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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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 18, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 60s.

Crops

Spotty showers maintained adequate soil moisture for most areas. Cooler temperatures and lower humidity made fieldwork easier for farmers. Peanut digging picked up pace as well as combining. Heavy dews and shorter days limited suitable combining hours. Cotton defoliation was in full swing, although actual harvest was just beginning. Some farmers began planting cover crops for next season.

Brassica crops continued to look good and grow well; however, caterpillar populations remained high. Fall greens were progressing nicely, and some of the early transplanted collards were large enough for sale. Pest pressure was relatively low in the Pee Dee region. In the Midlands region, producers were still seeing a fair amount of powdery mildew and downy mildew in cucurbits and anthracnose in peppers. Strawberry planting began and progressed well with good field conditions. Concerns were noted about deer being a threat to newly planted strawberries.

Livestock and Pastures

In the Upstate region, fields were tilled in preparation for winter wheat and pasture renovations and overseeding. Overall cattle condition remained mostly good. Pasture condition had a slight increase in the fair category.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/18/20

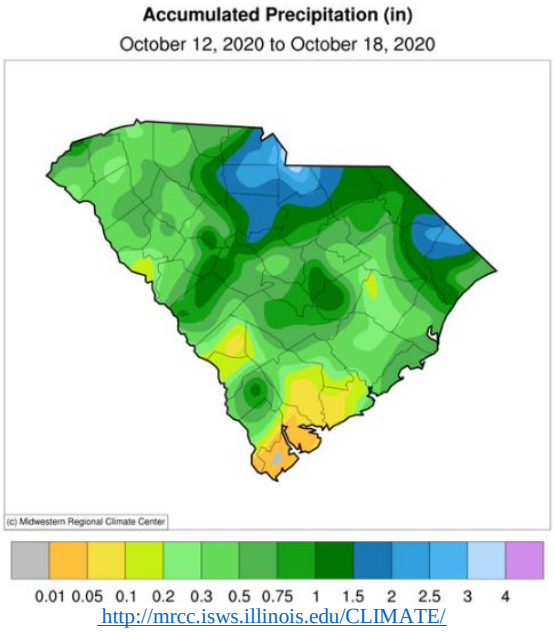
Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening	97	86	92	93
Cotton - Harvested	49	1	6	28
Hay - 3rd Cutting	73	76	83	NA
Peanuts - Dug	82	46	60	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	63	29	41	42
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	70	64	75	52
Soybeans - Harvested	8	1	4	6
Winter wheat - Planted	2	2	9	7

Conditions for Week Ending 10/18/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	18	67	11
Cotton	6	7	19	51	17
Pasture and range	1	3	36	53	7
Peanuts	1	3	17	60	19
Soybeans	4	9	11	54	22

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/18/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	2
Short	6	8
Adequate	83	83
Surplus	11	7
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	2	7
Adequate	88	88
Surplus	10	5



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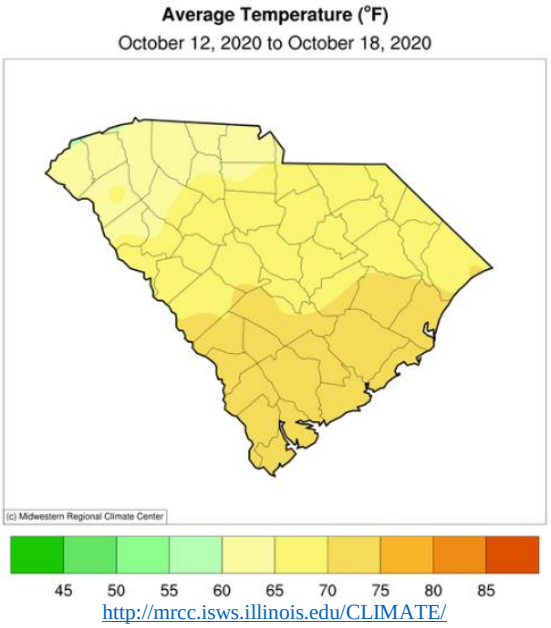

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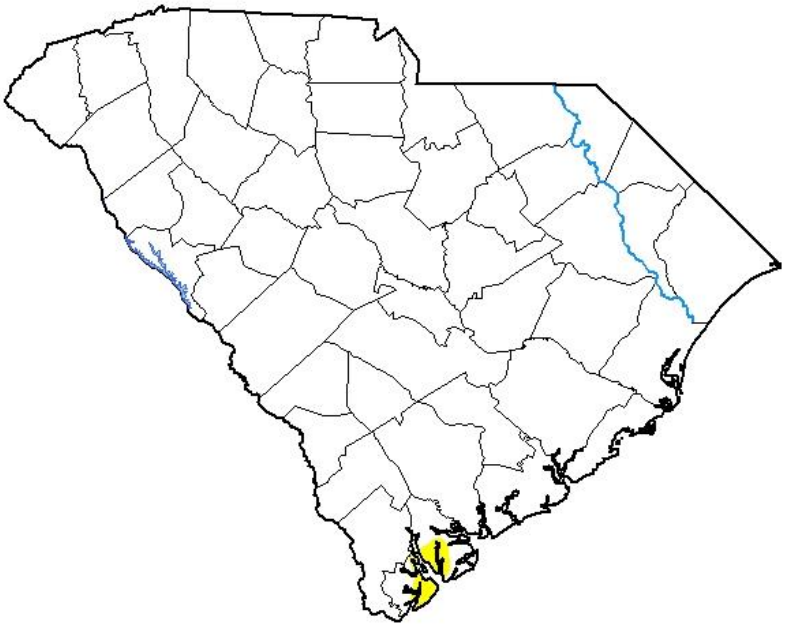

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

October 13, 2020
(Released Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

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 *10-06-2020*	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-14-2020*	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 *09-29-2020*	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-15-2019*	18.98	81.02	67.32	38.30	8.63	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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