



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

# 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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 12, 2021. Precipitation ranged from little rain to 4.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 80s.

## Crops

Milder temperatures and moderate rainfall throughout the week improved soil moisture and provided relief from recent hot conditions. The corn harvest advanced considerably and made up for a substantial amount of previous delays. A significant portion of cotton bolls have now opened, and defoliation should begin soon. Soybeans nearly completed blooming and most of the crop has set their pods. Some reports of kudzu bugs on soybeans were received. Digging and harvesting of peanuts has slowly begun. Muscadine harvest was also underway with fruit quality reported as good, but with lower yields than last year.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pastures remained in mostly good condition with reports of armyworms in some fields continuing. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/12/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	77	60	79	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	18	17	36	42
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	28	NA	20	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	7	2	4	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	3	NA	1	2
Soybeans - Blooming.....	93	93	95	97
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	71	68	73	77
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	3	2	4	4
Tobacco - Harvested .....	89	84	88	92

(NA) Not available.

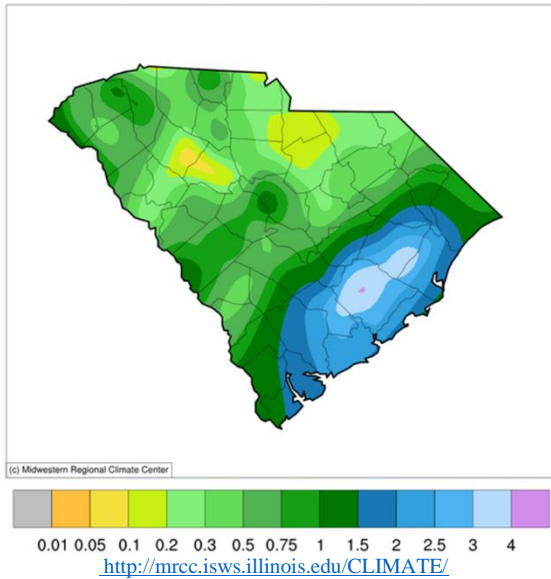
## Conditions for Week Ending 09/12/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	12	71	14
Cotton.....	0	0	17	64	19
Pasture and range ....	0	3	26	59	12
Peanuts .....	0	0	4	79	17
Soybeans .....	0	0	9	76	15

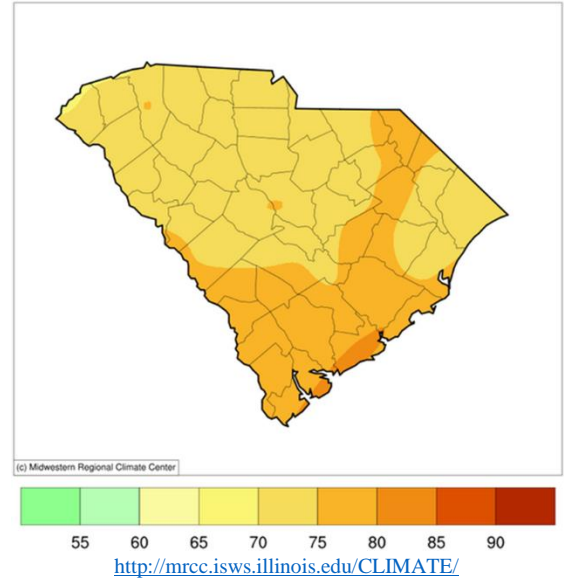
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/12/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	2
Short.....	30	21
Adequate .....	70	74
Surplus .....	0	3
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	15	16
Adequate .....	85	81
Surplus .....	0	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 06, 2021 to September 12, 2021



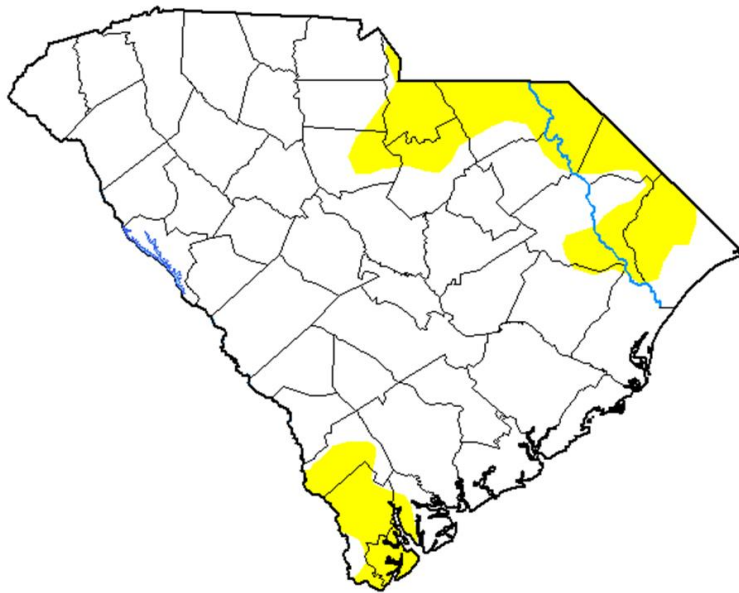
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 06, 2021 to September 12, 2021



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**September 7, 2021**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	83.89	16.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-31-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-08-2021	56.28	43.72	34.43	4.30	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-08-2020	83.32	16.68	0.00	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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