Heat wave scorches more records

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina has suffered through another day of record-breaking heat.

The high at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport reached 109 degrees on Saturday, matching the hottest temperature ever reached in 125 years at the city's official recording station.

Florence set a record for the day at 104 degrees, and the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport also set a record for June 30 at 103 degrees.

The National Weather Service says Friday may also have been the hottest day ever recorded in state history. Stations in Johnston in Edgefield County and on the University of South Carolina campus in Columbia reported 113 degrees, but those measurements will have to be confirmed with the State Climate Office on Monday.

The current state record is 111 degrees in Camden in June 1954.

The heat wave in the Upstate will continue today, according to the National Weather Service in Greer. The high in Greenville is expected to be 99 degrees. It will be mostly sunny, with a slight chance of showers after 3 p.m., according to the Weather Service.

Highs are expected to stay in the upper 90s until Friday, when a 93-degree day is forecast. It is expected to be mostly sunny, with a high near 96 on the Fourth of July.