



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 10, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Greenville County received cooler weather and some rain. The apple harvest began.

Danny Howard, Greenville County

The tobacco harvest has all but wrapped up, and the corn harvest is at a feverish pace ahead of Hurricane Irma. Cotton, peanut, and soybean crops have already been saturated by heavy rain this week from a passing cold front, and additional moisture from Irma would not be beneficial for these crops at this stage in the growing season.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Some corn has yet to be harvested, but most of the crop is in. Some peanuts have been dug. Fall greens transplanting is in full progress. Fall squash in the area appears to have the silver leaf virus, but other than that, fall vegetables appear to be in good shape.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Farmers are rushing to complete corn harvest ahead of Hurricane Irma. Some peanuts are being dug early because of advanced maturity and anticipation of heavy rains from Irma.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

No measurable rain fell in Allendale or Hampton County this week. Peanut growers are leaving their crop in the ground until after Hurricane Irma passes.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/10/17

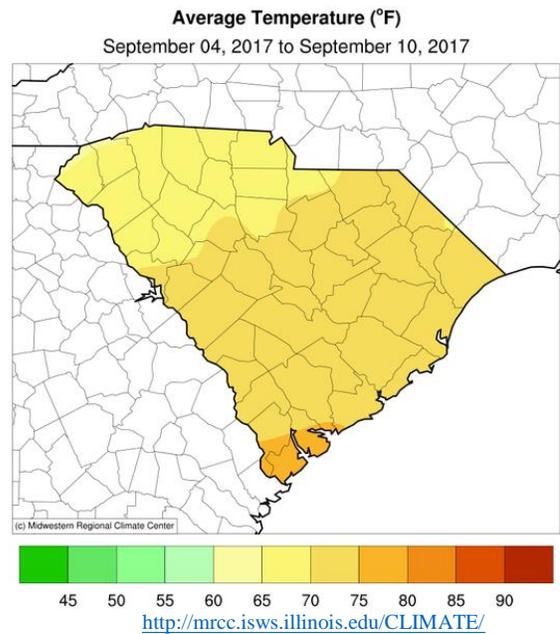
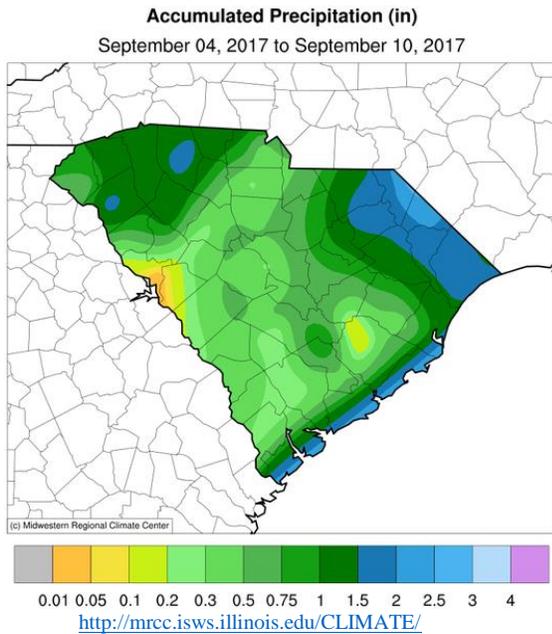
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	71	65	88	79
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	46	38	40	41
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	5	1	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	NA	4	2
Soybeans - Setting Pods	85	77	82	76
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	2	1	7	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	89	84	93	93

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/10/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	41	55	4
Cotton	0	0	8	45	47
Pasture and range.....	0	4	54	42	0
Peanuts.....	0	3	7	36	54
Soybeans.....	0	2	7	55	36

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/10/17

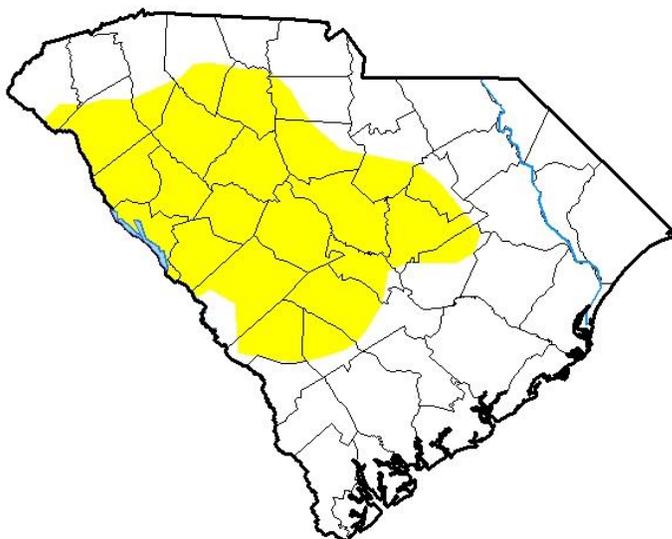
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	4
Short.....	30	34	28
Adequate.....	62	66	64
Surplus.....	8	0	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	22	18	NA
Adequate.....	66	82	NA
Surplus.....	12	0	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	62.06	37.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-29-2017	60.92	39.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-06-2017	96.73	3.27	0.00	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 09-06-2016	71.65	28.35	7.90	1.45	0.00	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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