



# 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 20, 2023

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 19, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1 inch of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

## Crops

Another week of mixed rainfall amounts helped alleviate drought conditions in some areas of the state, although many areas were still struggling with the lack of rainfall. According to the US Drought Monitor on November 14, 75 percent of the state had abnormally dry conditions, 48.5 percent had moderate drought conditions, 30.7 percent had severe drought conditions, and 7.7 percent had extreme drought conditions.

Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvesting continued to progress during the week with yields noted to be fair to good overall. Cotton yields on non-irrigated land were noted to be down compared to previous years in the Midlands region. Peanut digging neared completion with harvesting anticipated to finish up over the next few weeks. Small grains continued to be planted, although the drought conditions were causing delays in planting and issues with emergence in some areas. Some producers chose to delay planting of small grains until they received more adequate soil moisture.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in fair to poor condition around the state. Livestock producers continued to feed hay and supplements in many areas due to poor pasture conditions. The dry conditions and temperature swings over the past few weeks were noted to have caused issues for stocker calves in the Upstate region.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/19/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	72	59	73	69
Peanuts - Dug.....	100	93	97	94
Peanuts - Harvested .....	93	84	91	86
Soybeans - Harvested .....	61	55	67	47
Winter wheat - Planted.....	33	24	34	35
Winter wheat - Emerged ....	16	10	17	20

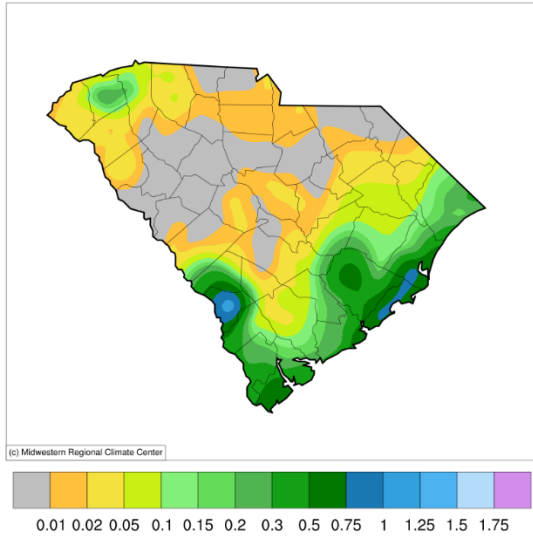
## Conditions for Week Ending 11/19/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	9	11	35	41	4
Pasture and range ....	18	36	33	13	0

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/19/23

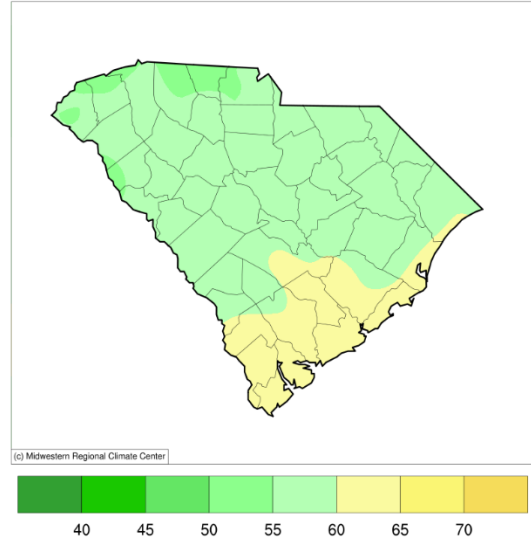
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	16	12
Short.....	49	55
Adequate .....	34	32
Surplus .....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	14	11
Short.....	43	51
Adequate .....	43	38
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 13, 2023 to November 19, 2023



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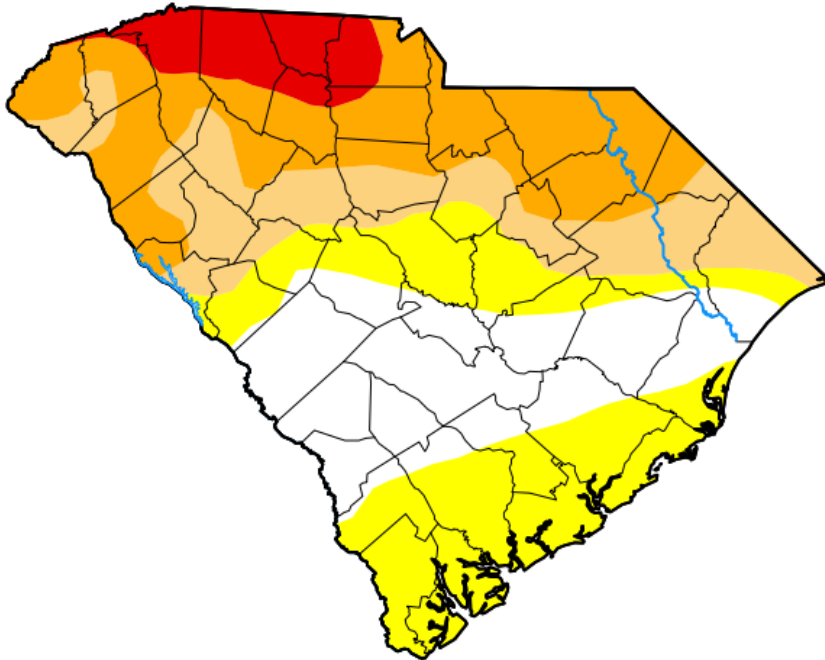
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
November 13, 2023 to November 19, 2023



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# U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**November 14, 2023**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	24.88	75.12	48.54	30.68	6.66	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11-07-2023</i>	10.49	89.51	48.22	26.45	2.56	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>08-15-2023</i>	82.93	17.07	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>11-15-2022</i>	62.05	37.95	17.09	1.37	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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