



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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 4, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

The eastern half of the state received heavy rain while the western half received less than an inch in most areas. Rain events helped soybeans, but slowed peanut harvesting. Maturity delays in peanuts also contributed to a lag in harvesting. Corn harvesting was nearly complete. Cotton development slowed, and bolls were opening.

Lower temperatures and rain helped fall vegetables and small seeded crops. Brassica crops continued to grow well. Strawberry land in several counties was prepped and bedded. Strawberry planting was expected to begin soon. Recent rains, coupled with cooler temperatures, increased disease pressure, such as powdery mildew, downy mildew, and anthracnose. Caterpillar activity increased as well.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture condition continued to improve. Cattle condition remained mostly good, but also improved in the past week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	98	92	94	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening	94	58	72	84
Cotton - Harvested	21	0	0	14
Hay - 3rd Cutting	59	59	70	NA
Peanuts - Dug	53	22	34	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	33	13	22	22
Soybeans - Setting Pods ..	92	82	95	96
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	27	26	45	27

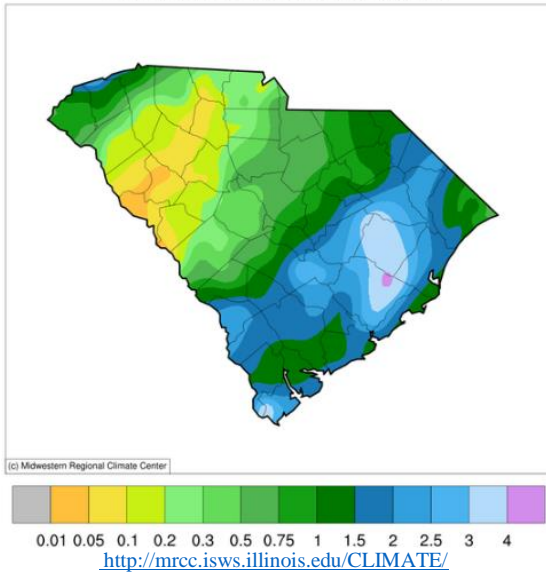
Conditions for Week Ending 10/04/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	4	16	66	14
Cotton	6	6	20	53	15
Pasture and range..	1	4	25	57	13
Peanuts	1	4	18	58	19
Soybeans	5	7	14	53	21

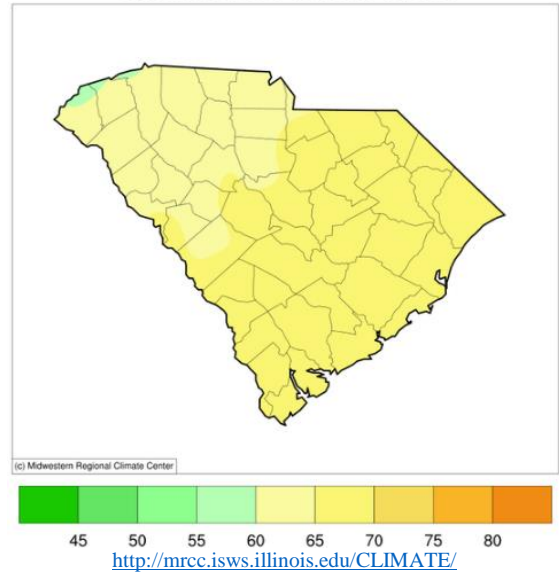
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	2	6
Adequate.....	71	77
Surplus.....	27	17
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	2	6
Adequate.....	70	74
Surplus.....	28	20

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020



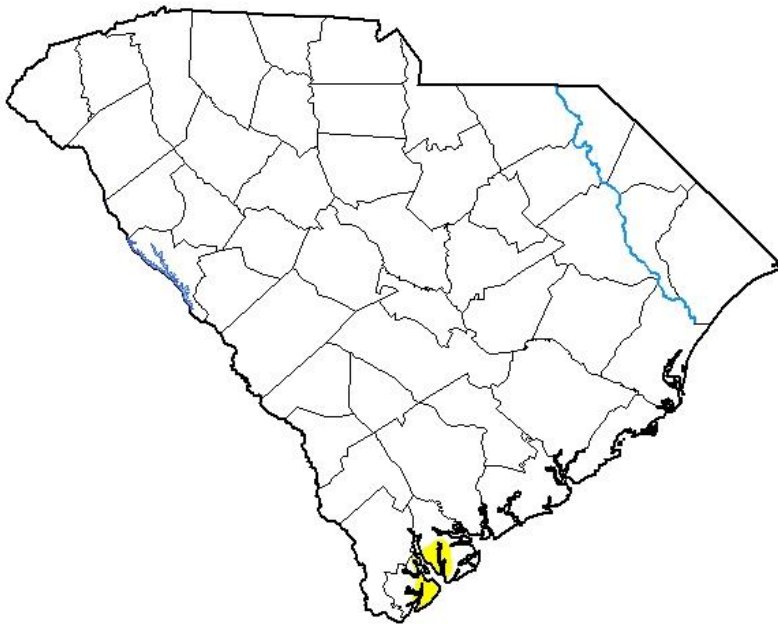
Average Temperature (°F)
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020



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	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-22-2020	99.26	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-30-2020	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 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	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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