



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 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 8.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Rain, high humidity, and clouds delayed some corn and tobacco harvesting, chemical spraying, and hay cutting, but ended drought stress. Producers conducted early peanut maturity checks. Much of the early cotton crop in the central portion of the state reached cutout, and late season growth regulator and pesticides were applied.

Planting of fall vegetables was ongoing, with many farmers planning to plant the majority of their crop within the next two weeks. Crops that had been planted were progressing well, although growers were continuing to see a fair amount of disease—anthracnose, downy mildew, and bacterial spot—from the recent wet conditions. Caterpillar populations were climbing on fall brassicas as well. While scouting one extension service field trial, researchers observed diamondback moths, cabbage loopers, and armyworms.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture condition improved slightly.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	95	89	93	97
Corn - Harvested	62	37	47	62
Cotton - Squaring	100	93	95	100
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	100	83	87	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening	35	2	4	24
Hay - 2nd Cutting	88	94	97	90
Peanuts - Dug	1	NA	0	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	89	81	86	91
Soybeans - Setting Pods	44	47	55	60
Tobacco - Harvested	81	68	70	76

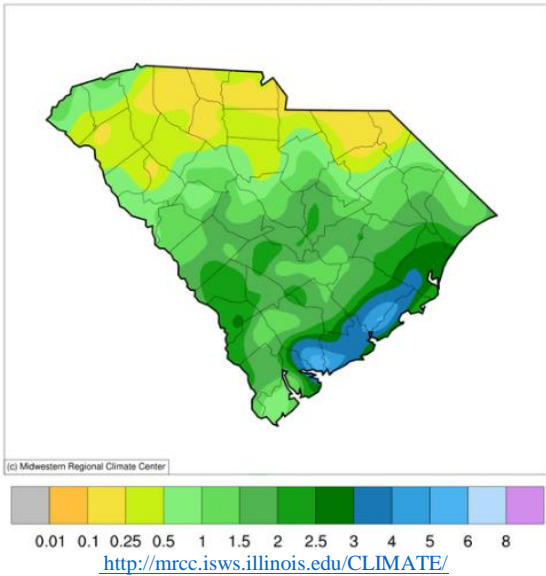
Conditions for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	20	64	13
Corn	4	6	17	53	20
Cotton	5	6	16	54	19
Pasture and range..	0	7	26	58	9
Peanuts.....	3	2	14	60	21
Soybeans	4	4	7	55	30

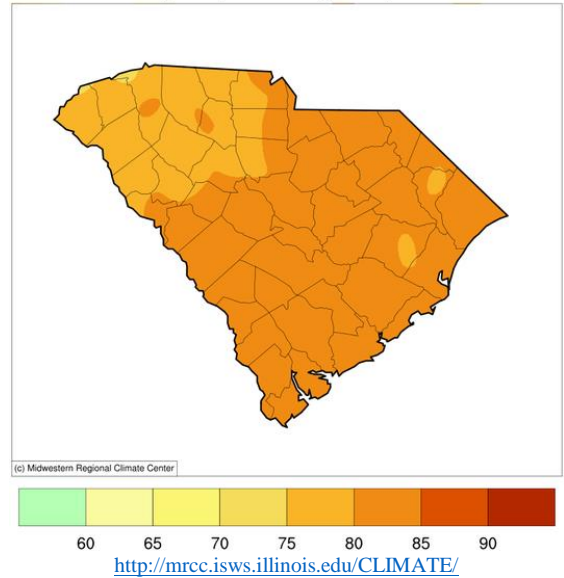
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short	7	11
Adequate.....	75	76
Surplus.....	17	12
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short	6	12
Adequate.....	83	76
Surplus.....	11	11

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



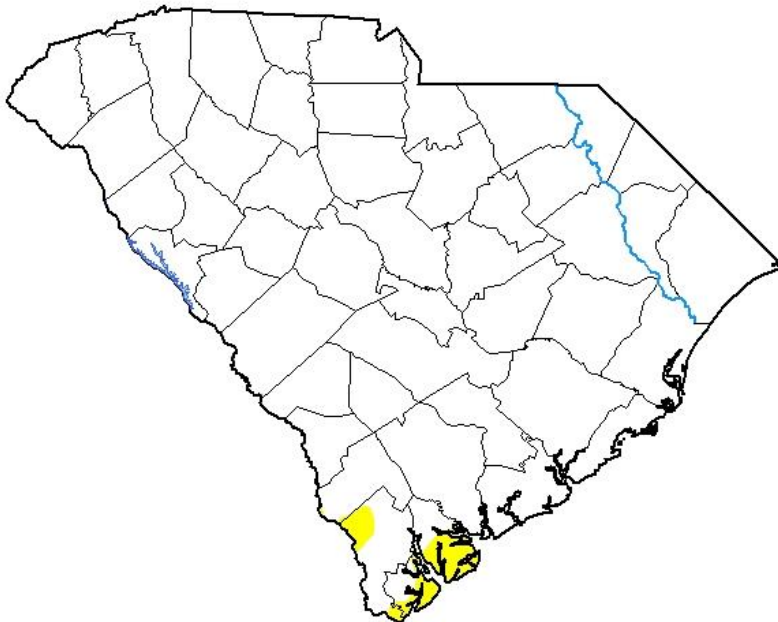
Average Temperature (°F)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



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	98.46	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-18-2020	90.75	9.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-26-2020	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 08-27-2019	24.78	75.22	17.59	0.65	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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