



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2022. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.1 inches to 5.6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Hurricane Ian brought much needed rain to most of the state which alleviated most soil moisture deficiencies. Overall wind and flood damage was reported to be less than anticipated, with the most extensive damage being dealt by the storm surge along the coast. Many farmers are making appointments for field damage assessments early this week.

Corn fields continued to be harvested and neared completion. Some damage to corn fields was reported in the Pee Dee region. Cotton bolls continued to open, and harvest progressed throughout the week. Most cotton defoliation was put on hold due to the hurricane. Fields that were already defoliated were rushed to harvest in anticipation of heavy wind damage. Early reports in the Lowcountry region were of light to moderate cotton loss depending on the amount of cotton open and row direction in relation to the wind. Soybeans were dropping leaves as harvesting began in some early planted fields. Peanut digging and harvesting continued to progress. Most dug peanuts were able to be harvested before the storm in the Lowcountry region. Peanuts in low lying fields were reportedly dug before the storm in anticipation of flooding in field bottoms. Third cuttings of hay continued to progress as weather conditions permitted. Reports of wind damage was minimal for fruit and vegetable crops in the Pee Dee region; however, some losses are expected for the pecan crop.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/02/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	93	89	94	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	65	66	75	75
Cotton - Harvested.....	3	5	7	8
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	64	52	64	62
Peanuts - Dug.....	27	20	30	35
Peanuts - Harvested.....	19	10	18	20
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	23	21	28	29
Soybeans - Harvested.....	0	3	5	0

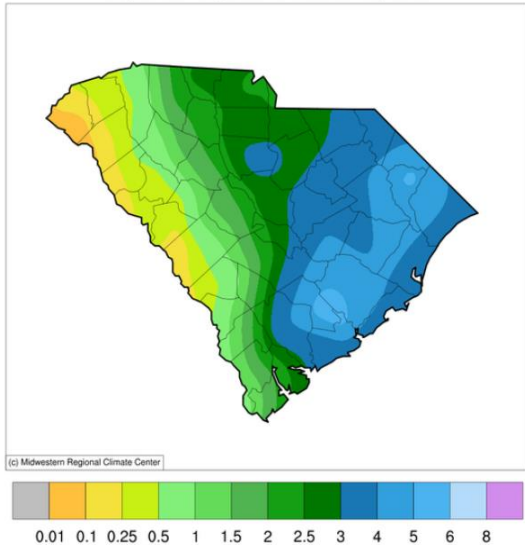
Conditions for Week Ending 10/02/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	8	37	44	8
Cotton.....	1	8	21	66	4
Pasture and range	11	10	27	48	4
Peanuts	0	1	16	76	7
Soybeans	2	3	11	79	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/02/22

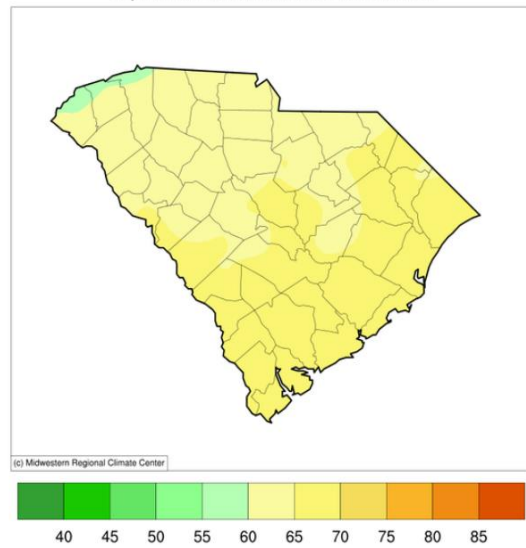
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4
Short.....	27	11
Adequate	67	82
Surplus	1	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	23	11
Adequate	77	84
Surplus	0	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 26, 2022 to October 02, 2022



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Average Temperature (°F)
September 26, 2022 to October 02, 2022

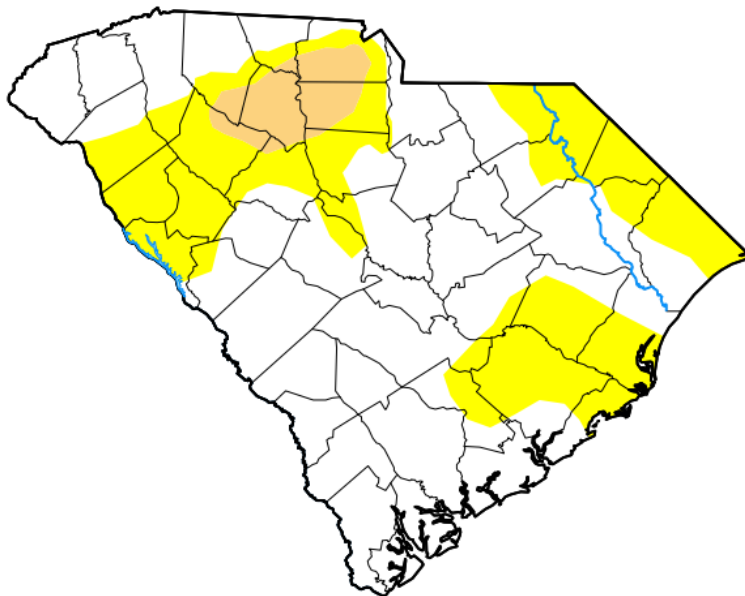


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 27, 2022
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-20-2022	87.73	12.27	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-28-2022	0.85	99.15	62.77	10.44	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 09-28-2021	98.41	1.59	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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