



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 1, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 60s.

County Comments

No measurable rain has been received since Hurricane Irma passed through three weeks ago, resulting in dry conditions throughout the area. Pasture conditions that greatly improved after Hurricane Irma's much needed rainfall have begun to deteriorate again.

J. Blake Badger, Anderson County

Calhoun County has had excellent harvest weather. However, dry weather has led to hard soil at some peanut digging locations, so digging is delayed. Cotton harvest began strong this week with heavy defoliation occurring.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Fall greens are progressing well. Some soybean leaves are turning yellow with good pod fill. Peanut harvest is under way. Some cotton fields have been defoliated, but none harvested yet.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

A week of sunshine and no measurable rain permitted good progress with all fieldwork. Growers are continuing to apply defoliant to cotton. Cotton harvest has begun. Growers are continuing to dig and harvest peanuts. Many soybean plants are changing leaf color, and a few have lost their leaves.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/01/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	89	73	77	74
Cotton - Harvested	14	5	8	7
Hay - 3rd Cutting	69	40	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug	48	29	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	23	12	17	25
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	30	15	26	14
Winter wheat - Planted...	0	0	0	7

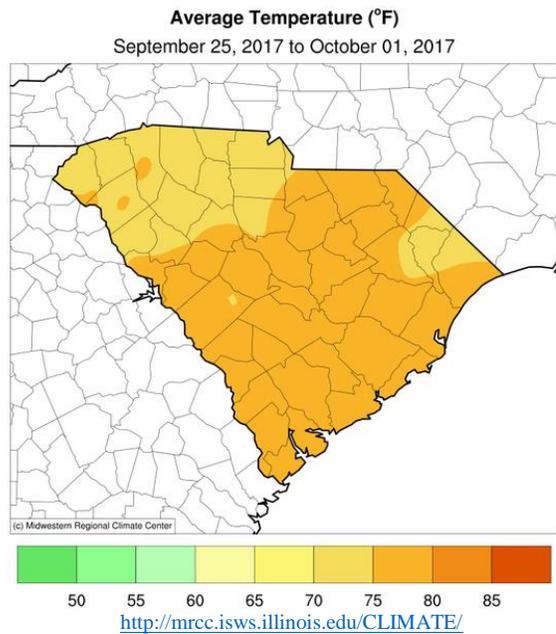
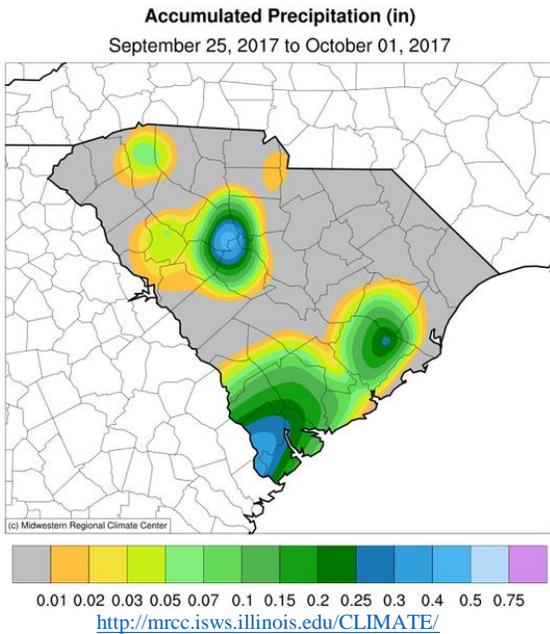
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/01/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	24	65	11
Cotton	0	0	3	63	34
Pasture and range.....	0	4	35	58	3
Peanuts.....	0	1	5	59	35
Soybeans.....	0	1	6	67	26

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/01/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	0	2
Short	26	16	17
Adequate.....	69	84	62
Surplus.....	0	0	19

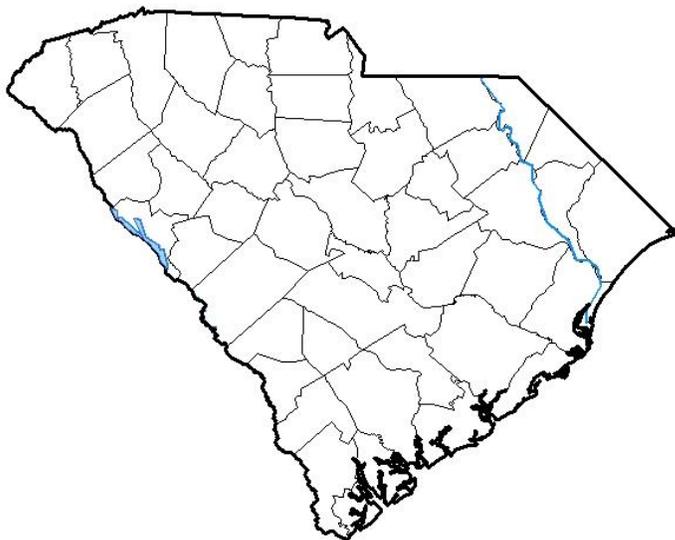
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	17	9	NA
Adequate.....	83	85	NA
Surplus.....	0	6	NA



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	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-19-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-27-2017	99.90	0.10	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 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	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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