



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 29, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.4 inches of rain to 7.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

**County Comments**

Sumter County is experiencing good harvest conditions.  
**David Dewitt, Sumter County**

Cotton and peanut harvest continues, and yields look promising for most areas of the county. Most areas could use some more rainfall as the county is experiencing abnormally dry conditions overall.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Parts of Horry County received heavy rains which slowed cotton and peanut harvesting. Soybeans have mostly shed leaves and are starting to dry out. Soybean harvesting should begin later this week as weather permits.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

Heavy rain that passed through the area last Sunday evening and Monday stalled fieldwork. Harvest of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts resumed at a rapid pace on Wednesday. Planting of winter small grain crops is continuing, except for oats planting, which is complete.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/29/17**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	99	99	96	95
Cotton - Harvested .....	54	42	28	35
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	86	83	NA	NA
Oats - Planted .....	31	20	5	NA
Peanuts - Dug .....	90	83	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	71	57	53	69
Rye - Planted .....	20	14	6	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	78	69	71	66
Soybeans - Harvested ...	14	9	22	19
Winter wheat - Planted ...	23	14	9	26

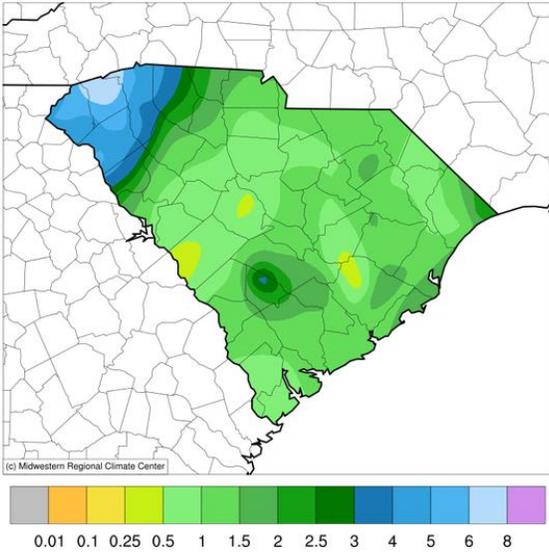
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/29/17**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	30	63	7
Cotton .....	0	0	6	52	42
Pasture and range .....	0	11	38	48	3
Soybeans .....	0	1	14	60	25

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/29/17**

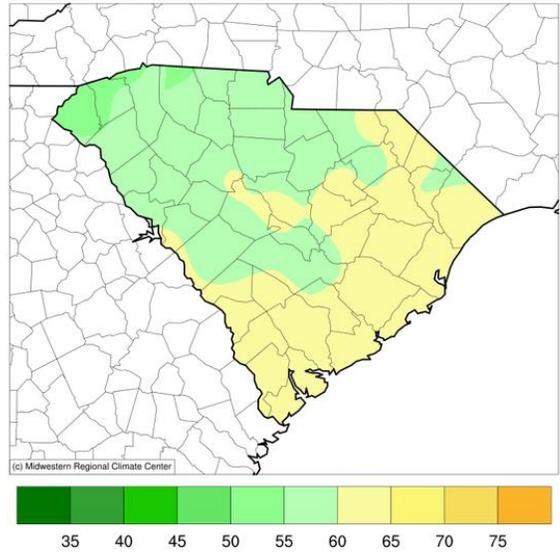
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	5	6
Short .....	19	42	27
Adequate .....	81	53	58
Surplus .....	0	0	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	0	NA
Short .....	25	40	NA
Adequate .....	75	60	NA
Surplus .....	0	0	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 23, 2017 to October 29, 2017



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
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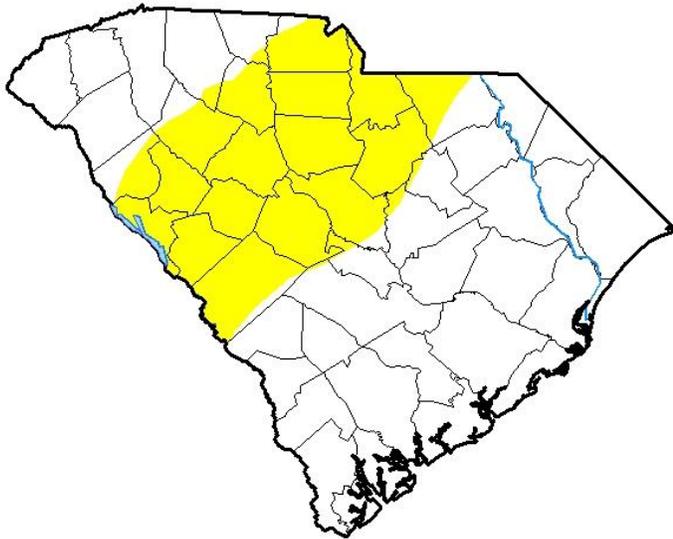


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2017.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**October 24, 2017**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	67.28	32.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-17-2017	60.27	39.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-25-2017	99.98	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-25-2016	63.94	36.06	22.02	15.50	11.95	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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