



**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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 24, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Hot and dry weather. No rain this week.

Danny Howard, Greenville County

Cotton, peanut and soybean farmers are nearing their harvest of what appears to be a productive year for these crops. Hopefully this will be a cap on 2017 and a crop year that was good for farmers in Horry County.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Sunny weather enabled growers to make progress in digging peanuts and applying defoliates to cotton. Peanut combining has begun by some growers. There now is apparently a small loss of condition and yield potential to cotton from Hurricane Irma. No ill effects to other crops. Cotton harvest will begin next week.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Peanut digging and harvesting of Virginia type peanuts continued at a strong pace this week. Cotton defoliation has begun in most parts of the county.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Fall greens are progressing well, with some acreage having been hurt by Hurricane Irma. Peanut harvest is under way and cotton bolls are opening but I have not seen any ready for harvest..

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/24/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	95	90	93	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	73	63	69	66
Cotton - Harvested.....	5	0	2	3
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	40	19	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	29	14	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	12	4	11	16
Soybeans - Setting Pods	97	94	93	90
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	15	4	19	8
Winter Wheat - Planted..	0	NA	NA	NA

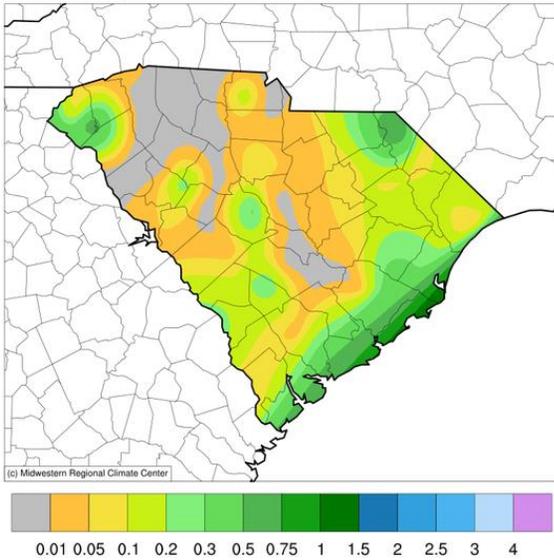
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/24/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	28	65	7
Cotton.....	0	0	7	65	28
Pasture and range.....	0	6	36	54	4
Peanuts.....	0	0	8	62	30
Soybeans.....	0	0	12	60	28

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/24/17

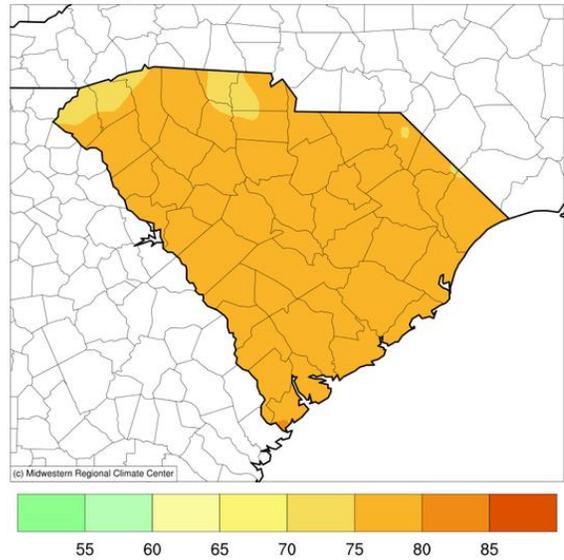
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	3
Short.....	16	4	26
Adequate.....	84	80	64
Surplus.....	0	16	7
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	9	7	NA
Adequate.....	85	78	NA
Surplus.....	6	15	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 18, 2017 to September 24, 2017



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Average Temperature (°F)
September 18, 2017 to September 24, 2017

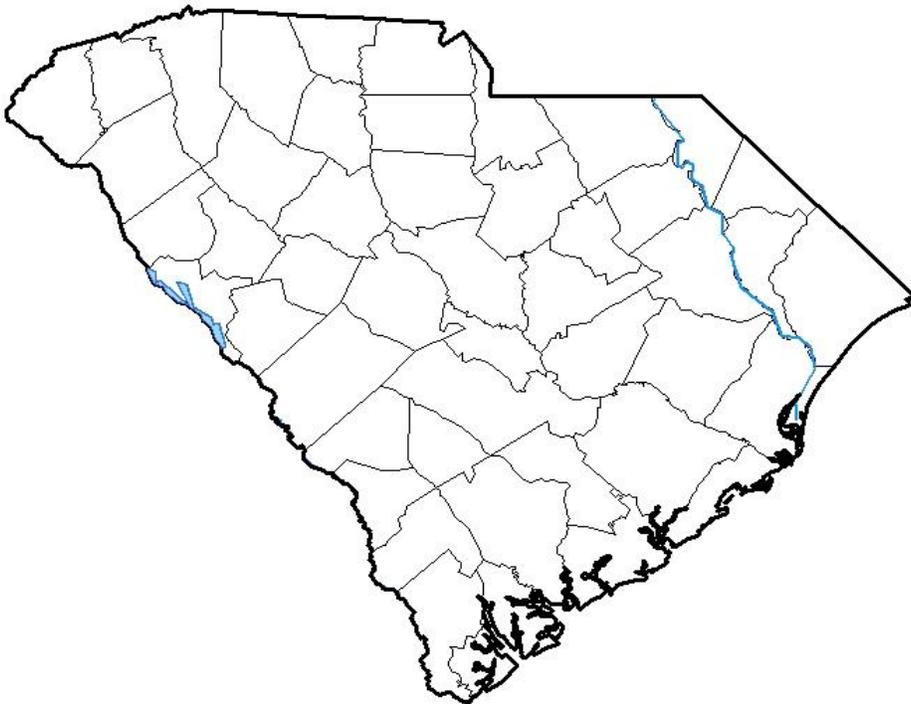


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 19, 2017
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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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