



**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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2022. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 0.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the high 40s.

## Crops

Most of the state saw little to no rain last week, and temperatures continued to drop with many areas reporting to have had their first frost of the season. The dry and cool weather made for ample time for fieldwork.

Cotton bolls continued to open, and harvest progressed throughout the week. Dry weather conditions were good for cotton and soybean harvest to progress. Peanuts continued to be dug and harvested at a steady pace. Soybeans continued to drop leaves and be harvested, progressing ahead of historical levels. Early winter wheat was being planted, however dry soil moisture levels delayed planting in many areas. Strawberries were being planted, and ones that had already been planted were noted to be looking good.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions remained in relatively good condition with temperatures continuing to cool down. Pastures were in fair conditions around the state, although the dry weather and recent freeze hurt pasture conditions.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/23/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	93	94	97	94
Cotton - Harvested.....	13	26	33	30
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	88	81	90	83
Peanuts - Dug.....	59	60	70	71
Peanuts - Harvested.....	44	42	51	52
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves..	57	60	74	68
Soybeans - Harvested.....	8	15	23	10
Winter wheat - Planted.....	8	3	5	9

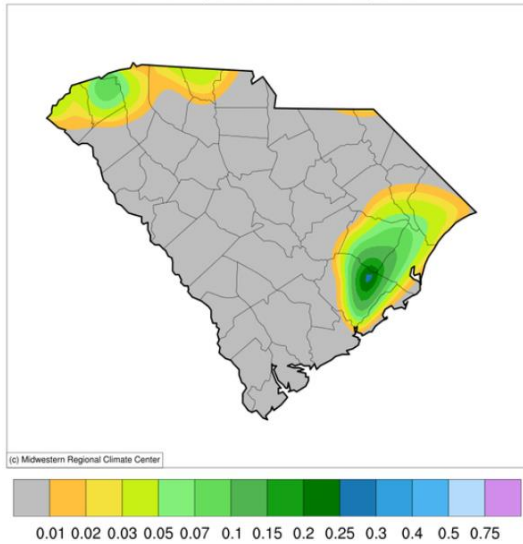
## Conditions for Week Ending 10/23/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	29	62	4
Cotton.....	1	8	20	70	1
Pasture and range ....	2	22	42	33	1
Peanuts.....	0	1	13	79	7
Soybeans.....	2	3	13	78	4

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/23/22

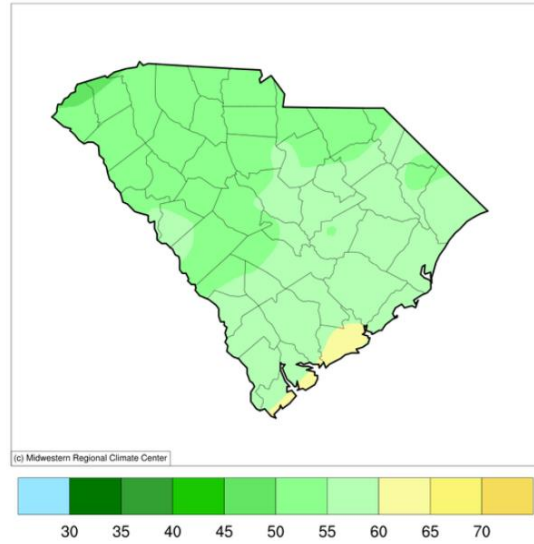
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	9
Short.....	27	35
Adequate.....	68	55
Surplus.....	0	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	7
Short.....	22	33
Adequate.....	77	60
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 17, 2022 to October 23, 2022



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 17, 2022 to October 23, 2022



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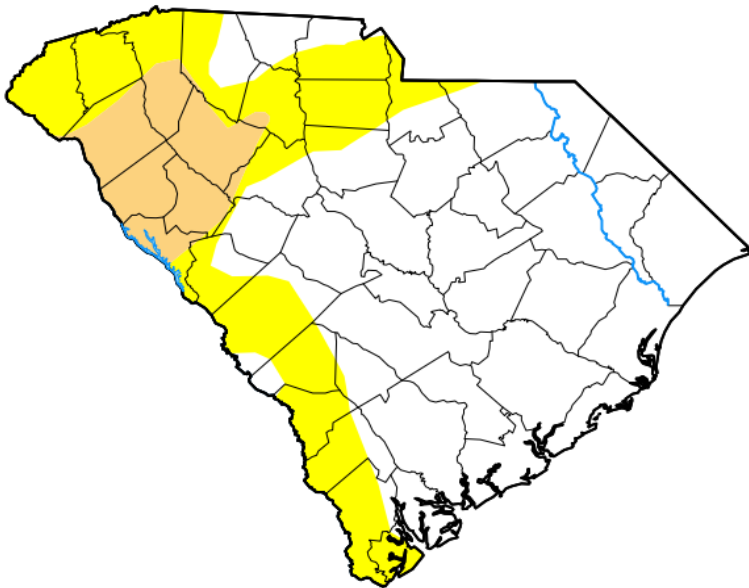
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2022.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**October 18, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	65.04	34.96	9.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-11-2022</i>	71.24	28.76	6.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-19-2022</i>	72.78	27.22	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2022</i>	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2022</i>	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-19-2021</i>	84.97	15.03	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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