



**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, October 8, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 60s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 40s.

County Comments

A dry week allowed for the defoliation of cotton and the opportunity to dig peanuts. The cotton appears to be average at best with a few isolated fields that may be excellent. Based on fields that have been turned up, peanuts are also average to good. Excessive rainfall has been an issue all year for us along the coast which has negatively impacted yields on all crops except corn.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Cotton harvest is underway and soybeans have started to drop leaves in Horry County. Our area received some much needed rain over the weekend and a chance of rain is expected all this week as a cold front approaches.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Once the rain passes, harvest of cotton and peanuts should continue throughout the week. Rains would help with planting of winter grazing for cattle.

Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County

Another week of sunshine, cooler temperatures and no measurable rain until Saturday. Rains from Hurricane Nate filtered in on Saturday stopping fieldwork. Cotton and peanut harvests are continuing at a good pace. Soybean harvest began. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Cotton defoliation applications continue in many areas. A very few growers have completed cotton and peanut harvest. At this point it appears it will be a good year yield-wise for growers.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/08/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	96	89	88	82
Cotton - Harvested.....	19	14	14	11
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	72	69	NA	NA
Oats - Planted.....	2	NA	1	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	69	48	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	41	23	23	32
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	54	30	34	20
Soybeans - Harvested....	1	NA	0	NA
Winter wheat - Planted...	1	0	1	12

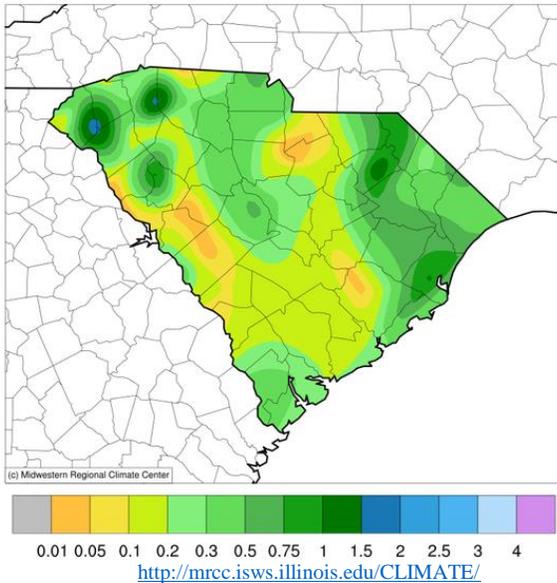
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/08/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	21	70	9
Cotton.....	0	0	4	60	36
Pasture and range.....	0	6	37	54	3
Peanuts.....	0	2	9	49	40
Soybeans.....	0	3	7	57	33

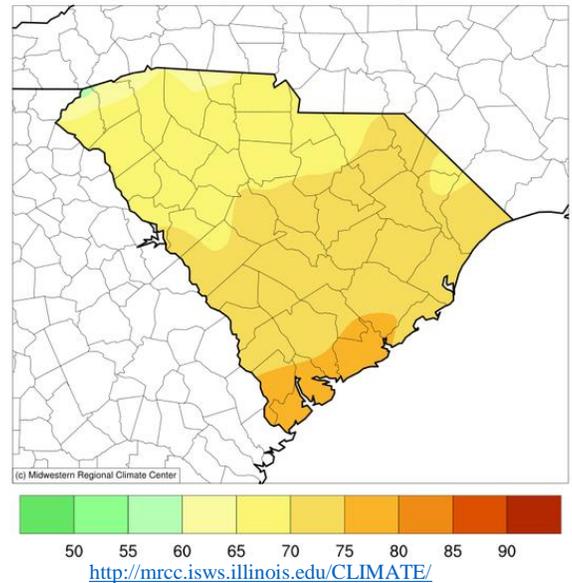
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/08/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	5	4
Short.....	37	26	21
Adequate.....	59	69	52
Surplus.....	1	0	23
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	27	17	NA
Adequate.....	72	83	NA
Surplus.....	1	0	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 02, 2017 to October 08, 2017



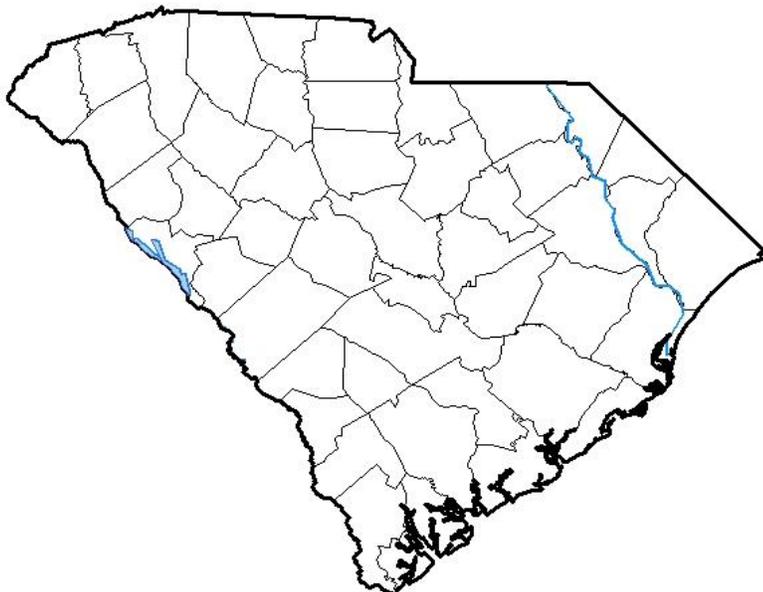
Average Temperature (°F)
October 02, 2017 to October 08, 2017



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

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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 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-04-2017	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 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-04-2016	73.58	26.42	16.00	5.12	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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