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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.

November 6, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 5, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to trace amounts. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the high 40s.

Crops

Another week of little to no rainfall caused further depletion of soil moisture levels across much of the state.. According to the US Drought Monitor on October 31, 62.8 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions, 36.6 percent had moderate drought conditions, and 6.6 percent had severe drought conditions. Temperatures dropped significantly throughout the week and many areas experienced their first frost of the year by week's end.

Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvesting continued to progress throughout the dry conditions. Small grains were being planted with some fields beginning to emerge. The dry conditions were making it difficult for small grains to get established, and some producers opted to wait for rain to improve soil moisture levels before planting.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in fair to poor condition around the state. Pasture conditions continued to decline with the lack of rain as well as the early frost. As a result, livestock were being fed hay ahead of the normal timeline for feeding.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/05/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	57	24	42	48
Peanuts - Dug	92	74	87	84
Peanuts - Harvested	78	63	71	71
Soybeans - Drop Leaves	93	71	89	84
Soybeans - Harvested	42	26	44	27
Winter wheat - Planted	13	4	11	18
Winter wheat - Emerged	3	0	3	3

Conditions for Week Ending 11/05/23

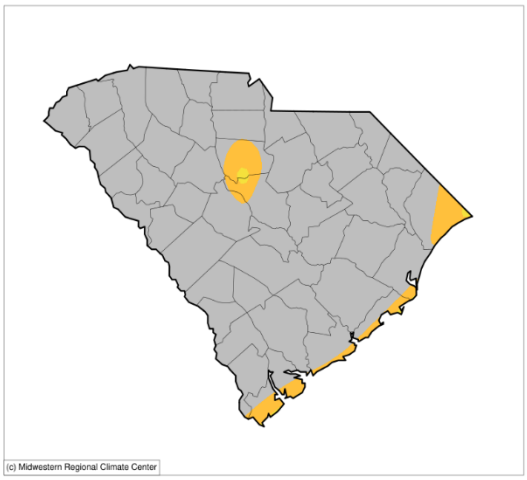
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	2	10	40	44	4
Cotton	1	5	34	54	6
Pasture and range	15	36	37	12	0
Soybeans	5	10	35	41	9

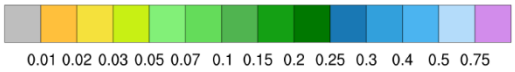
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/05/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	18
Short	44	51
Adequate	50	30
Surplus	1	1
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	13
Short	30	47
Adequate	59	40
Surplus	1	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023





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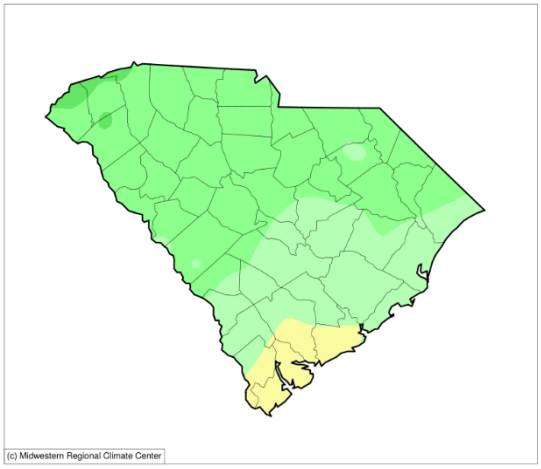
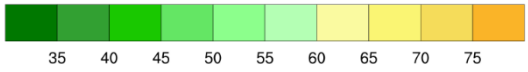
Average Temperature (°F)

October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023





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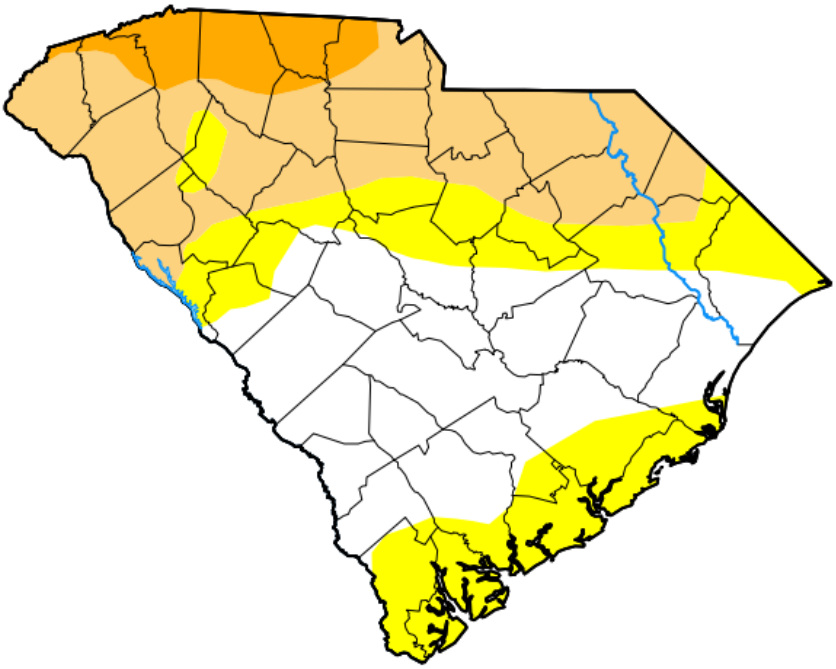
U.S. Drought Monitor

South Carolina



October 31, 2023

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.23	62.77	36.55	6.57	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-24-2023*	50.15	49.85	26.02	2.43	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *08-01-2023*	88.03	11.97	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 *11-01-2022*	47.41	52.59	19.31	1.42	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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