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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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 17, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches to 4.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

Crops

Most of the state saw scattered showers with the Lowcountry region seeing heavier rains. Corn harvesting continued to progress with yields noted to be very good. Cotton bolls were opening as leaf drop was occurring on sandier fields in the Lowcountry region. Peanuts were being dug and harvested. Harvest of Virginia peanut varieties was noted to be beginning however maturity was running 10 days behind normal in the Lowcountry region. Soybeans continued to set pods as leaves were yellowing and dropping. Soybean conditions in the Upstate region were noted to be poor in some places due to deer pressure and lack of rain. Tobacco harvesting finished up in most areas in the state. Fall greens were reported to be looking good with good conditions for cover crop planting.

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 09/17/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	76	72	80	84
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	52	34	45	48
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	34	34	52	29
Peanuts - Dug.....	12	4	9	10
Peanuts - Harvested	3	1	4	4
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	84	78	87	79
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	14	9	16	9
Tobacco - Harvested	94	93	99	94

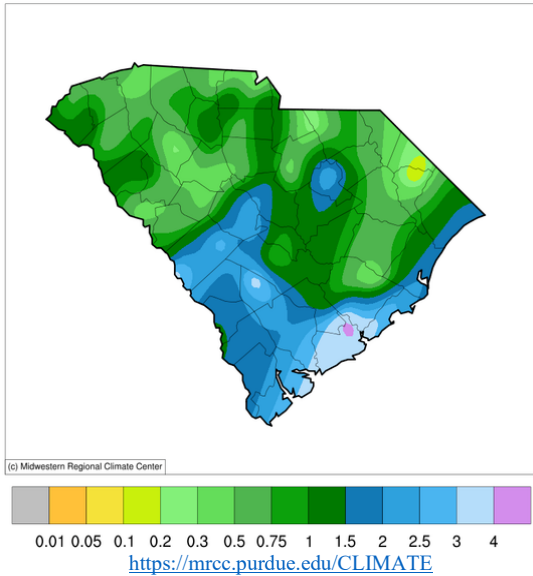
Conditions for Week Ending 09/17/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	9	33	48	7
Cotton.....	0	5	38	51	6
Pasture and range	4	12	46	36	2
Peanuts	0	1	14	82	3
Soybeans	3	5	33	51	8

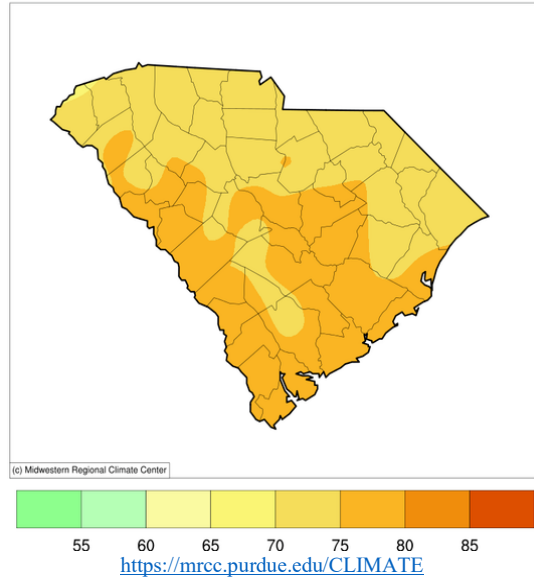
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/17/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	2
Short.....	14	22
Adequate.....	74	75
Surplus.....	9	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	16	20
Adequate.....	79	78
Surplus.....	4	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023

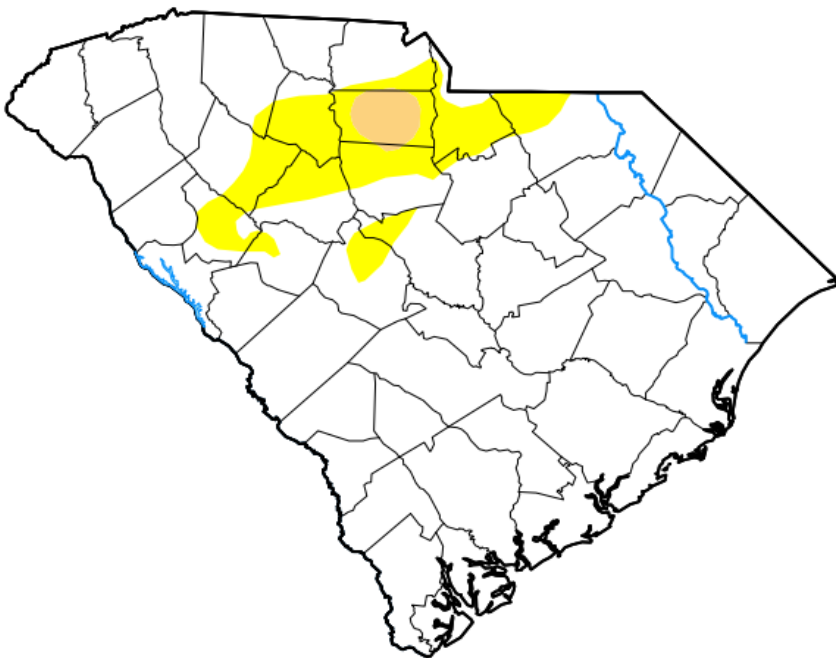


Average Temperature (°F)
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 12, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 14, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.86	11.14	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-05-2023</i>	83.60	16.40	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-13-2023</i>	95.39	4.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-13-2022</i>	87.73	12.27	0.99	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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