



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, August 6, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 6.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Rain is needed across the county. Crops are beginning to show stress. Pastures are still in good shape though.

Morris Warner, Oconee County

This year's tobacco crop appears to be pretty good. Our corn crop appears to be a good one, and harvest should start within the next of couple weeks. Cotton, peanut, and soybean crops are off to a good start.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Rain events at the end of the week were timely as crops in some areas were becoming stressed by midweek. Some irrigated fall greens were set out. Some farmers reported that they were getting ready for fall squash plantings.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Cooler morning temperatures provided a welcome relief to crops and people. A couple of thundershowers during the week maintained good soil moisture levels for growing crops. The corn harvest is progressing as weather permits. Early maturing corn was not negatively affected by frequent summer rains. Peanut growers are maintaining disease control applications. No specific crop disease or insect problems were reported this week. All crops have excellent condition and yield prospects at this time.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/06/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	81	60	79	70
Corn - Harvested	1	NA	4	9
Cotton - Squaring	92	89	94	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	67	59	77	71
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting	65	45	78	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	81	68	91	89
Peanuts - Pegging.....	90	87	96	96
Soybeans - Blooming	69	55	51	55
Soybeans - Setting Pods	35	23	4	13
Tobacco - Topped	95	93	98	99
Tobacco - Harvested.....	40	31	47	51

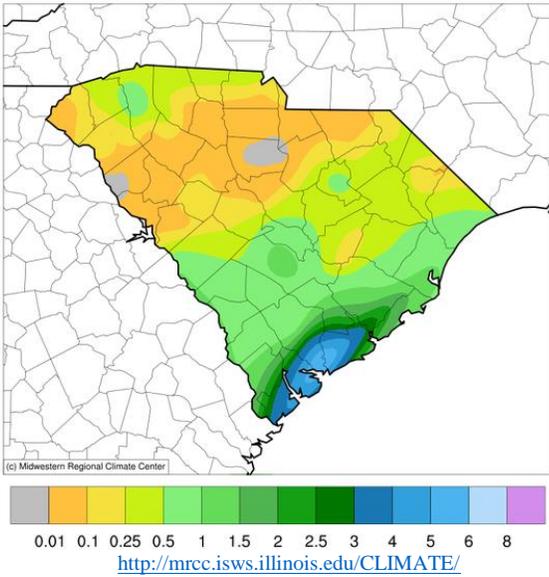
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/06/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	24	69	7
Corn	0	0	7	76	17
Cotton	0	0	4	40	56
Pasture and range.....	0	3	18	71	8
Peanuts.....	0	0	6	38	56
Soybeans	0	0	10	59	31
Tobacco.....	0	1	46	53	0

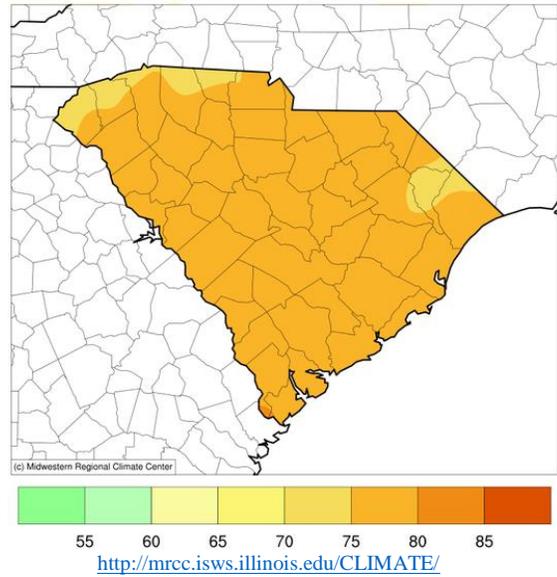
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/06/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	4
Short	14	16	24
Adequate.....	86	81	67
Surplus.....	0	3	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	5	7	NA
Adequate.....	95	91	NA
Surplus.....	0	2	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2017 to August 06, 2017



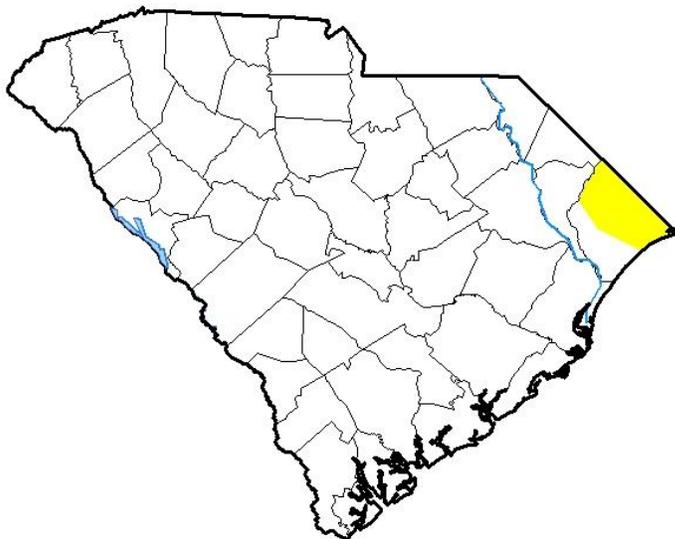
Average Temperature (°F)
July 31, 2017 to August 06, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 1, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.64	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-25-2017	99.98	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-02-2017	38.05	61.95	15.80	0.15	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-02-2016	65.16	34.84	25.32	11.00	1.69	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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