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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 8, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Cool temperatures and dry conditions continued throughout the state over the past week. Corn harvesting neared completion with good yields being reported. Defoliation of cotton continued and harvesting activities began to pick up during the week. Peanuts continued to be dug and harvested at a steady pace. Soybeans were dropping leaves and harvest for early planted varieties was underway. Good weather conditions allowed hay producers to make progress cutting and baling hay. Farmers were waiting on rainfall before bedding up land for fall and winter crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair condition around the state. Limited rainfall over the past few weeks has dried out pastures and hindered seeding of fall grazing crops.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/08/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	97	92	95	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening.......	87	77	81	82
Cotton - Harvested............	16	4	8	12
Hay - 3rd Cutting................	74	75	81	70
Peanuts - Dug....................	41	23	33	43
Peanuts - Harvested	27	15	21	27
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	42	28	35	41
Soybeans - Harvested	8	7	12	3

Conditions for Week Ending 10/08/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle........................	6	16	29	43	6
Cotton.......................	0	1	39	59	1
Pasture and range	10	28	46	14	2
Peanuts	0	0	15	84	1
Soybeans	1	2	28	66	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/08/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	16
Short...	40	40
Adequate	53	44
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	2
Short...	29	38
Adequate	66	60
Surplus	1	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023

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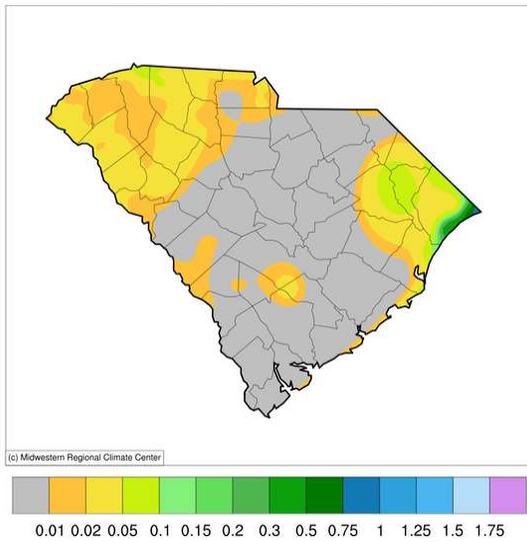
Average Temperature (°F)
October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023

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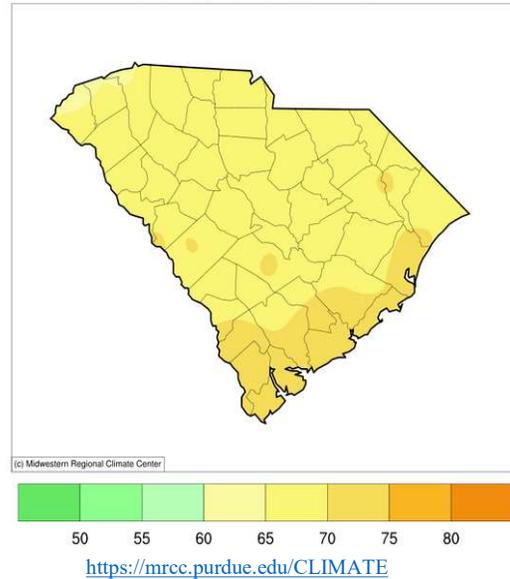
U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

October 3, 2023
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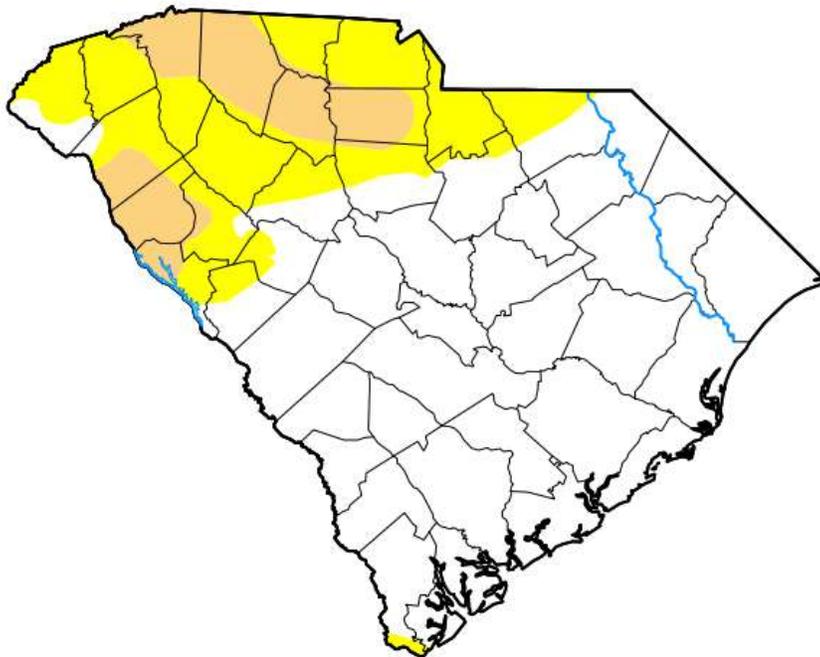
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.09	30.91	10.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-04-2023	100.00	0.00	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 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-04-2022	86.28	13.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None		D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry		D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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