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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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 10, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.5 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

Crops

A relatively dry week after the heavy rains from the previous week gave producers ample time to get back into the field to catch up on fieldwork and assess damages from Hurricane Idalia. Corn harvesting continued with yields in the Pee Dee region noted to be higher than normal. Cotton was in mostly good condition across the state as bolls were opening. Some peanuts were dug and harvested and should pick up over the next month. Soybean blooming neared completion and fields continued setting pods and dropping leaves. Tobacco harvest was nearly complete and anticipated to finish up next week if the weather permits. Some summer vegetables were still being harvested as fall greens were being planted.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/10/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	66	57	72	76
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	39	20	34	35
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	14	18	34	14
Peanuts - Dug.....	4	1	4	4
Peanuts - Harvested	1	NA	1	1
Soybeans - Blooming.....	96	92	95	95
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	73	66	78	70
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	9	6	9	4
Tobacco - Harvested	85	87	93	88

(NA) Not available.

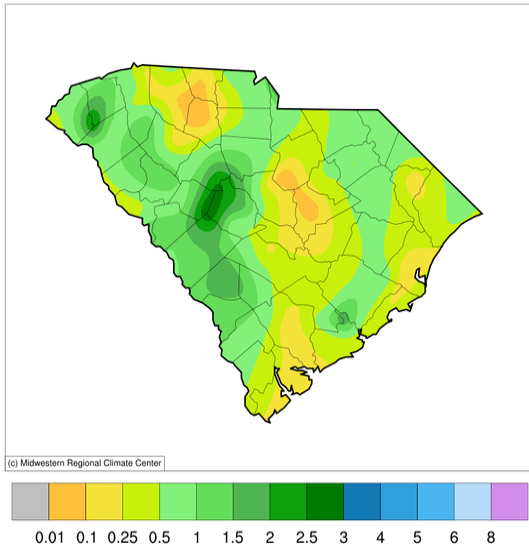
Conditions for Week Ending 09/10/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	12	30	47	8
Cotton.....	0	3	38	51	8
Pasture and range	6	16	42	34	2
Peanuts	0	2	16	73	9
Soybeans	3	4	32	51	10

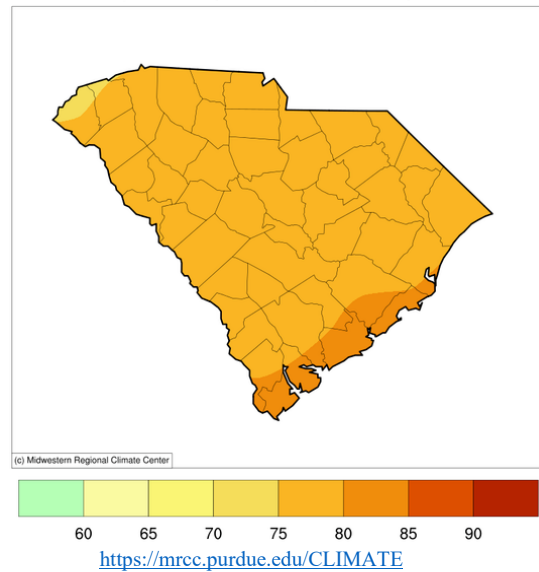
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/10/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	3
Short.....	17	14
Adequate	61	74
Surplus	20	9
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	17	16
Adequate	65	79
Surplus	18	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 04, 2023 to September 10, 2023

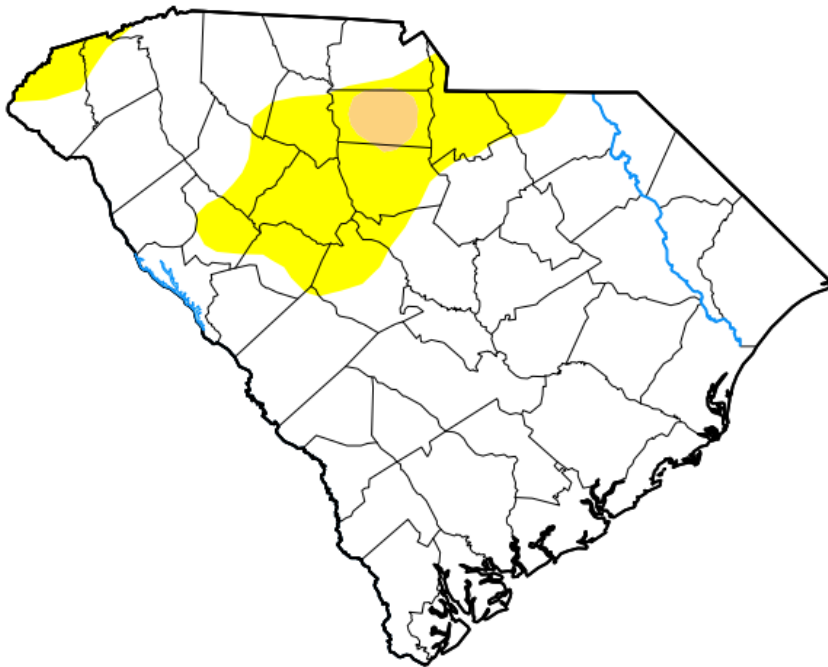


Average Temperature (°F)
September 04, 2023 to September 10, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 5, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 7, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	83.60	16.40	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-29-2023	68.08	31.92	6.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-06-2023	92.77	7.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	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 09-06-2022	83.30	16.70	3.01	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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