUND. DRYING IS QUICKER AFTER STORM PASSAGE AND DISEASE PRESSURE IS REDUCED.

HAY...

FORGET ABOUT HAY UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

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