South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

November 4, 2019   *Media Contact: Eddie Wells*

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 3, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.27 inches of rain up to 7.29 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Last week's rains were beneficial for fall planted crops, but slowed down cotton, soybean, peanut, and sweet potato harvesting. The peanut and sweet potato harvests should be wrapping up soon. Strawberries and brassicas were looking good, with few problems observed.
W Bruce McLean, Horry County

We got some rain from thunderstorms last week and the weather has turned significantly cooler since. We are seeing a few spider mites on strawberries. Caterpillar populations are still low on brassicas and disease has been relatively low also. Producers were still picking some last minute fall squash, zucchini, peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes.
Justin Ballew, Lexington County

A couple of misty mornings and a thunderstorm during the week slowed fieldwork somewhat. Cotton, soybean, and peanut harvests continued as weather permitted. Small grain and winter cover crop planting continued as weather permitted. After nearly six weeks of drought conditions, we now have adequate moisture in the topsoil and subsoil.
Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	71	60	42	50
Hay - 3rd Cutting	85	76	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug	94	90	69	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.......	87	79	57	68
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	93	84	59	79
Soybeans - Harvested....	18	12	18	24
Winter wheat - Planted ...	6	5	21	28

Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/03/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	22	69	7
Pasture and range......	25	10	42	23	0
Soybeans	5	12	44	36	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/03/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short..	2	3
Short	12	29
Adequate...	84	64
Surplus..	2	4

Subsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short..	13	15
Short	36	42
Adequate...	49	41
Surplus..	2	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 28, 2019 to November 03, 2019

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| 0.01 | 0.1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |

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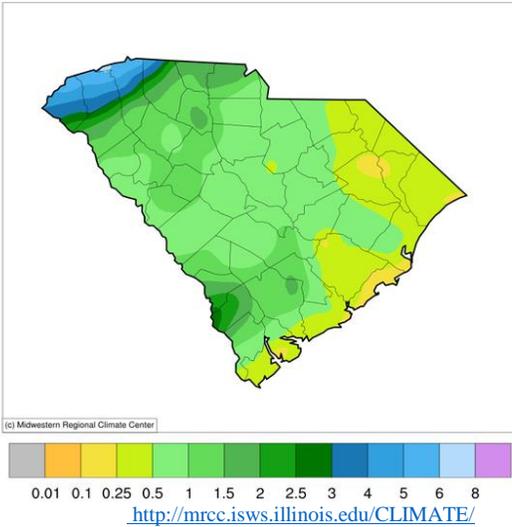
Average Temperature (°F)
October 28, 2019 to November 03, 2019

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| 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 |

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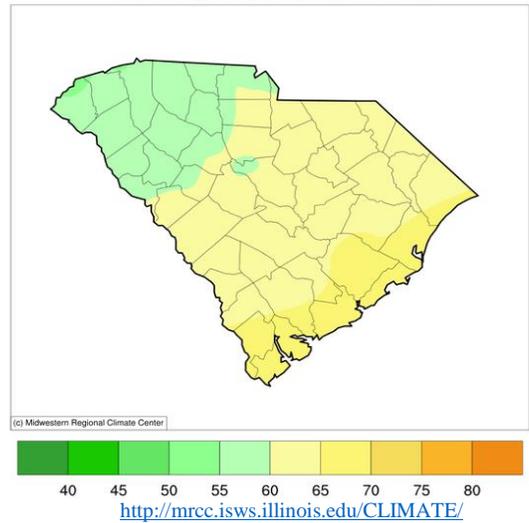
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

October 29, 2019
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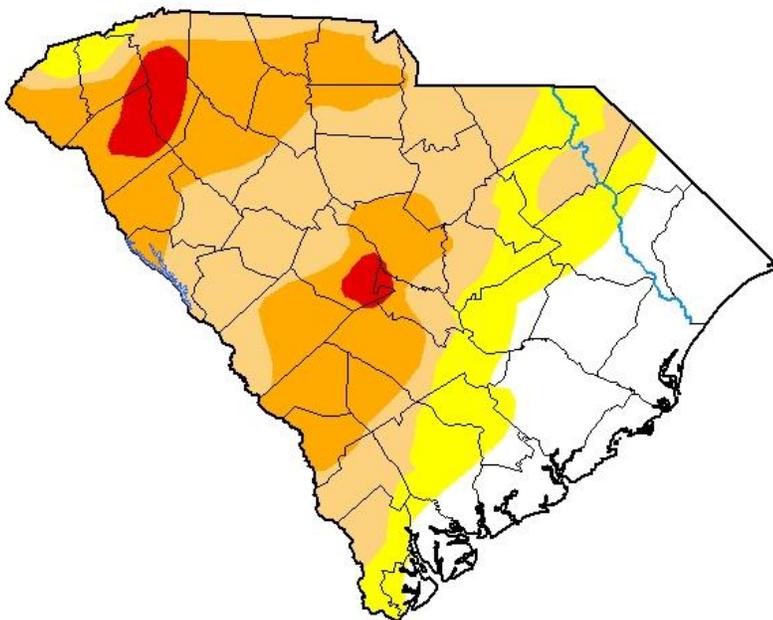
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.38	77.62	61.46	29.19	3.24	0.00
Last Week 10-22-2019	22.80	77.20	64.18	36.04	8.63	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-30-2019	46.26	53.74	5.40	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 10-30-2018	86.53	13.47	2.05	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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