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, September 1, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.78 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Final corn harvest continued ahead of Hurricane Dorian fears. Small acreage of Virginia peanuts dug based both on maturity and hurricane rain potential. Farmers taking a wait and see attitude this week on peanut digging. Cotton defoliation not happening yet but should start after the storm fears subside.
Charles Davis, Calhoun County

A drier week allowed for some corn harvest. Yields should be average. Tobacco harvest is winding down. Soybeans, cotton, and peanuts look to be a fairly good crop.
Koty Roberts, Horry County

Much of the corn crop was harvested. The irrigated crop had exceptional yields while the dryland yields varied widely throughout the county. A couple of producers began digging peanuts while continuing to experience dry field conditions.
Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Dry conditions have allowed corn harvest to progress. Some fall collards were set out in hopes of some rain from the hurricane.
Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/01/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature.................	96	93	NA	NA
Corn - Harvested............	68	46	59	67
Cotton - Setting Bolls......	100	99	94	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	40	24	15	25
Hay - 2nd Cutting	90	84	88	NA
Peaches - Harvested......	95	94	96	NA
Peanuts - Dug………….	1	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	90	85	94	94
Soybeans - Setting Pods	45	41	69	68
Tobacco - Harvested......	82	79	67	82

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/01/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	30	62	8
Corn	7	9	40	35	9
Cotton	0	7	42	49	2
Pasture and range......	0	10	46	42	2
Peanuts.....................	0	3	39	53	5
Soybeans..................	0	4	44	48	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/01/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short...	7	7
Short..	46	38
Adequate...	47	55
Surplus...	0	0

Subsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short...	6	5
Short..	46	44
Adequate...	48	51
Surplus...	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 26, 2019 to September 01, 2019

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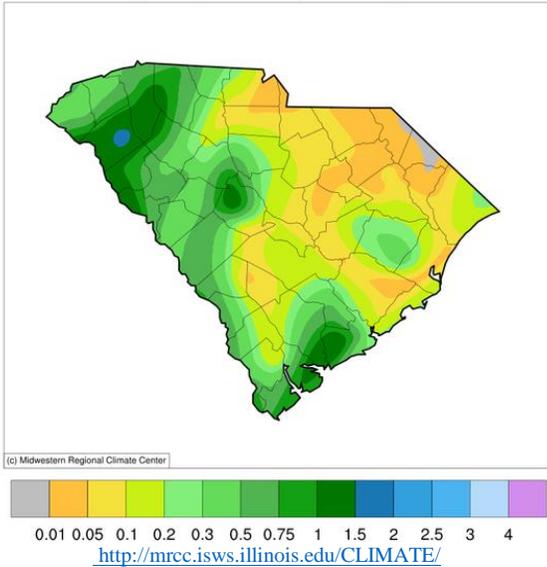
Average Temperature (°F)
August 26, 2019 to September 01, 2019

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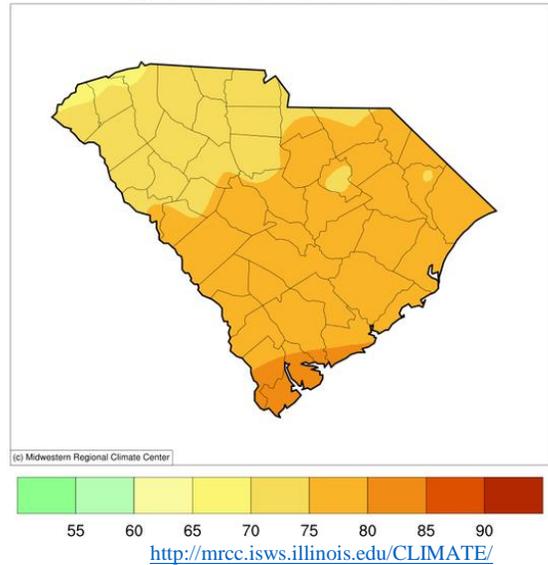
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

August 27, 2019
(Released Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT
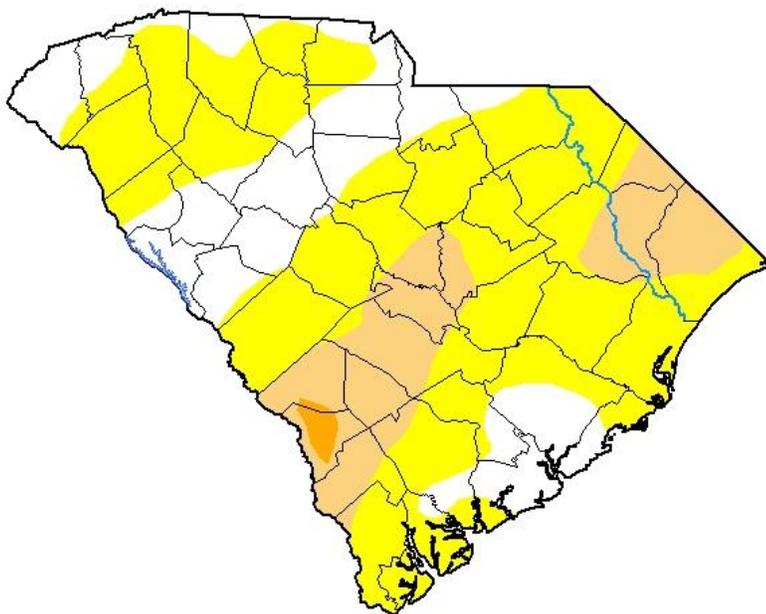
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.78	75.22	17.59	0.65	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-20-2019	11.03	88.97	15.00	0.65	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-28-2019	32.57	67.43	28.20	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 08-28-2018	88.21	11.79	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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