



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 3, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 6.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Greenville County had cooler weather than normal this week and received some rain.

Danny Howard, Greenville County

The corn harvest is winding down. Peanut digging has started on early maturing varieties. Cotton is opening at an increasing pace because of the dry weather.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

A few rain events have kept some farmers from harvesting corn. Fall collards are being set out by most farmers. The collards are progressing well.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Lots of rain over the past few weeks has made conditions for diseases favorable. Many are hoping that Hurricane Irma will stay away.

Zack Snipes, Charleston County

A couple of widely scattered showers that brought small amounts of rain interfered with the continuing corn harvest. However, some corn growers completed their harvests. Peanuts, cotton, and soybeans are still in good shape. Over half of all cotton bolls have opened. The hurricane in the Atlantic has growers concerned about possible crop losses. A few soybean growers are still having to control larvae pests in their crop.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/03/17

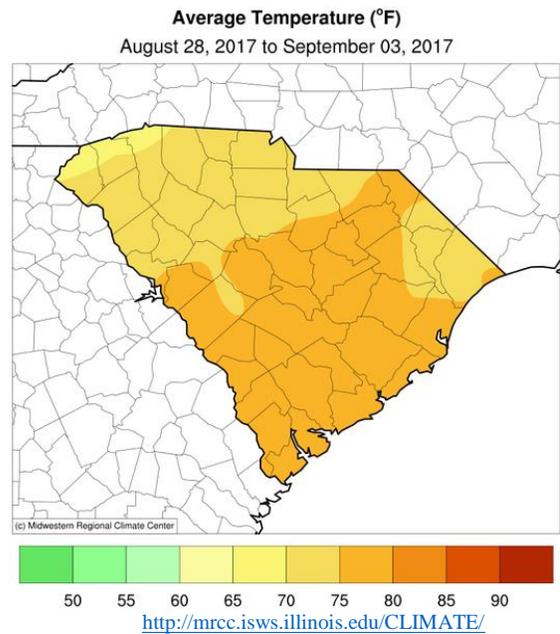
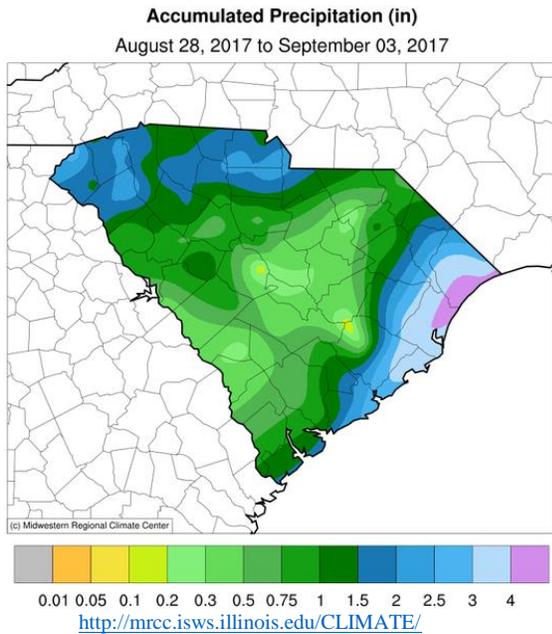
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	65	53	83	68
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	97	95	99	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	38	21	21	25
Hay - 2nd Cutting	97	92	98	NA
Peanuts - Dug	1	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	97	92	95	92
Soybeans - Setting Pods	77	61	68	63
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	1	NA	4	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	84	71	90	89

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/03/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	27	67	6
Cotton	0	0	2	57	41
Pasture and range.....	0	2	40	57	1
Peanuts.....	0	0	1	53	46
Soybeans.....	0	0	2	71	27

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/03/17

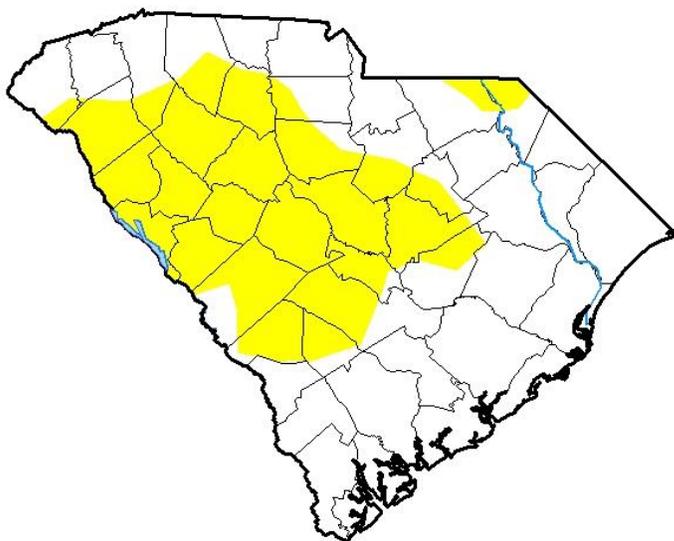
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	5	5
Short.....	34	23	26
Adequate.....	66	62	64
Surplus.....	0	10	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	18	15	NA
Adequate.....	82	75	NA
Surplus.....	0	10	NA



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

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.92	39.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-22-2017	82.33	17.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-30-2017	62.43	37.57	3.11	0.00	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 08-30-2016	39.96	60.04	17.69	2.12	0.58	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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