



Climate services as practised in the southeast USA

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The SOUTHEAST CLIMATE CONSORTIUM has developed a useful CLIMATE SERVICES model for all agriculture and forestry in the Southeast USA since 1995. Eight universities, primarily land grant schools, develop productive delivery methods of timely climate information for our users by partnering with Ag Extension Services and state climatologists in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and the Carolinas. Decision points of the user are fundamental to the usefulness. Tercile forecasts have not been found to be useable. In order to be useful, the climate forecast must be available before the decision deadline. It must be in variables that the user understands. And usually related to past events. In the SE USA, the ENSO signal is very dominant and AGW is minimum. Therefore many good and money saving forecasts can be delivered. A decision support website has been delivered: <http://agroclimate.org/>