



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 1.0 inch 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 across most of the state for a second consecutive week helped to maintain adequate soil moisture levels. Cotton bolls continued opening and being harvested as peanut digging and harvesting progressed. The cooler weather was noted to have slowed peanut maturation and cotton boll opening in the Lowcountry region. Soybeans were dropping leaves and being harvested. Harvesting for both cotton and soybeans was expected to ramp up over the next week in the Upstate region.

## 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 10/22/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	97	88	94	93
Cotton - Harvested.....	32	11	20	26
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	89	87	92	83
Peanuts - Dug.....	69	47	66	67
Peanuts - Harvested.....	50	31	45	49
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	72	47	59	67
Soybeans - Harvested .....	22	16	20	12
Winter wheat - Planted.....	5	0	2	7

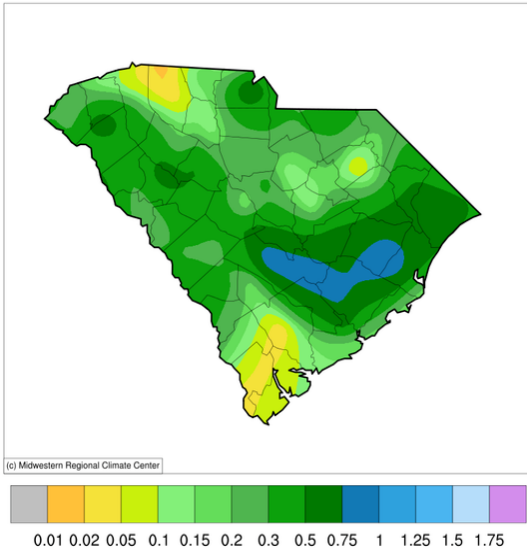
## Conditions for Week Ending 10/22/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	5	12	36	42	5
Cotton.....	0	3	43	47	7
Pasture and range ....	10	33	44	13	0
Peanuts .....	0	0	14	81	5
Soybeans .....	0	3	32	56	9

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/22/23

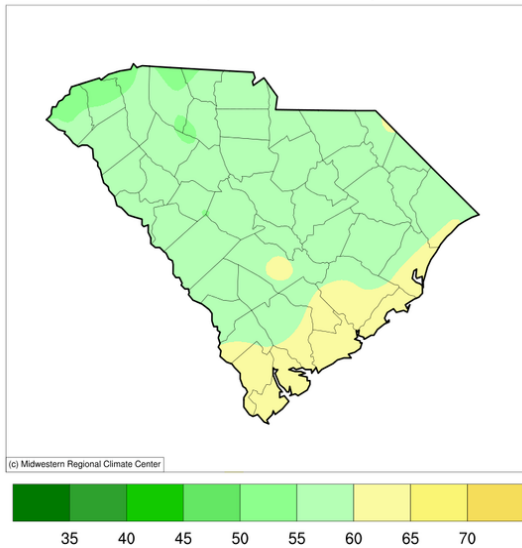
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	3
Short.....	27	26
Adequate.....	66	71
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5
Short.....	22	22
Adequate.....	73	73
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



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# U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**October 17, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.79	47.21	21.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-10-2023</i>	60.48	39.52	22.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-18-2023</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2023</i>	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-18-2022</i>	65.04	34.96	9.96	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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