



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 9, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 4.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Afternoon temperatures were hot. Constant afternoon showers kept soil moisture adequate.

**Danny Howard, Greenville County**

Heavy rains fell in the northern part of Horry County over the weekend, resulting in some minor flooding, while the rest of the county saw much-needed moderate showers. The corn crop has matured and looks very good. Harvesting should begin in a few weeks. Cotton, peanut, and soybeans crops appear to be doing well, and depending on timely rain showers, should be good ones.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

Rain events were scattered, but all areas appeared to have good moisture. Corn is doing well; as are other crops. Disease problems were found on some squash and other vegetables, due in part to hot, humid conditions. Tomato harvest for small fresh markets is progressing, but overall fruit quality is down.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

Searing temperatures and little to no rain this week began to stress crops, especially corn. Most areas would like a good rain. Early maturing corn is beginning to turn color and dry down. Most corn growers will have excellent yields with just one more rain. Cotton is blooming well and beginning to generate young bolls. Peanut and cotton crops are meeting in the middles already. Watermelon harvest is slowing down and beginning to wrap up. Peach harvest is at a pick-your-own status or being offered as roadside sales.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/09/17**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature.....	28	8	2	8
Cotton - Squaring.....	57	45	57	57
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	17	3	10	15
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	98	93	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	45	39	67	57
Peanuts - Pegging.....	65	44	77	65
Soybeans - Emerged.....	93	89	96	90
Soybeans - Blooming.....	16	11	10	10
Tobacco - Topped.....	67	37	69	64
Tobacco - Harvested.....	14	2	NA	NA

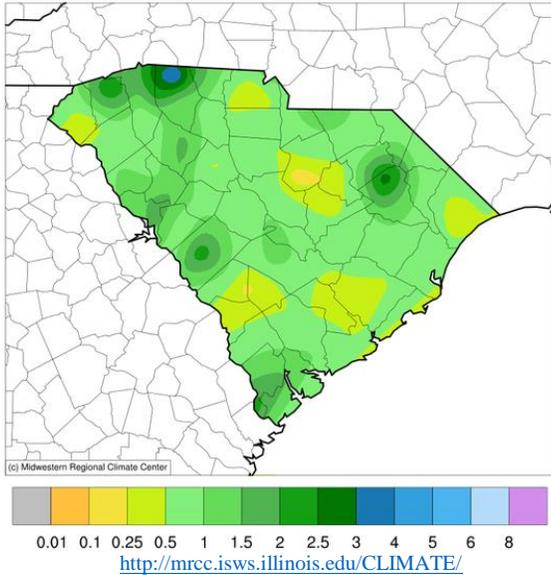
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/09/17**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	14	77	9
Corn.....	0	1	12	57	30
Cotton.....	0	0	12	47	41
Pasture and range.....	0	0	16	73	11
Peaches.....	52	34	14	0	0
Peanuts.....	0	0	8	56	36
Soybeans.....	0	0	16	74	10
Tobacco.....	2	14	38	43	3

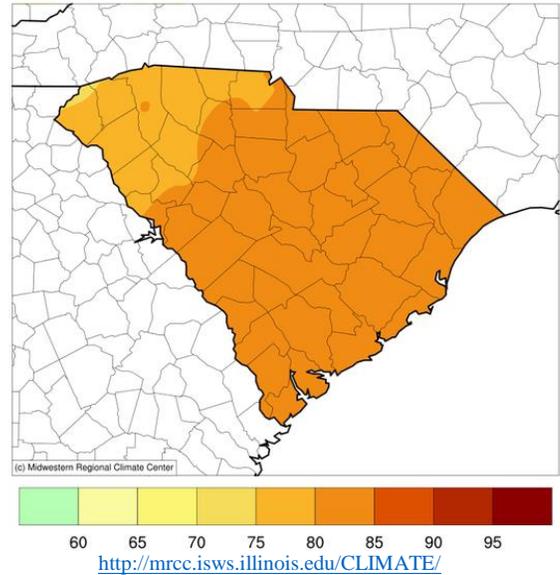
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/09/17**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	10
Short.....	17	8	29
Adequate.....	76	85	45
Surplus.....	7	7	16
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	19	10	NA
Adequate.....	74	80	NA
Surplus.....	7	10	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 03, 2017 to July 09, 2017



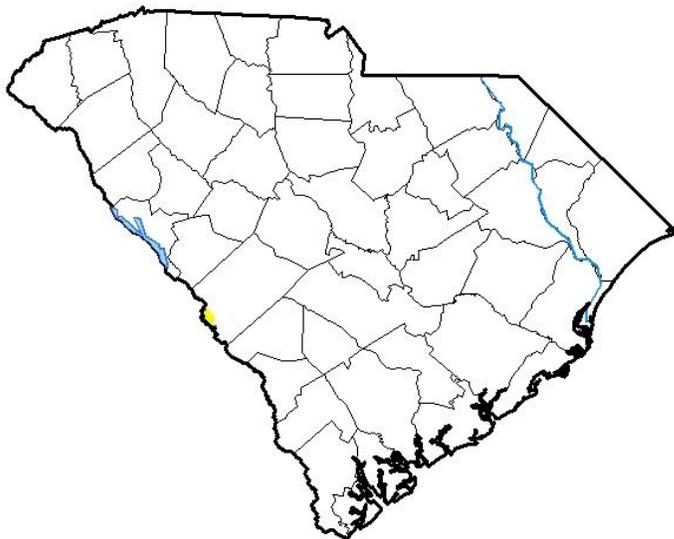
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 03, 2017 to July 09, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2017.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 4, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 6, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 06-27-2017	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-04-2017	5.08	94.92	42.49	15.41	2.16	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-05-2016	67.10	32.90	16.22	4.78	0.51	0.00

**Intensity:**

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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