



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 23, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 6.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Afternoon thunderstorms continued during the week, giving relief in most areas of the county. Fieldwork continues on schedule with only minor disruptions.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Rain events are keeping crops progressing, and good yields are possible. Insect pressure is on the rise for both row crops and vegetable crops. Disease pressure is also a threat due to hot, humid conditions. Some farmers are getting ready for fall vegetable planting as weather permits.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

A couple of thundershowers in most areas of Allendale and Hampton counties coupled with high temperatures eased shortness of soil moisture and improved condition and yield potential for cotton, peanuts, and soybeans this week. Corn is drying down quickly, and harvest will begin in a couple of weeks for many growers. We have the best corn yield potential that we have had in many years. Peanut growers are maintaining routine fungicide applications. Watermelon harvest is wrapping up.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/23/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	52	47	52	35
Cotton - Squaring	82	69	84	84
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	53	33	38	44
Hay - 2nd Cutting	25	6	59	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	62	54	81	75
Peanuts - Pegging.....	85	78	89	87
Soybeans - Blooming	32	28	30	29
Soybeans - Setting Pods	3	0	NA	NA
Tobacco - Topped	89	75	90	91
Tobacco - Harvested.....	24	20	24	NA

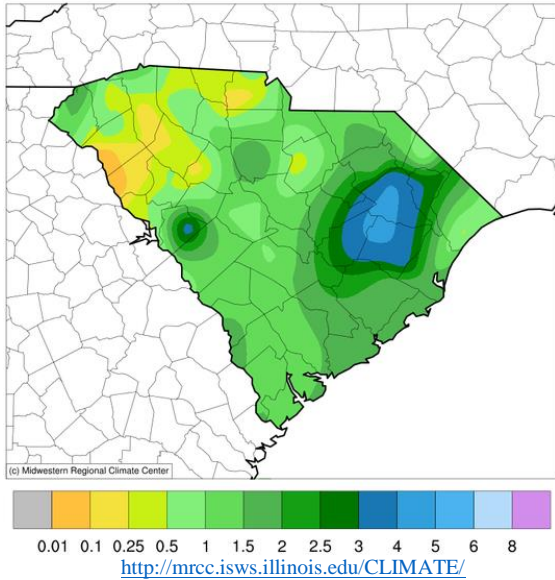
Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/23/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	17	75	8
Corn	0	0	3	79	18
Cotton	0	0	3	49	48
Pasture and range.....	0	2	18	71	9
Peanuts.....	0	0	2	56	42
Soybeans.....	0	0	6	64	30
Tobacco.....	3	21	33	39	4

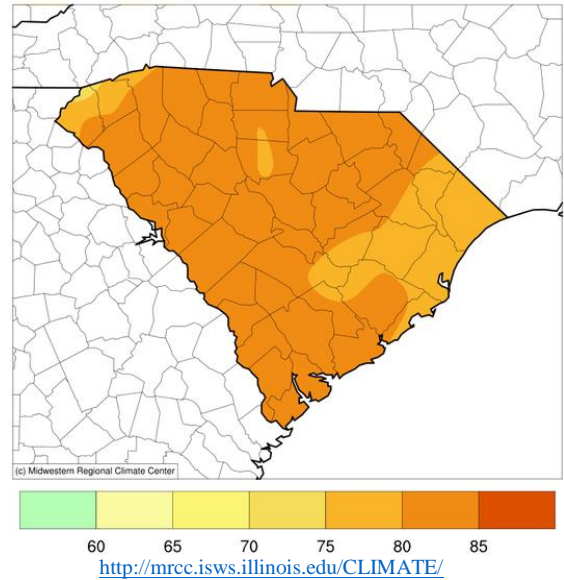
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/23/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	9
Short.....	12	7	34
Adequate.....	85	83	50
Surplus.....	3	10	7
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	6	8	NA
Adequate.....	91	82	NA
Surplus.....	3	10	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 17, 2017 to July 23, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
July 17, 2017 to July 23, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

July 18, 2017

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-11-2017	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-18-2017	6.95	93.05	38.71	3.33	1.63	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-19-2016	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.70	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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