

# Temperatures of 100 recorded in several cities

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Temperatures topped 100 again Saturday after two weeks of a triple-digit heat wave blamed for at least 22 deaths, and farmers in South Carolina lined up for free hay from the Midwest in the midst of a drought that has cost growers in the Southeast millions of dollars.

Columbia, S.C., hit a record 106 degrees by late afternoon Saturday, the 14th consecutive day the city has hit 100 or higher. The heat index, a measure of how hot it felt with high humidity and little wind, was expected to reach 120 in South Carolina, the National Weather Service said.

Augusta, Ga., also hit a record 103 degrees, the 31st straight day of 90-plus temperatures in that east Georgia city.

Other records included 102 at Charlotte, N.C.; 100 at Jacksonville; 100 at Columbus, Ga.; 101 at Atlanta; 96 at Mobile, Ala. A high of 98 was recorded in Gainesville at UF's agronomy station Saturday. Charlotte's high tied a record that has stood since 1886. And Memphis, Tenn., hit 101, the hottest the city has been since Sept. 16, 1980.

Temperatures also were into the 90s by midday in parts of Kentucky, Arkansas and

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Virginia. The humidity in Georgia ranged up to 60 percent.

"We've sure had a big crowd. Heavier than usual because of the heat and humidity," manager Henry Agusiewicz said Saturday at a public pool in Washington, D.C. "This summer has been unbelievable, no respite."

Thunderstorms provided brief respites from the heat in parts of North Carolina and Alabama.

Heat has been blamed on the deaths this month of at least eight people in Georgia, four in North Carolina, three in Indiana, two in Missouri and one each in South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Two Air Force C-141 Starlifter cargo jets landed Saturday at an airport outside Greenville, S.C., with 2,000 bales of hay, about 45 tons, donated by Illinois farmers. Two more planeloads were scheduled for Monday.