



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 26, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.33 inches of rain to 4.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Mild temperatures and sufficient rainfall were experienced throughout much of the state, providing conditions favorable for many crops as well as field activities. The corn harvest is nearing completion while the digging and harvesting of peanuts continued to ramp up as weather conditions allowed. Limited advancement was made with cotton bolls opening as progress fell behind the previous year. Some defoliation of cotton was beginning in sandier fields that cut out early. Soybeans were nearly finished setting pods and the third cutting of hay remained on pace with last year.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture conditions benefitted greatly from adequate soil moisture and moderate temperatures while cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	91	85	90	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	55	45	54	69
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	0	1	5
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	57	42	55	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	21	12	19	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	12	5	10	12
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	81	82	87	90
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	24	8	16	20

(NA) Not available.

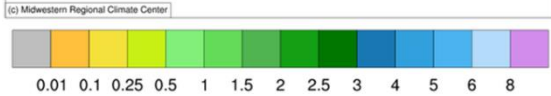
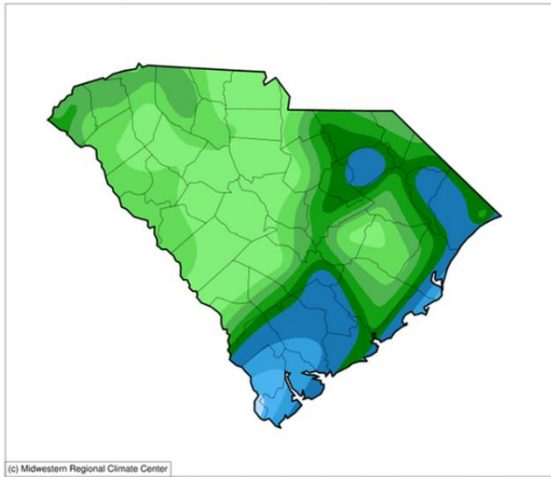
Conditions for Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	4	80	14
Cotton.....	0	0	22	58	20
Pasture and range	0	2	14	72	12
Peanuts	0	1	7	76	16
Soybeans	0	2	9	69	20

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/26/21

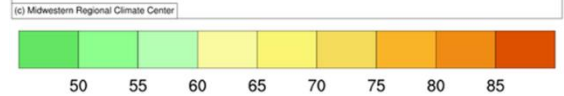
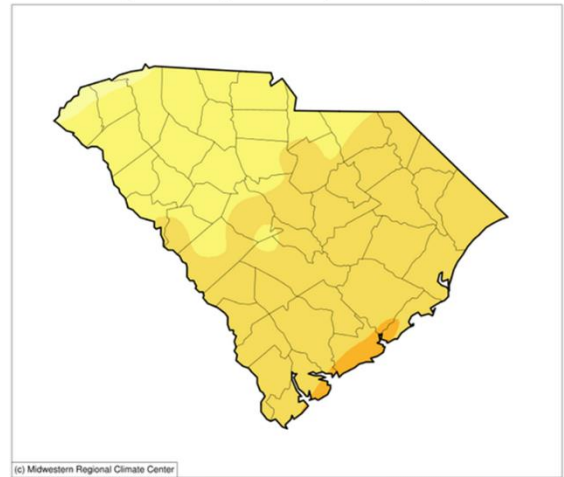
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	2
Short.....	29	25
Adequate	64	70
Surplus	3	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	0
Short.....	25	18
Adequate	71	80
Surplus	2	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 20, 2021 to September 26, 2021



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Average Temperature (°F)
September 20, 2021 to September 26, 2021

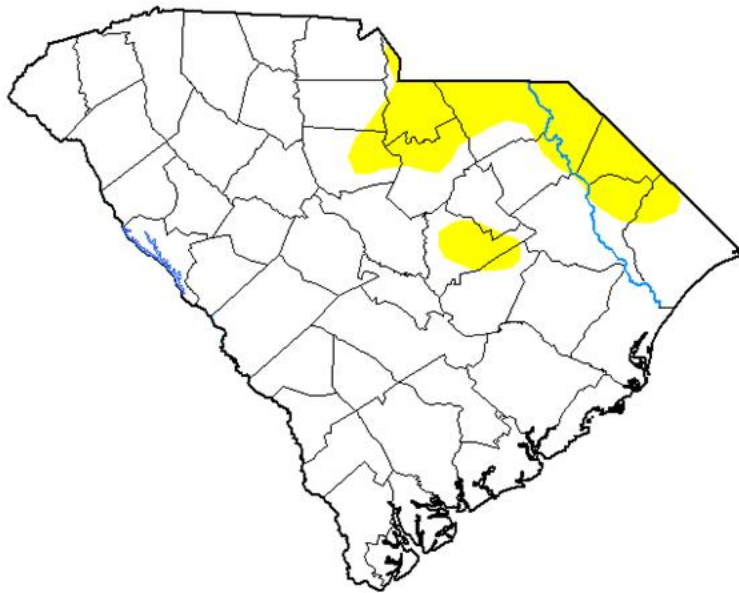


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 21, 2021
(Released Thursday, Sep. 23, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.25	11.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-14-2021	85.07	14.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-22-2021	75.65	24.35	4.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	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 09-22-2020	99.26	0.74	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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