



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 9, 2022. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to trace amounts of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 50s.

## Crops

Dry weather across the state made for ample time for fieldwork and provided suitable conditions for producers to catch up on harvesting.

Corn fields were wrapping up harvest in most areas. Some corn that was remaining to be harvested in the Pee Dee region was reported to have been knocked around or flattened due to winds from Hurricane Ian. Cotton bolls continued to open, and harvest progressed throughout the week. Reports of yield loss in cotton due to the hurricane varied throughout the Pee Dee region depending on the stage of maturity and field direction in relation to the wind. Soybeans continued to drop leaves and be harvested. Peanut digging and harvesting continued to progress with only limited reports of damage from the hurricane. Strawberry growers are planning to begin planting their transplants this week.

## Livestock and Pastures

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

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/09/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	95	94	98	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	81	75	89	85
Cotton - Harvested.....	6	7	17	14
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	74	64	76	71
Peanuts - Dug.....	37	30	43	50
Peanuts - Harvested.....	24	18	28	31
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	37	28	44	46
Soybeans - Harvested.....	3	5	8	2

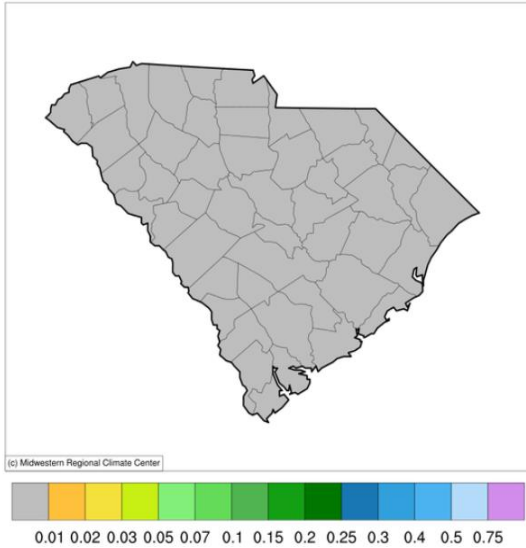
## Conditions for Week Ending 10/09/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	5	13	32	44	6
Cotton.....	1	10	29	57	3
Pasture and range ....	14	18	24	41	3
Peanuts .....	0	1	17	69	13
Soybeans .....	1	4	12	73	10

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/09/22

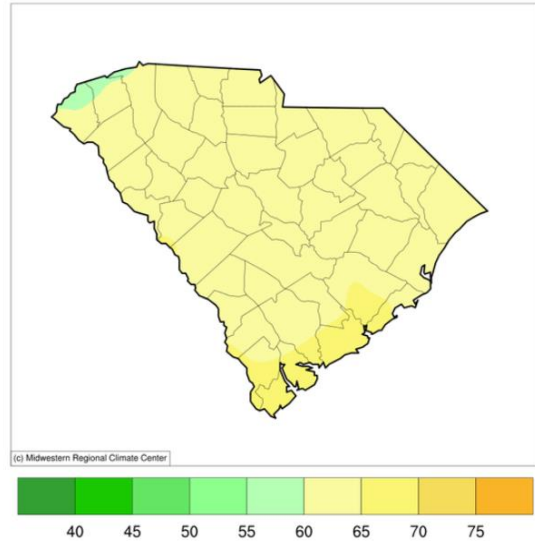
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5
Short.....	11	20
Adequate.....	82	74
Surplus.....	3	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	11	14
Adequate.....	84	86
Surplus.....	5	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 03, 2022 to October 09, 2022



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 03, 2022 to October 09, 2022

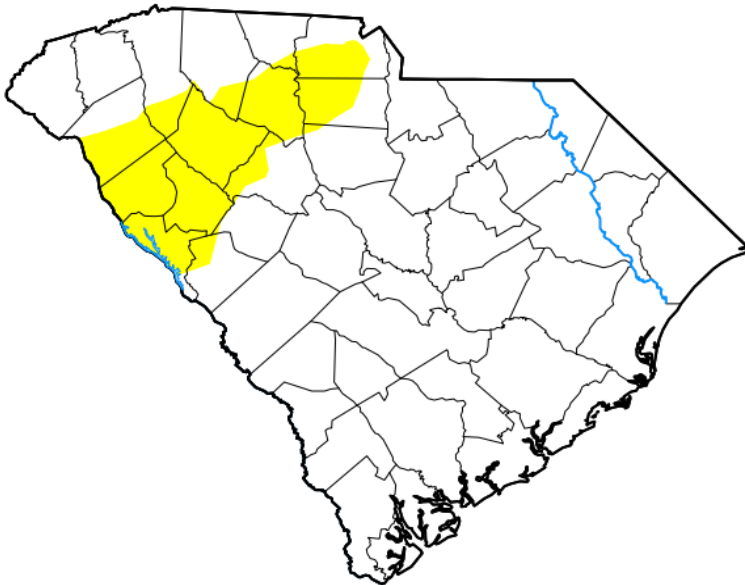


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2022.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**October 4, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	86.28	13.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-05-2022	4.49	95.51	50.05	7.16	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-05-2021	92.21	7.79	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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