



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 15, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.19 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

The lack of rain events during the week has added stress to the country's crops. Corn is headed towards maturity which lowers concerns about disease stress. Late leaf spot disease pressure is building in peanuts.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Crops are progressing at a slow pace, with most areas in need of rain. Irrigated vegetables are progressing. Some farmers are getting ready for an early fall crop.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Most of Hampton and Allendale Counties received about an inch of rain during the week relieving dryness in these areas. Peanut growers are routinely applying fungicide applications.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

All areas of the county are in need of an increase in soil moisture. A large percentage of corn is nearing maturity. Crop conditions remain mixed as some areas have received much more rain than others throughout the growth stages.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/15/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	11	3	44	21
Cotton - Squaring.....	63	49	67	68
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	21	5	31	27
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	44	37	53	61
Peanuts - Pegging.....	59	55	76	76
Soybeans - Emerged.....	95	90	96	92
Soybeans - Blooming.....	10	5	26	20
Tobacco - Topped.....	60	46	74	72
Tobacco - Harvested.....	10	3	19	NA

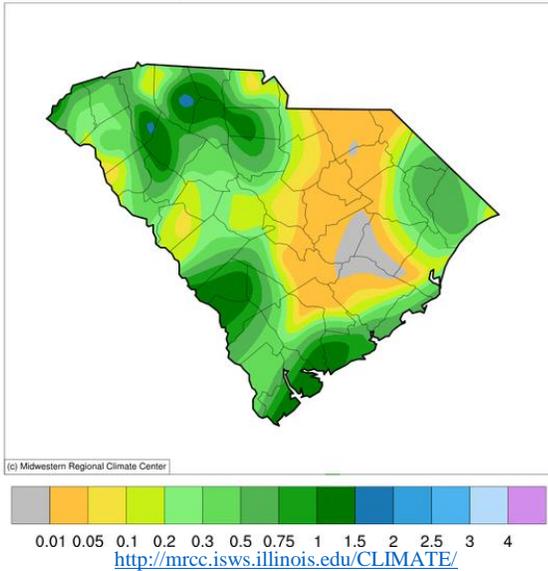
Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/15/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	19	78	2
Corn.....	0	10	32	46	12
Cotton.....	0	2	23	62	13
Pasture and range.....	0	4	30	63	3
Peaches.....	0	5	41	54	0
Peanuts.....	0	0	18	59	23
Soybeans.....	0	7	30	63	0
Tobacco.....	0	1	16	80	3

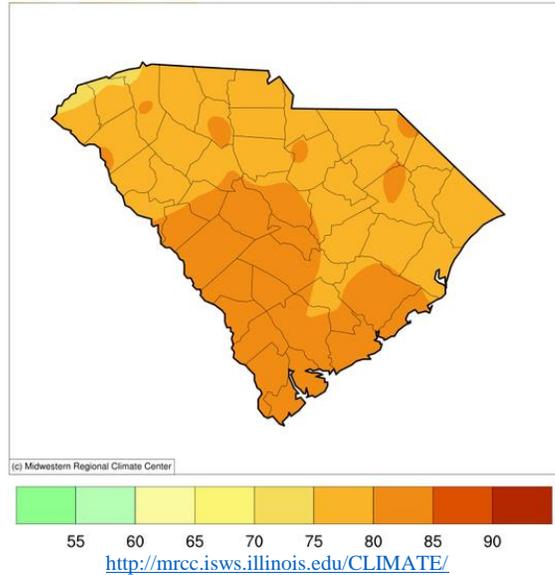
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/15/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	0	NA
Short.....	42	21	NA
Adequate.....	54	79	NA
Surplus.....	0	0	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	0	NA
Short.....	34	24	NA
Adequate.....	62	75	NA
Surplus.....	0	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 09, 2018 to July 15, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
July 09, 2018 to July 15, 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

July 10, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	83.96	16.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-03-2018	94.91	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-10-2018	8.30	91.70	51.47	24.94	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 07-11-2017	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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