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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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 1, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 6.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

The Upstate received high winds and several inches of rain from the remnants of Hurricane Zeta. The remainder of the state had a mostly dry week. Abnormally dry conditions expanded slightly in the Midlands and Lowcountry. Warmer than normal temperatures provided pleasant harvest conditions. Peanut digging continued at a fast pace, but combining was slowed a little. Cotton defoliation looked good in central counties, so producers planned to ramp up harvesting next week.

Strawberry planting wrapped up in many areas. The young crop looked very good, despite some reports of spider mites. Brassicas looked good as well, although there were reports of caterpillars, black rot, and alternaria in some areas. Producers made preparations to begin harvesting collards next week.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle condition remained mostly good. Pastures experienced seasonal decline.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/01/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	68	9	23	49
Hay - 3rd Cutting	82	87	92	NA
Peanuts - Dug	93	70	83	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	85	50	61	65
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	90	86	92	78
Soybeans - Harvested	16	15	23	18
Winter wheat - Planted	6	11	19	18
Winter wheat - Emerged	NA	NA	7	NA

(NA) Not available.

Conditions for Week Ending 11/01/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	21	62	12
Cotton	7	8	20	47	18
Pasture and range	1	7	36	46	10
Soybeans	6	12	14	40	28

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/01/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	6
Short	5	11
Adequate	85	80
Surplus	1	3
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	5
Short	4	12
Adequate	85	83
Surplus	2	0

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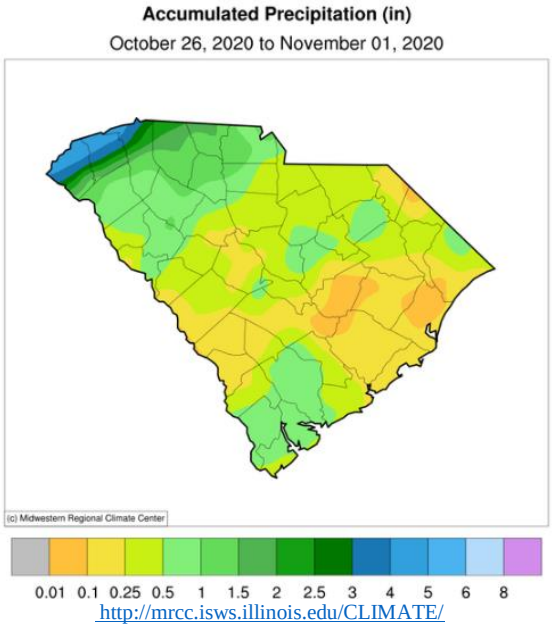

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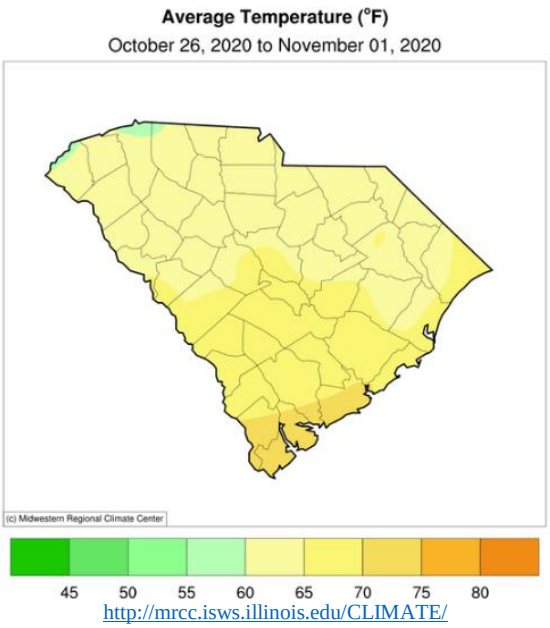

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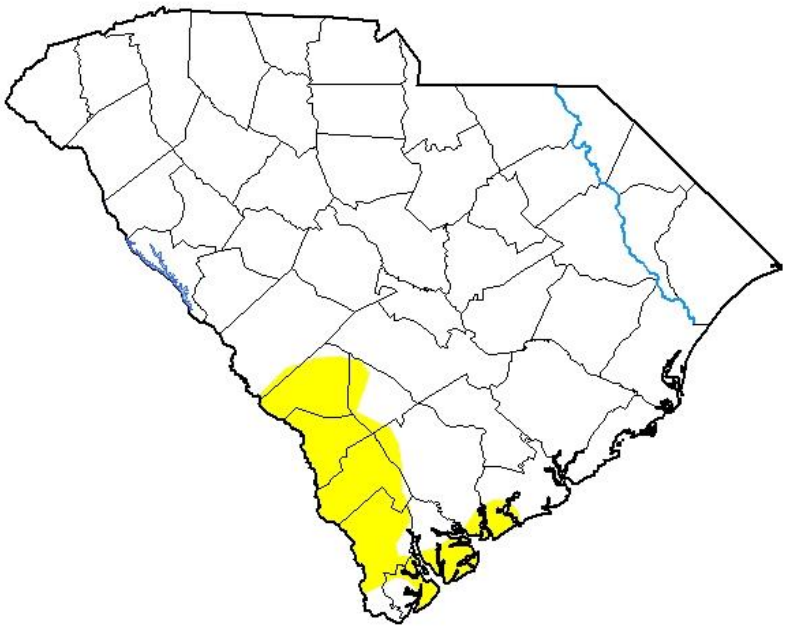

U.S. Drought Monitor

South Carolina

October 27, 2020

(Released Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.26	8.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-20-2020*	94.65	5.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-28-2020*	84.33	15.67	0.13	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 *10-29-2019*	22.38	77.62	61.46	29.19	3.24	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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