



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 25, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.5 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Minimal rainfall and temperatures continuing to cool down across the state allowed farmers ample time for fieldwork. This made for ideal harvesting weather for many crops, especially as many producers anticipate residual effects from Hurricane Ian in the upcoming week.

Corn fields continued to be harvested and neared completion given ideal weather conditions. Cotton bolls continued to open as early cotton harvest began in some areas. Many cotton fields were reported to be defoliated in the Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions. Soybean fields continued setting pods and dropping leaves as harvesting began in some early planted fields. Peanuts fields were dug and harvested as fields were able to dry down. Farmers were able to catch up on hay cutting and baling after a second consecutive week of dry weather conditions. Vegetable crops were reported to be looking good in the Pee Dee region. Strawberry beds were being formed and fumigated for anticipated planting in the next two to three weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions remained good with temperatures continuing to cool down. Pastures were in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/25/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	89	77	89	93
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	53	54	66	64
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	3	5	4
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	53	37	52	47
Peanuts - Dug.....	18	13	20	23
Peanuts - Harvested.....	9	3	10	11
Soybeans - Setting Pods.....	86	86	97	88
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	15	15	21	17
Soybeans - Harvested.....	0	1	3	0

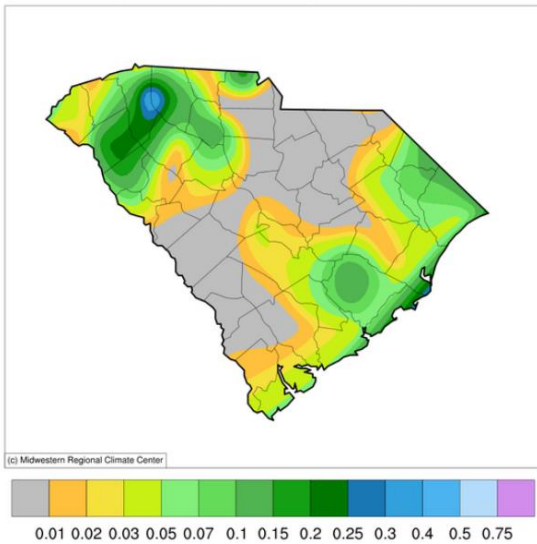
Conditions for Week Ending 09/25/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	8	30	52	8
Cotton.....	1	4	25	51	19
Pasture and range	9	11	25	51	4
Peanuts.....	1	1	15	76	7
Soybeans.....	1	4	13	72	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/25/22

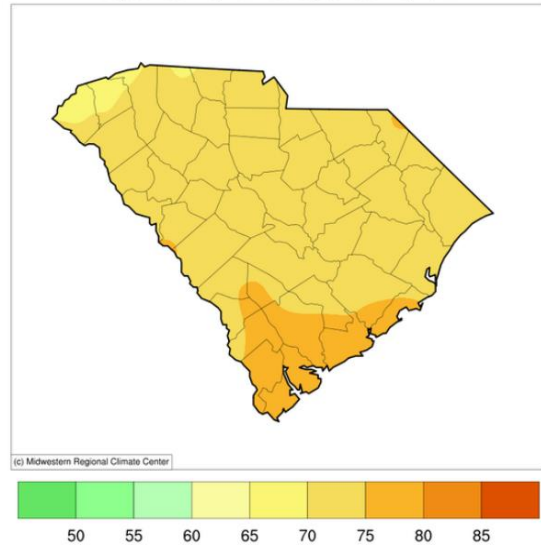
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	5
Short.....	19	27
Adequate.....	76	67
Surplus.....	2	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	15	23
Adequate.....	84	77
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 19, 2022 to September 25, 2022



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Average Temperature (°F)
September 19, 2022 to September 25, 2022



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 20, 2022

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.73	12.27	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-13-2022	87.73	12.27	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-21-2022	9.61	90.39	45.03	3.95	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	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 09-21-2021	88.25	11.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

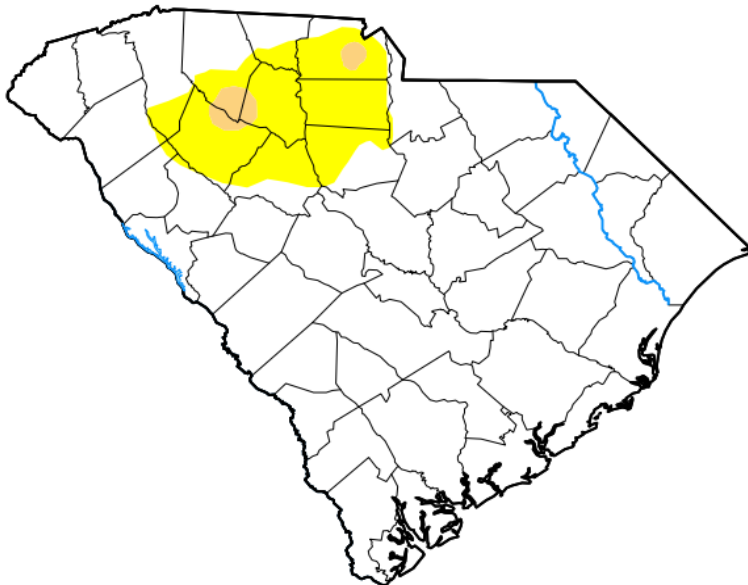
Intensity:

- 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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