



**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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 15, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 5.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Unfortunately our area was inundated with rain for most of the week and shut down fieldwork last week and this week. Defoliated cotton looks ragged right now. Farmers are hoping for some sunshine and drier conditions.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Most of the fall greens are progressing and looking good. Rain events have been spotty with some areas getting enough moisture and some areas almost none. Harvesting of peanuts is progressing and much of the cotton is ready for picking.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Horry County farmers received about an inch of rain over the weekend with more rain expected along with cooler temperatures as a cold front moves through the area. Cotton harvest is well underway and soybeans harvest is expected to begin in only a few weeks.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Rain slowed fieldwork a little in the previous week. Cotton defoliation is nearing completion with few producers beginning to harvest. Yield predictions continue to remain encouraging. Peanut harvest will continue at a steady pace when the soil dries out some.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	97	96	92	87
Cotton - Harvested.....	29	19	16	15
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	78	72	NA	NA
Oats - Planted.....	10	2	2	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	80	69	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	50	41	33	42
Rye - Planted.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	67	54	44	30
Soybeans - Harvested....	6	1	1	NA
Winter wheat - Planted...	12	1	4	17

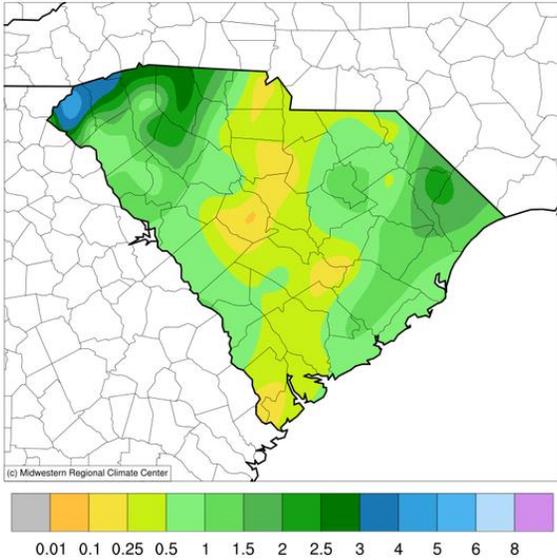
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	18	75	7
Cotton.....	0	1	19	50	30
Pasture and range.....	0	4	30	64	2
Peanuts.....	0	1	17	48	34
Soybeans.....	1	3	22	48	26

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/15/17

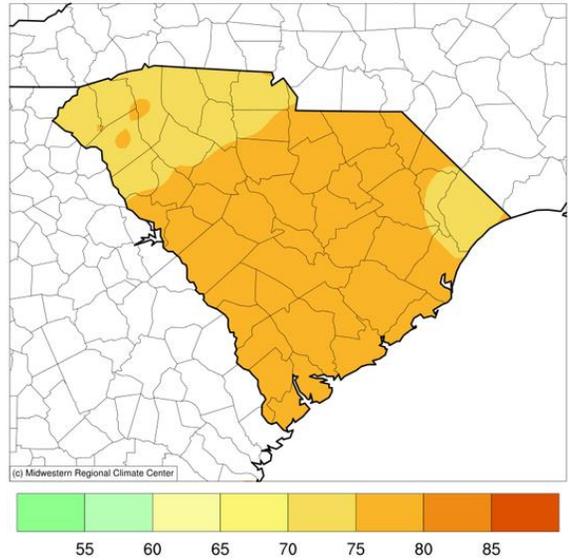
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	3	5
Short.....	34	37	23
Adequate.....	57	59	61
Surplus.....	4	1	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	0	NA
Short.....	28	27	NA
Adequate.....	66	72	NA
Surplus.....	4	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017



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Average Temperature (°F)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017

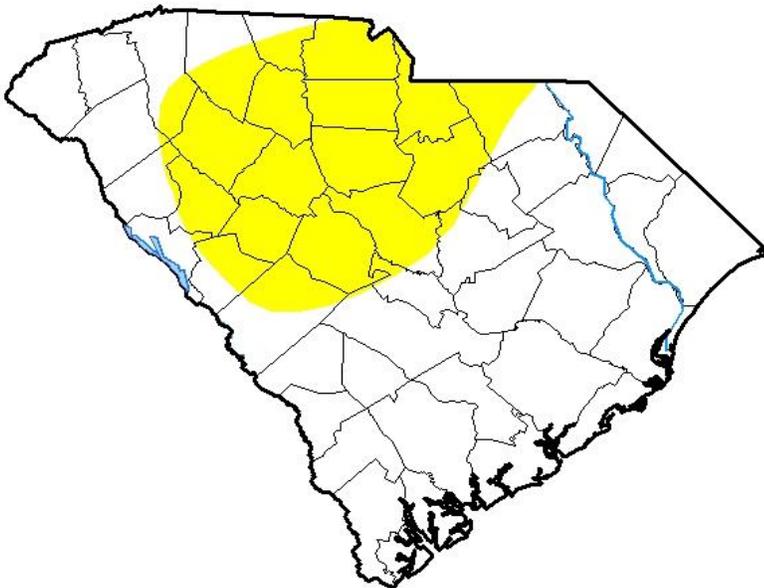


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.19	31.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-03-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-11-2017	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 10-11-2016	74.53	25.47	16.36	5.30	0.74	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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