



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 20, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 90s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 70s.

County Comments

High heat and limited rainfall have dropped soil moisture conditions. Corn harvest beginning at a strong pace.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Corn harvest has begun while experiencing dryer conditions than previous weeks. Extreme heat is drying out soil at a quick rate.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Weather conditions of the past few weeks have farmers behind on harvesting corn and getting fall vegetables planted. Good operating conditions have allowed farmers to harvest corn and prepare land for fall vegetable planting. Some small farmers have reported to have some of the fall greens transplanted.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

A week of sweltering temperatures and only a few scattered showers allowed rapid progress in corn harvesting. Most growers are reporting strong yields for both dryland and irrigated corn. Soybean growers are having to apply insecticides for a variety of worms. No disease problems reported in peanuts but growers are maintaining a strict fungicide application schedule. Cotton is beginning to open at a faster rate. The high temperatures of the week with little to no showers have removed any surplus soil moisture but no dryness reported in crops.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/20/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	94	90	89	90
Corn - Harvested.....	28	16	35	31
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	84	76	91	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	9	2	2	4
Hay - 2nd Cutting	85	82	87	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	90	88	98	96
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	93	99	99
Soybeans - Blooming	84	82	81	80
Soybeans - Setting Pods	42	38	38	35
Tobacco - Harvested.....	55	48	58	71

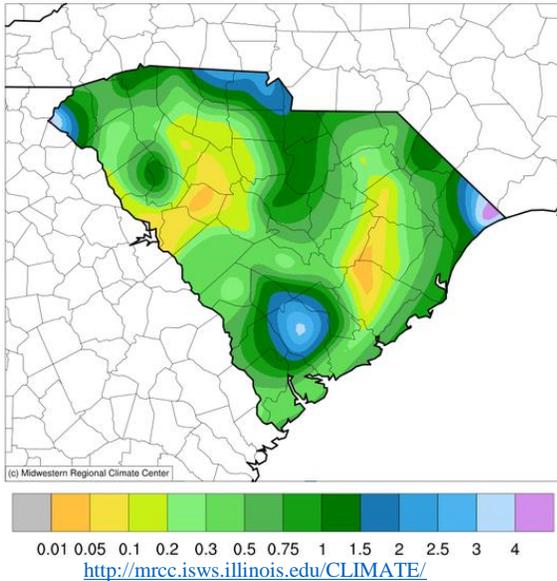
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/20/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	24	74	2
Corn	0	3	7	60	30
Cotton	0	0	6	54	40
Pasture and range.....	0	0	28	70	2
Peanuts.....	0	0	5	43	52
Soybeans.....	0	0	8	62	30
Tobacco.....	4	11	37	43	5

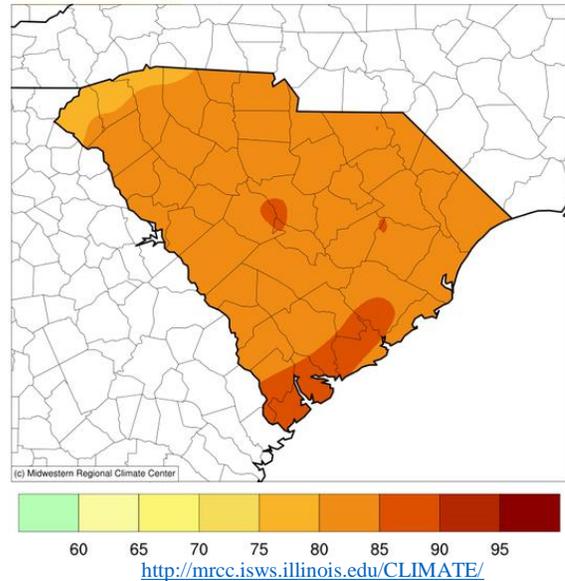
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/20/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	4
Short.....	19	3	23
Adequate.....	73	85	63
Surplus.....	8	12	10
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	11	2	NA
Adequate.....	82	89	NA
Surplus.....	7	9	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 13, 2017 to August 20, 2017



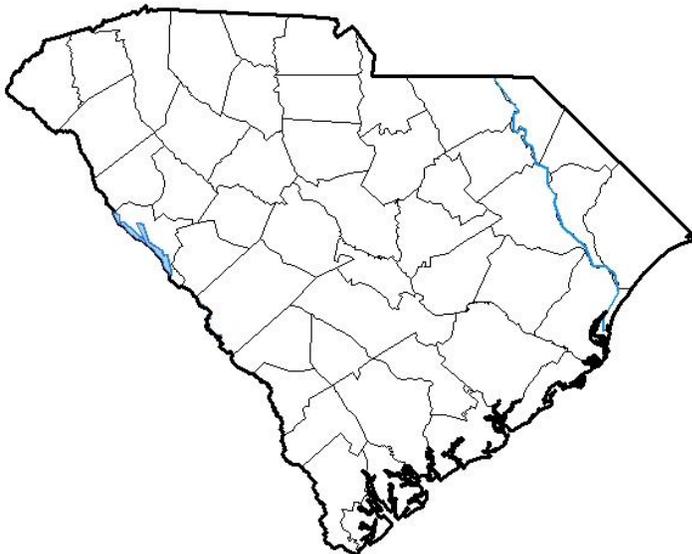
Average Temperature (°F)
August 13, 2017 to August 20, 2017



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 15, 2017
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-08-2017</i>	97.64	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-16-2017</i>	39.27	60.73	15.55	0.08	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2017</i>	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-16-2016</i>	62.11	37.89	17.06	5.98	1.55	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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