



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 30, 2022. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 0.6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Scattered showers helped alleviate dry conditions in some parts of the state, although many areas were still dealing with inadequate soil moisture levels. The dry conditions created ideal conditions for harvesting cotton, peanuts, soybeans, and hay however it also made planting winter forages and grains very difficult. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 46 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions and 16 percent was experiencing moderate drought conditions.

Dry weather conditions facilitated cotton and soybean harvest, allowing each to progress ahead of historic levels. Peanuts continued to be dug and harvested at a steady pace. Winter wheat seedings continued over the last week as weather conditions permitted. Strawberry planting was reported to be nearing completion across the Midlands, Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions. Plants were noted to be looking good and starting to get established. Brassicas were reported to be in good condition, although some lepidoptera and aphid pressure was reported in the Upstate region.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions remained in relatively good condition with temperatures continuing to cool down. Pastures were in mostly fair condition around the state, as the dry weather and cooler temperatures have limited regrowth.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/30/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	21	33	51	39
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	92	90	94	87
Peanuts - Dug.....	68	70	82	79
Peanuts - Harvested.....	53	51	66	64
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves...	68	74	86	76
Soybeans - Harvested.....	14	23	33	16
Winter wheat - Planted.....	15	5	8	15

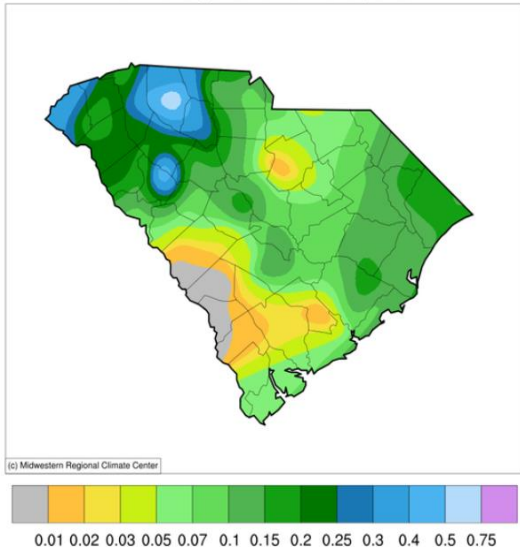
Conditions for Week Ending 10/30/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	8	35	53	2
Cotton.....	0	8	25	61	6
Pasture and range	9	23	34	33	1
Soybeans	1	3	18	70	8

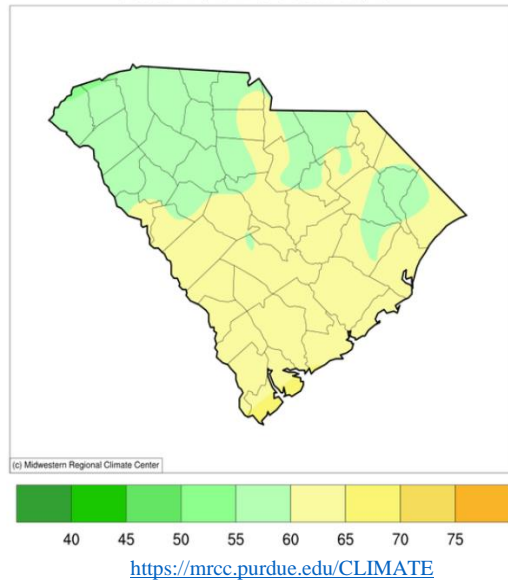
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/30/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	15
Short.....	35	44
Adequate.....	55	40
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	12
Short.....	33	33
Adequate.....	60	55
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 24, 2022 to October 30, 2022



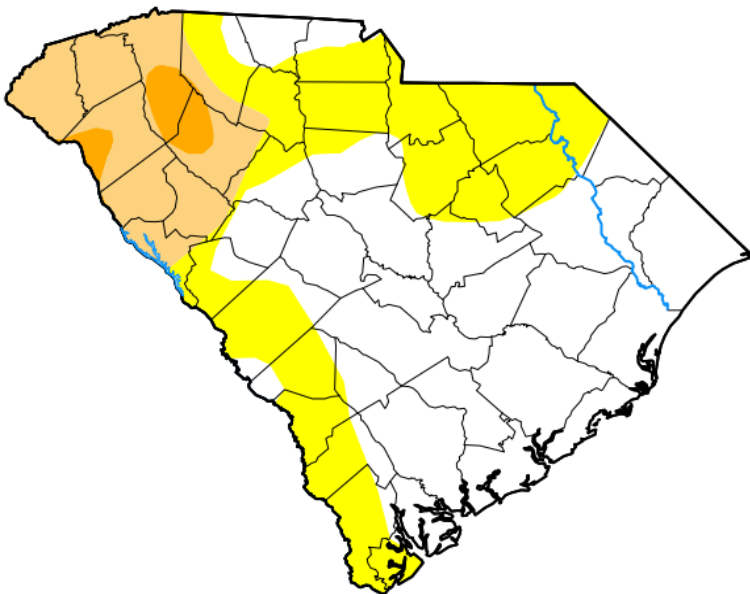
Average Temperature (°F)
October 24, 2022 to October 30, 2022



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

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.21	45.79	16.32	2.49	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-18-2022	65.04	34.96	9.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-26-2022	77.58	22.42	0.00	0.00	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 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-26-2021	48.41	51.59	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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