



United States Department of Agriculture
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South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 25, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 7.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Scattered storms in some portions of Calhoun County brought temporary relief from the extremely dry conditions, but there was no general storm coverage, so some spots remained extremely dry. Corn harvest continued with larger operations mostly harvested. The eastern side of the county missed rainfall in most places for nearly a month, so dryland cotton and peanuts took a huge hit. Cotton began opening ahead of schedule. Some peanut harvesting will begin this week on Bailey varieties under irrigation.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Most of Lexington County received much-needed rain this week, and temperatures were a little cooler over the last few days. Planting continued with fall brassicas. Diamondback moth caterpillars were showing up already. The recent moisture caused an increase in disease pressure.

Justin Ballew, Lexington County

Rain showers on several afternoons eased the soil dryness somewhat. One rain shower had pea-sized hail, but there was no crop damage from the hail. Corn harvest continued. More cotton opened. A few cotton, soybean, and peanut growers worked to control larvae pests.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/25/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	93	86	94	94
Corn - Harvested	46	17	32	44
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	99	97	87	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	24	10	7	12
Hay - 2nd Cutting	84	75	72	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	94	90	85	95
Soybeans - Blooming	85	83	88	89
Soybeans - Setting Pods	41	31	59	52
Tobacco - Harvested	79	71	51	71

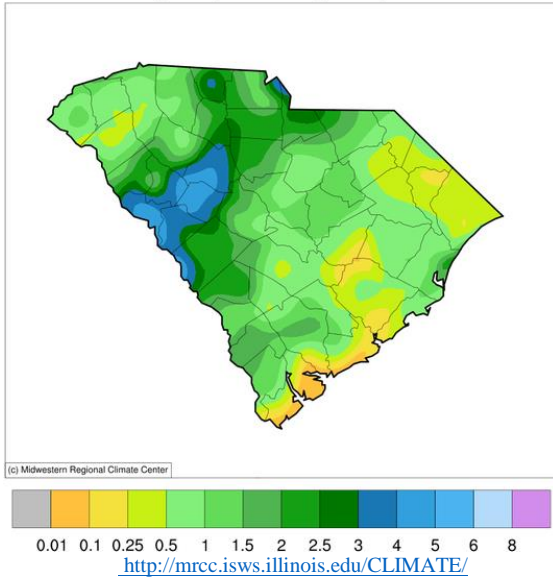
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/25/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	26	64	10
Corn	7	17	42	29	5
Cotton	1	5	39	52	3
Pasture and range.....	0	13	50	37	0
Peanuts.....	0	2	36	57	5
Soybeans	0	2	41	55	2

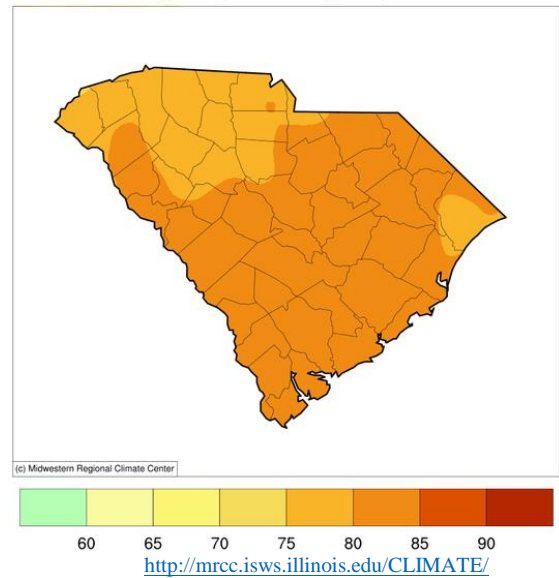
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/25/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	7	9
Short.....	38	39
Adequate.....	55	52
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	5	7
Short.....	44	39
Adequate.....	51	54
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 19, 2019 to August 25, 2019



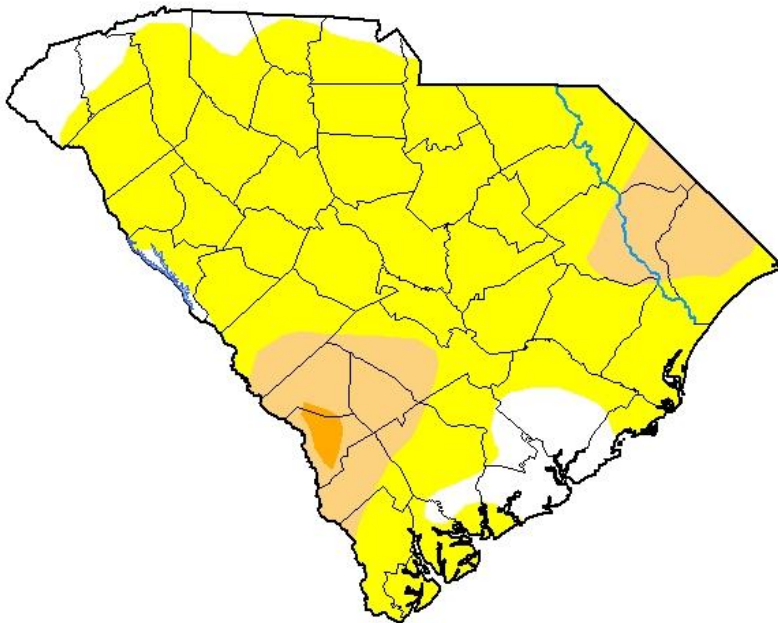
Average Temperature (°F)
August 19, 2019 to August 25, 2019



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

August 20, 2019
(Released Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019)
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.03	88.97	15.00	0.65	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-13-2019	21.89	78.11	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-21-2019	44.43	55.57	23.78	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 08-21-2018	97.67	2.33	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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