



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 19, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 1.12 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Good weather conditions have allowed farm operations to progress. Fall greens planting is progressing at a good pace.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

A few days without rain allowed growers to get in the fields. Fall watermelon crop is looking great. Brassica transplants are beginning to be planted in fields.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

Despite a week of scattered thunderstorms, most field activities were carried out in a timely fashion. Corn harvest is beginning and early planted cotton is cut out.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

High temperatures with only a couple of very widely scattered showers this week allowed most fields to somewhat dry out. Corn harvest resumed at a rapid pace. Other crops are progressing well with no crop insects or disease problems reported. A few fields of cotton have bolls opening at the bottom.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/19/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	82	65	93	89
Corn - Harvested	7	NA	26	26
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	80	75	83	87
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	4	1	8	4
Hay - 2nd Cutting	65	54	85	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	74	72	90	94
Peanuts - Pegging.....	91	88	96	99
Soybeans - Blooming	75	58	84	81
Soybeans - Setting Pods	39	27	41	34
Tobacco - Harvested.....	45	39	54	66

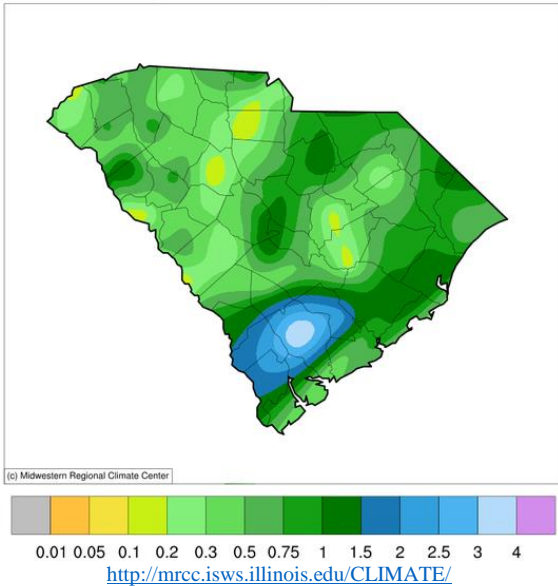
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/19/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	20	77	2
Corn	1	6	21	52	20
Cotton	0	3	20	55	22
Pasture and range.....	0	1	21	74	4
Peanuts.....	0	1	6	49	44
Soybeans	1	5	22	62	10
Tobacco	1	8	40	48	3

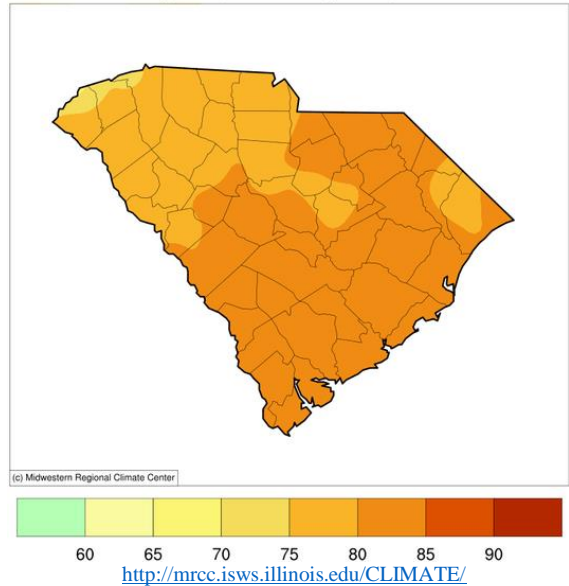
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/19/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	9	1	NA
Adequate.....	89	80	NA
Surplus.....	2	19	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	6	3	NA
Adequate.....	93	79	NA
Surplus.....	1	18	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 13, 2018 to August 19, 2018



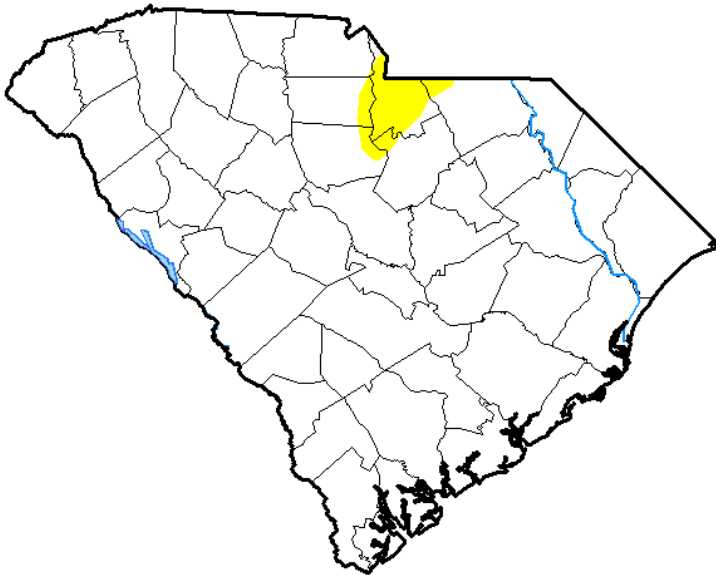
Average Temperature (°F)
August 13, 2018 to August 19, 2018



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-07-2018	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-15-2018	60.10	39.90	26.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-15-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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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