



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



Cooperating with the **South Carolina Department of Agriculture**
Southern Region, South Carolina Field Office · 208G Wholesale Lane · West Columbia, SC 29172 · (800) 253-4419
www.nass.usda.gov

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.

September 25, 2023

Media Contact: *Jacqueline Moore*

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 24, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 2.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Light showers for most of the state and temperatures continuing to cool down gave producers a comfortable week for fieldwork. Corn harvest was nearing completion throughout much of the state. Cotton bolls continued to open, and some fields were beginning to reach defoliation thresholds. Peanut digging began to ramp up last week with Virginia and runner varieties being dug in the Lowcountry region. Soybeans were finishing setting pods and leaves continued to yellow and drop with some the earliest planted fields beginning to be harvested. The relatively dry conditions throughout the week helped farmers cut and bale their third cutting of hay. Fall greens were noted to be doing well under irrigation. Plantings of fall and winter grazing was expected to be delayed in the Lowcountry region due dry conditions.

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 09/24/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	87	80	89	90
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	64	45	66	60
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	50	52	65	46
Peanuts - Dug.....	19	9	17	19
Peanuts - Harvested	9	4	9	9
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	95	87	94	87
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	20	16	22	17
Soybeans - Harvested	3	0	1	1

Conditions for Week Ending 09/24/23

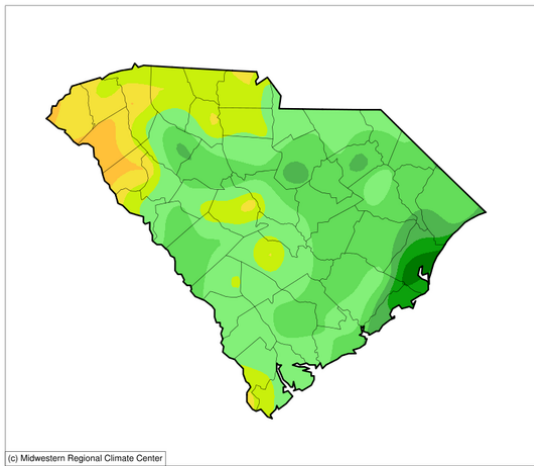
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	5	11	32	43	9
Cotton.....	0	6	38	50	6
Pasture and range	6	19	44	29	2
Peanuts	0	0	17	80	3
Soybeans	2	5	32	51	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/24/23

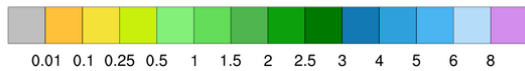
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	4
Short.....	22	25
Adequate.....	75	70
Surplus	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	20	15
Adequate.....	78	83
Surplus	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023



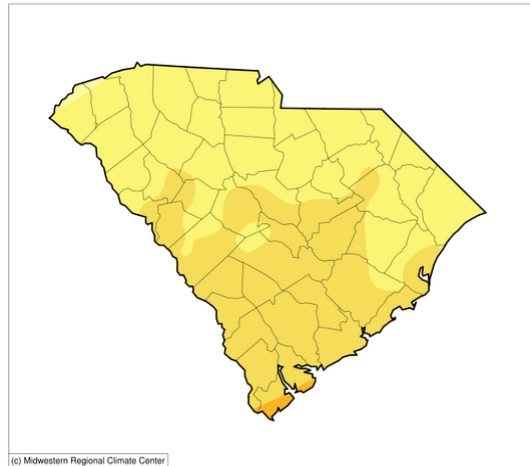
(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



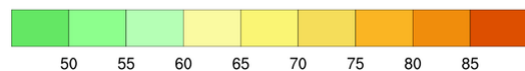
<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE>

Average Temperature (°F)

September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



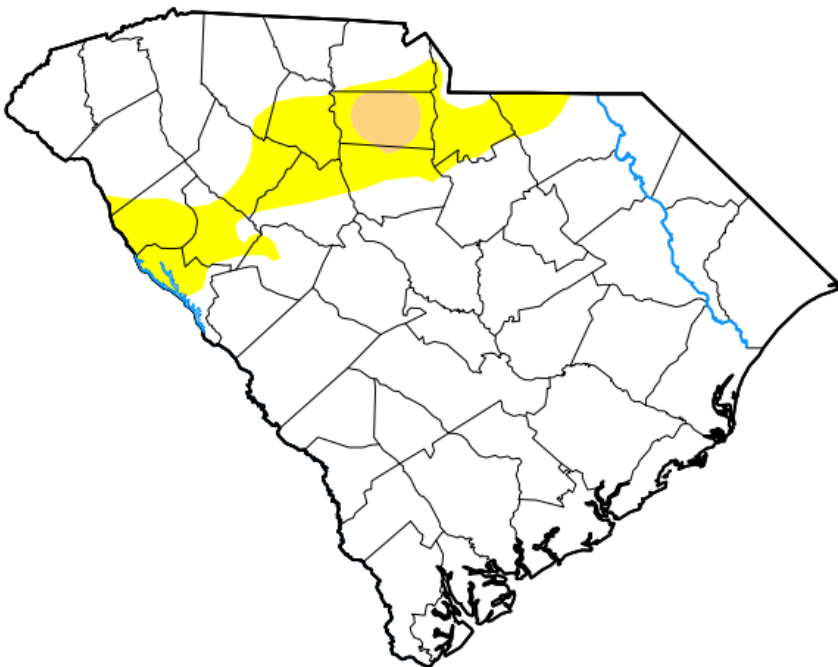
<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE>

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 19, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 21, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.24	12.76	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-12-2023</i>	88.86	11.14	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-20-2023</i>	94.49	5.51	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>09-20-2022</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>

Author:

Richard Heim
NCEI/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu