



**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, July 8, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.02 inches of rain up to 3.99 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Rain events kept soil moisture at good levels this week. Most crops are doing well, but some corn was hurt during a dry spell earlier in the season.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Crops are progressing well despite high temperatures. Scattered showers and storms have managed to keep soil moisture levels tolerable in most places. Some dry pockets still exist but generally, most farms received rain showers last week. Early planted corn is moving toward maturity and older cotton is blooming well. Cotton square shedding is at a minimum at this point. Peanuts are pegging and fungicide application timing seems to be on schedule.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Most crops are progressing well. Hampton County received a lot of rain during the week which has been helpful to crops. Allendale County only received a little rain over the past several weeks and crop condition reflects the lack of soil moisture. Many dryland corn fields in Allendale County have lost their potential. No insect or disease problems reported this week.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Melon, tomato, and pepper crops are coming out of the fields.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/08/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	96	89	NA	NA
Corn - Mature	3	0	25	9
Cotton - Squaring	49	35	55	53
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	5	0	15	14
Hay - 1st Cutting	95	88	97	NA
Oats - Harvested	95	86	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	37	29	44	52
Peanuts - Pegging.....	55	46	62	64
Rye - Harvested	95	84	NA	NA
Soybeans - Planted.....	96	93	NA	NA
Soybeans - Emerged.....	90	87	92	89
Soybeans - Blooming	5	1	15	10
Tobacco - Topped	46	26	63	60
Tobacco - Harvested.....	3	0	12	NA

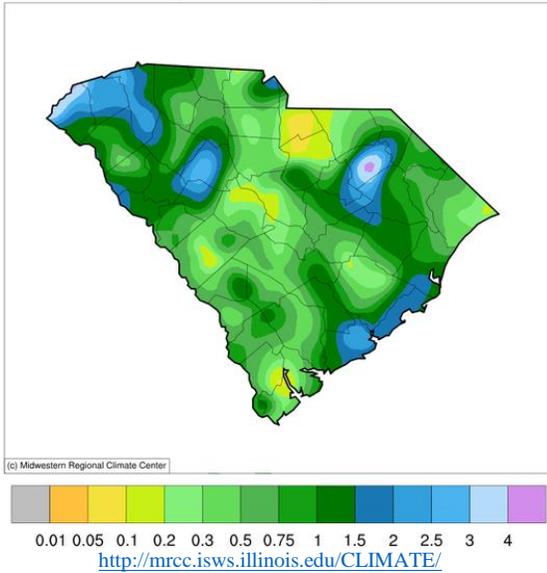
Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/08/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	16	80	2
Corn	0	11	29	47	13
Cotton	0	2	10	75	13
Pasture and range.....	0	2	27	66	5
Peaches	0	4	40	52	4
Peanuts.....	0	0	9	68	23
Soybeans	0	3	23	66	8
Tobacco	0	1	16	80	3

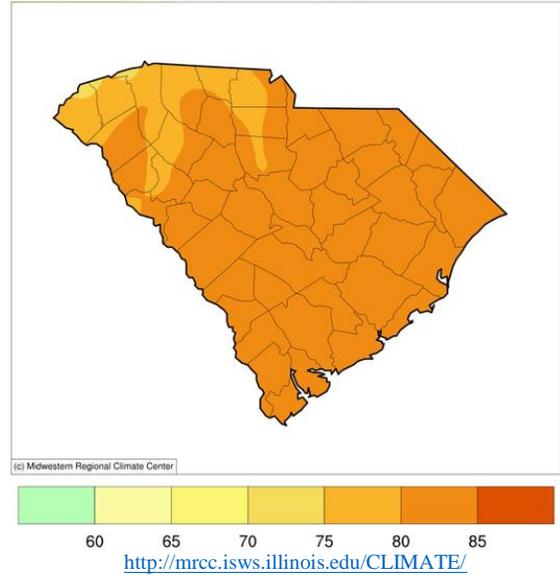
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/08/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	21	38	NA
Adequate.....	79	61	NA
Surplus.....	0	1	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short	24	30	NA
Adequate.....	75	69	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 02, 2018 to July 08, 2018



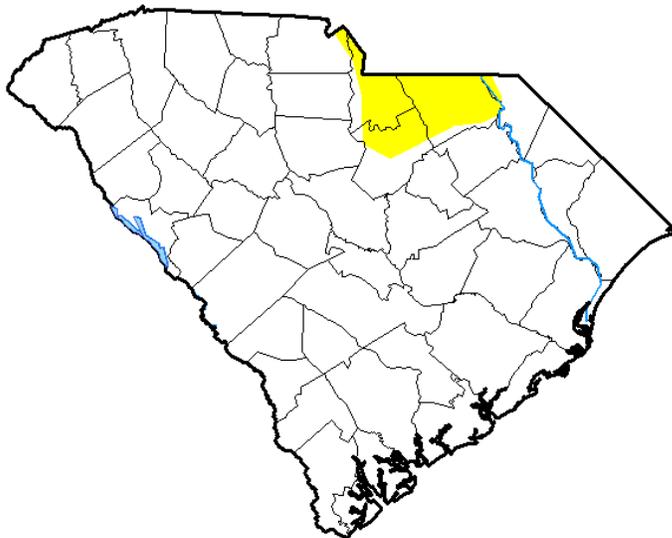
Average Temperature (°F)
July 02, 2018 to July 08, 2018



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.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	94.91	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-26-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-03-2018	23.93	76.07	51.47	24.05	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-04-2017	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	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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