



**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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 13, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 1.91 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

Beneficial rains moved through the region Sunday night. This rain should allow for completion of planting fall vegetables. That moisture may be enough to help loosen heavier soil that had become a bit too hard to dig sweet potatoes and peanuts well. The dry conditions allowed for steady peanut and sweet potato harvest on lighter soils.

W Bruce McLean, Horry County

Slightly cooler temperatures helped fall crops but we still needed some rain. A few strawberries went in last week. Most will be planted this week or next.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

Some farmers were harvesting industrial hemp, with some non-irrigated hemp drying down faster than they were able to harvest. Some farmers reported losing almost all of their fall greens plantings that were not irrigated. Soybeans were also taking a hit, but conditions were great for the harvesting of crops that are ready.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Another week with no measurable rain allowed peanut and cotton harvesting to progress at a rapid pace. Soybean harvest began. Due to dry soils, no small grain or winter cover crops could be planted.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/13/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	96	95	77	89
Cotton - Harvested.....	38	25	17	18
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	70	61	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	73	57	44	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	57	37	24	32
Soybeans - Setting Pods	97	93	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	55	32	42	40
Soybeans - Harvested....	3	NA	8	4
Winter wheat - Planted...	1	0	0	10

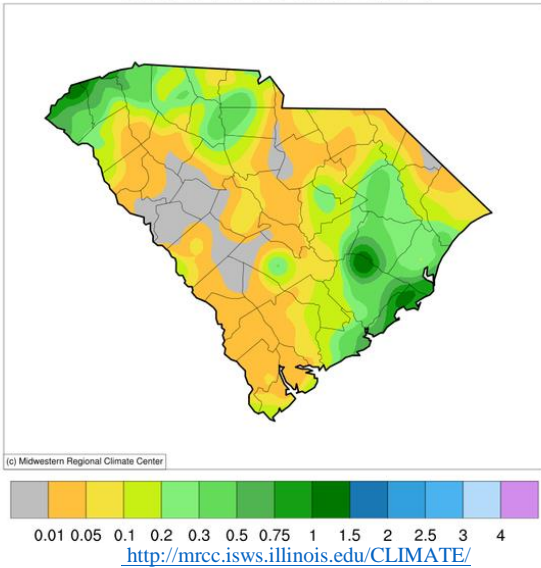
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/13/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	41	50	7
Cotton.....	1	8	30	56	5
Pasture and range.....	20	39	30	11	0
Peanuts.....	3	4	33	55	5
Soybeans.....	6	14	40	35	5

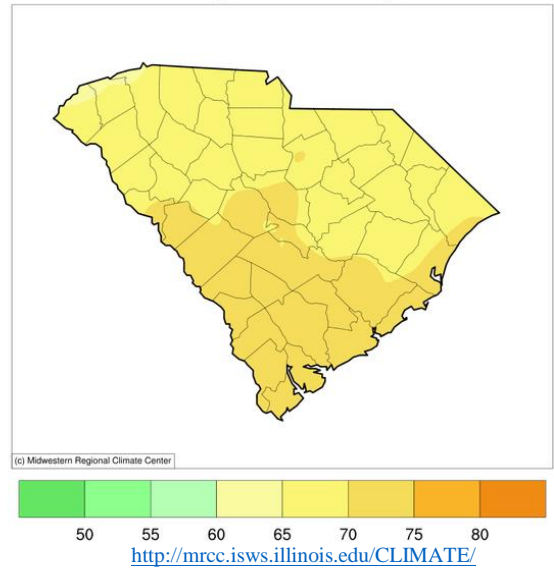
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/13/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	56	52
Short.....	35	44
Adequate.....	9	4
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	45	41
Short.....	42	48
Adequate.....	13	11
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 07, 2019 to October 13, 2019



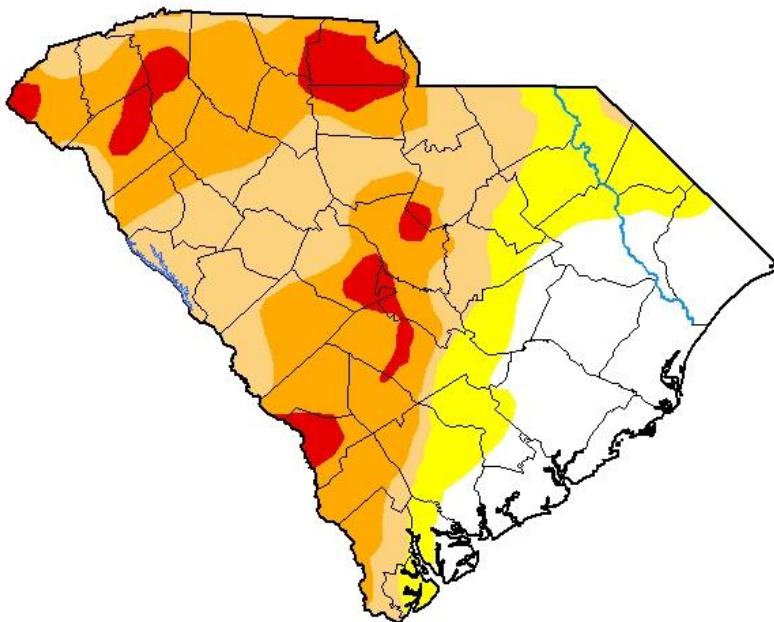
Average Temperature (°F)
October 07, 2019 to October 13, 2019



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

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.04	77.96	62.98	36.84	7.03	0.00
Last Week 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-09-2019	61.31	38.69	3.98	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 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
One Year Ago 10-09-2018	77.52	22.48	6.92	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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