



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 4, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 5.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Widely scattered storms toward the end of the week brought some relief to dry soils, but that relief is expected to be temporary in many cases. Crops continued to mature. Cotton appeared to be ahead of the normal schedule. A few cracked bolls showed up on sandier soils. Some corn harvesting began, with more harvesting likely to begin next week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Much of Horry County received needed rainfall, and we are hopeful to have more in the forecast. Cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were setting blooms. Rain will be critical to salvage a decent 2019 crop.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Another week with no measurable rainfall in most areas continued to take a toll on yield potentials and crop conditions. Corn harvesting began with disappointing yields. More cotton was blooming out the top, which is not a good sign for yield potential. A soaking rain is desperately needed to forestall continued losses. Growers expressed continued desperation as cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were fruiting.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/04/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	44	31	32	61
Cotton - Squaring	98	91	89	94
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	63	59	57	73
Hay - 2nd Cutting	55	41	32	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	78	73	62	79
Peanuts - Pegging.....	94	89	80	92
Soybeans - Blooming	45	27	27	52
Soybeans - Setting Pods	8	NA	4	13
Tobacco - Topped	85	75	98	98
Tobacco - Harvested.....	48	25	23	39

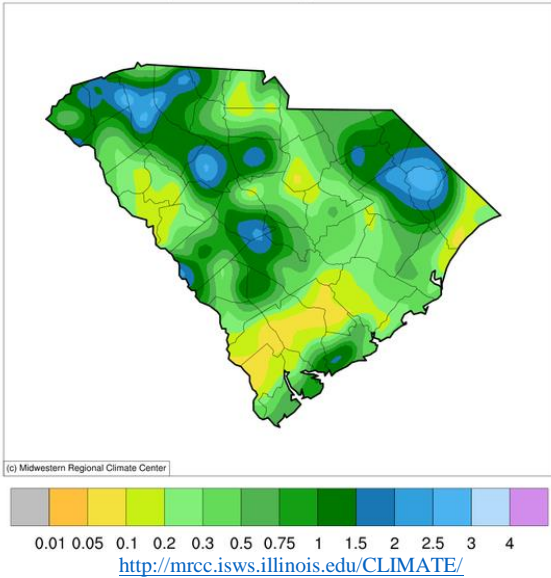
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/04/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	35	61	3
Corn	2	13	41	40	4
Cotton	0	3	31	61	5
Pasture and range.....	0	14	54	31	1
Peanuts.....	0	0	21	72	7
Soybeans.....	0	0	38	59	3
Tobacco.....	0	0	47	52	1

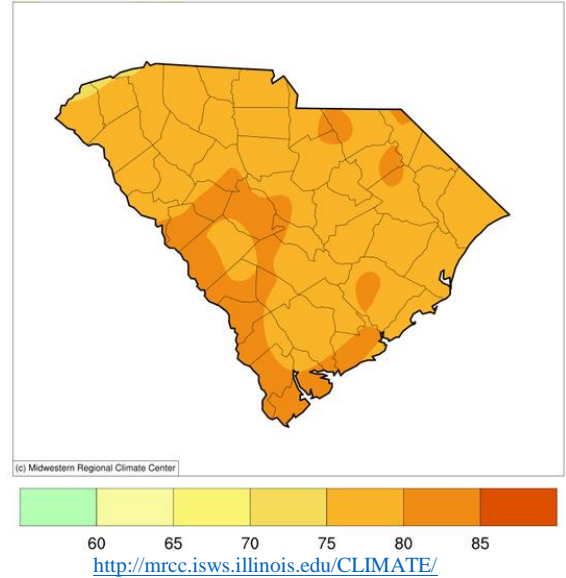
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/04/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	6	6
Short.....	41	40
Adequate.....	52	54
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	6	6
Short.....	38	45
Adequate.....	56	49
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 29, 2019 to August 04, 2019



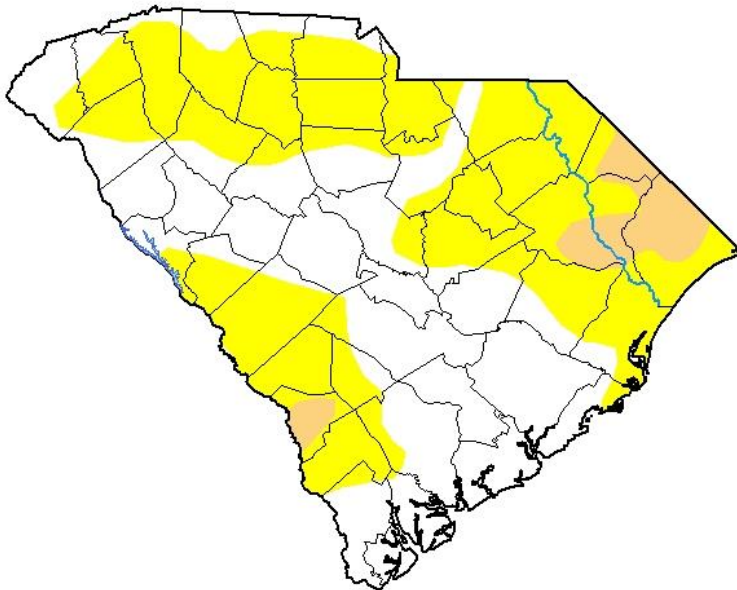
Average Temperature (°F)
July 29, 2019 to August 04, 2019



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

July 30, 2019
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.26	53.74	5.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-23-2019	56.89	43.11	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-30-2019	45.71	54.29	23.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-31-2018	84.85	15.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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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