



**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, November 19, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 0.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the mid 40s.

County Comments

Much drier field conditions have allowed for major progress in fieldwork. Peanut harvest is winding down with fair to good yields. Soybean harvest is ramping up with good to excellent yields. Cover crops are being planted as well as the wheat crop.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Shorter days and heavy dew have limited harvest hours.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

The cotton and peanut harvest is nearing completion. The soybean harvest continues. In most areas, producers reported that hay cuttings had average to above-average yields for this year, with some exceptions.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Chilly mornings and moderate afternoons allowed harvesting to continue at a good pace. With another week of good progress, harvesting should be wrapped up for this year. No measurable rain fell this week, but a couple of overcast and misty mornings slowed the start of harvesting for most growers. Allendale County has not had a killing frost yet, but there have been some minor frosts. We are about a week past the historical average date for a killing frost. A few growers are continuing to plant some wheat, but there is little interest in small grains here this fall.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/19/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	82	72	75	72
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	92	91	NA	NA
Oats - Planted.....	65	57	21	50
Peanuts - Harvested.....	92	86	95	91
Rye - Planted.....	55	45	24	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	95	92	97	97
Soybeans - Harvested....	61	42	66	55
Winter wheat - Planted...	59	51	35	52
Winter wheat - Emerged.	31	22	5	26

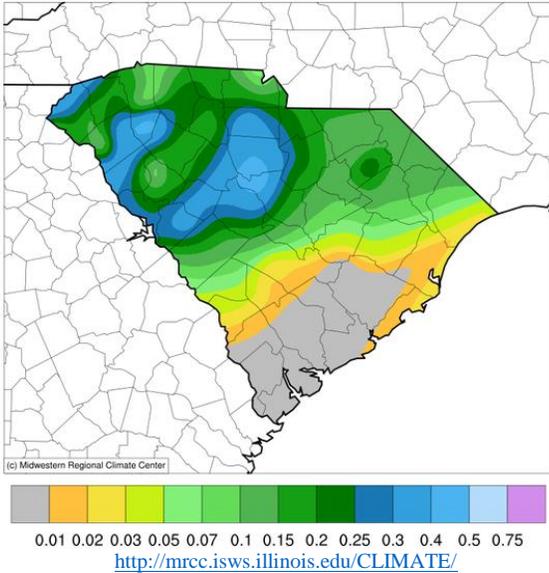
Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/19/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	14	84	2
Oats.....	7	4	25	64	0
Pasture and range.....	0	1	38	61	0
Soybeans.....	0	0	16	64	20

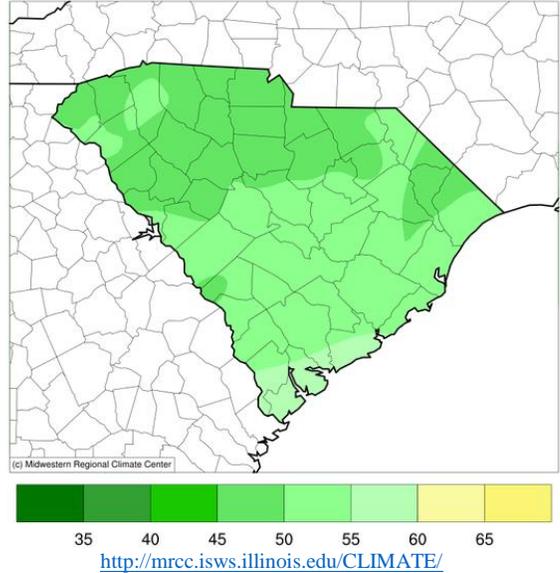
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/19/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	8
Short.....	20	15	34
Adequate.....	79	77	47
Surplus.....	0	7	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	20	19	NA
Adequate.....	77	73	NA
Surplus.....	2	7	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 13, 2017 to November 19, 2017



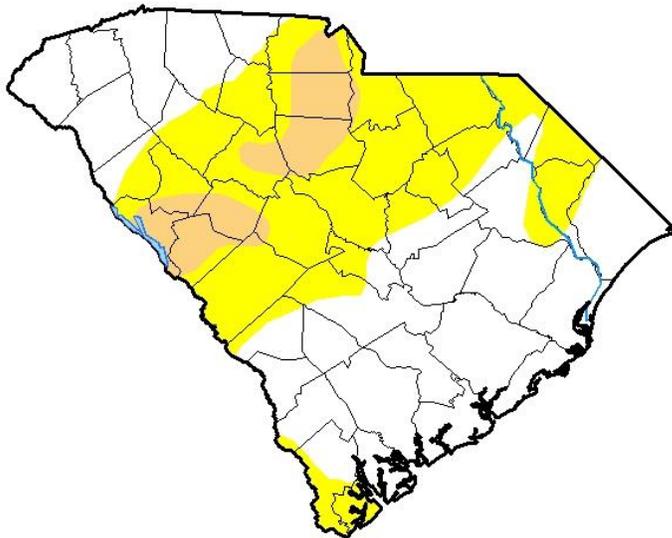
Average Temperature (°F)
November 13, 2017 to November 19, 2017



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

November 14, 2017
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Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.95	46.05	8.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-07-2017	61.15	38.85	8.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-15-2017	100.00	0.00	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 11-15-2016	55.92	44.08	28.61	21.76	16.06	1.14

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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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>