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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 24, 2021. Precipitation ranged from little rain to 0.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Ideal weather for fieldwork continued throughout last week. Nearly all cotton bolls had opened, and producers started ramping up harvesting activities. The peanut harvest progressed considerably, although prior delays have made it difficult to keep pace with previous years. Most soybeans have dropped their leaves and harvest continued to get underway. Winter wheat planting progressed on pace with historic trends. Strawberry planting was noted to be nearly complete and plants appeared to be in good condition.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition. Warm season pastures were still grazable, but most hay production has halted due to cool nighttime temperatures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/24/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	97	90	94	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	9	8	14	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	86	82	89	82
Peanuts - Dug.....	69	51	60	73
Peanuts - Harvested.....	49	36	45	54
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	84	48	58	70
Soybeans - Harvested.....	13	5	9	11
Winter wheat - Planted.....	11	5	9	9

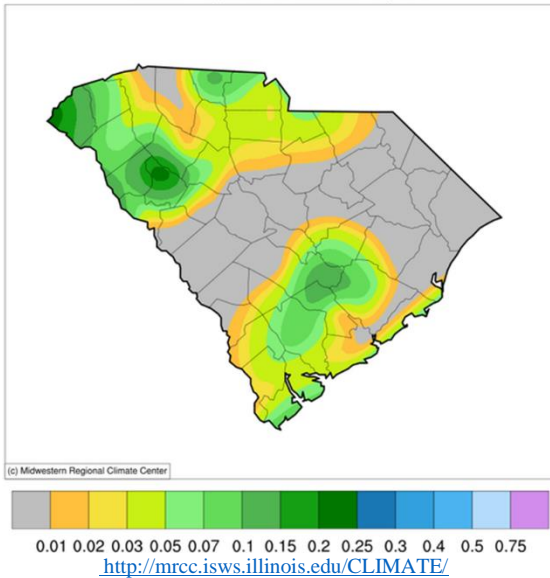
Conditions for Week Ending 10/24/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	18	69	11
Cotton.....	1	1	14	63	21
Pasture and range....	0	2	35	60	3
Peanuts.....	0	2	6	73	19
Soybeans.....	2	3	8	63	24

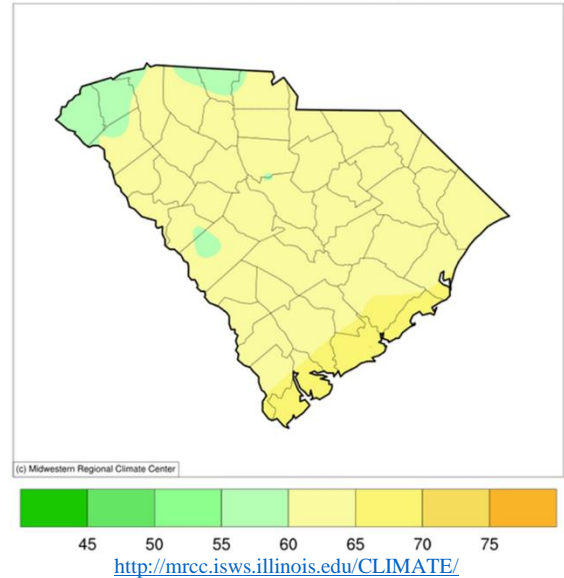
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/24/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	26	34
Adequate.....	64	66
Surplus.....	9	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	20	26
Adequate.....	80	74
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021



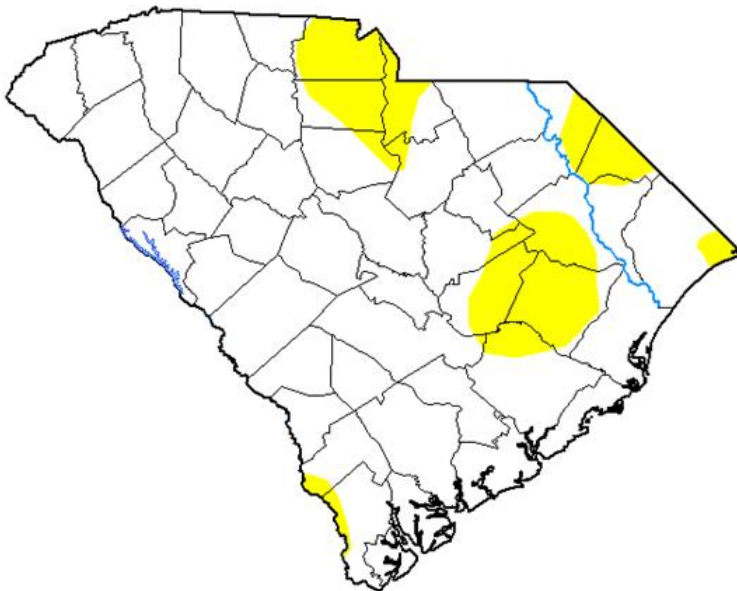
Average Temperature (°F)
October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021



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

October 19, 2021
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	84.97	15.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-12-2021	91.21	8.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-20-2021	94.48	5.52	0.00	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 09-28-2021	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-20-2020	94.65	5.35	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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