



South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 9, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches of rain to 10.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Afternoon showers and rainbands from Hurricane Isaias delivered adequate moisture to keep crops progressing at a rapid pace. The rainfall provided relief to overly dry hay fields. Winds from the hurricane caused little to no row crop damage. Producers began harvesting corn. Fungicide and insecticides were applied as needed on peanuts and cotton.

There was very little specialty crop damage from the hurricane. Vegetables were maturing nicely. Fall vegetable planting continued, and farmers were preparing land for fall greens. The peach harvest was nearly complete, and the muscadine harvest began.

Livestock and Pastures

In the Upstate region, frequent occurrences of afternoon showers brought new growth to pasture land and softened the dry ground. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/09/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	60	53	74	72
Corn - Harvested	8	NA	6	7
Cotton - Squaring	99	80	87	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	79	48	65	79
Cotton - Bolls Opening	1	NA	0	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting	58	81	87	66
Peaches - Harvested	84	90	93	83
Peanuts - Pegging.....	95	90	95	93
Soybeans - Blooming	57	41	57	58
Soybeans - Setting Pods ..	16	16	25	19
Tobacco - Topped	89	91	94	96
Tobacco - Harvested	57	32	55	49

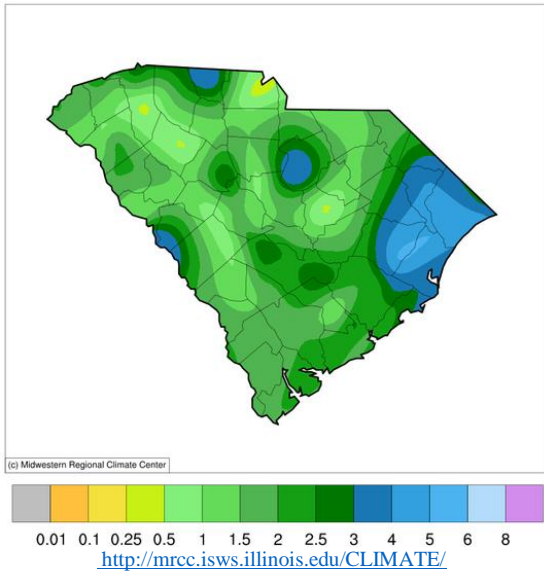
Conditions for Week Ending 08/09/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	22	65	10
Corn	4	7	19	50	20
Cotton	6	10	18	51	15
Pasture and range..	1	8	31	53	7
Peanuts.....	3	4	24	56	13
Soybeans	5	7	17	53	18
Tobacco	11	15	30	30	14

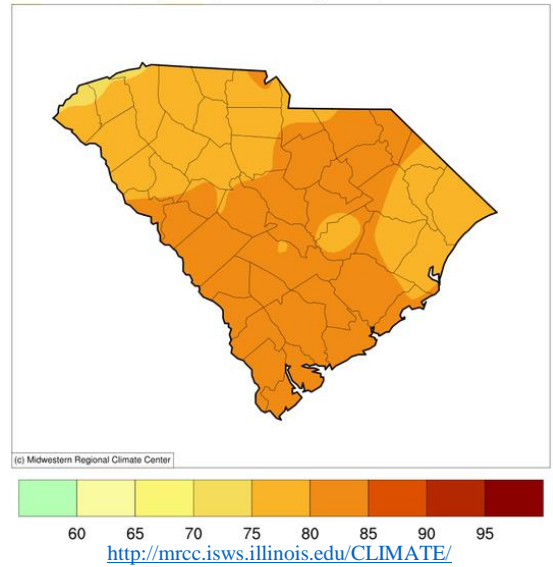
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/09/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	7
Short	23	15
Adequate.....	61	70
Surplus.....	8	8
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	7
Short	24	19
Adequate.....	60	65
Surplus.....	9	9

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 03, 2020 to August 09, 2020



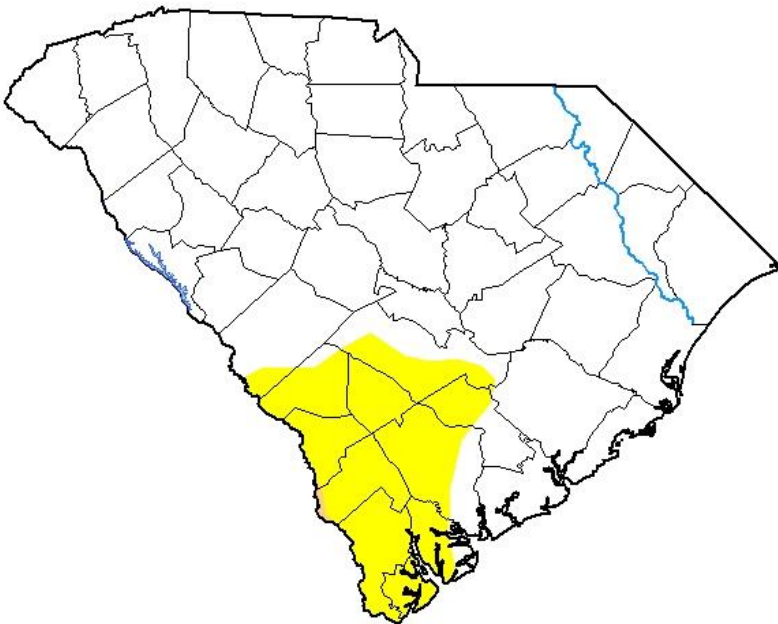
Average Temperature (°F)
August 03, 2020 to August 09, 2020



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.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	84.84	15.16	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-28-2020	84.33	15.67	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-05-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	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 08-06-2019	49.67	50.33	5.47	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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