



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 29, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.4 inches of rain up to 3.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Hot, humid weather with some rain showers.

Danny Howard, Greenville County

Afternoon thunderstorms have most areas with good soil moisture. Some farmers are getting ready for fall greens planting.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

There have been many late afternoon thunderstorms that have dumped a good amount of rain on the coastal islands.

Zack Snipes, Charleston County

Afternoon rains on a couple of days is keeping soil moisture levels adequate. Cotton and soybeans made the most improvement this week. Several corn growers began harvest this week and more will follow next week. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Peanut growers are following a strict fungicide application schedule to rains and rain threats.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/29/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	26	18	59	48
Cotton - Squaring	80	75	88	92
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	45	41	58	59
Hay - 2nd Cutting	23	16	42	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	60	48	67	77
Peanuts - Pegging.....	77	69	87	91
Soybeans - Blooming	23	20	52	43
Tobacco - Topped.....	95	90	92	94
Tobacco - Harvested.....	21	20	30	35

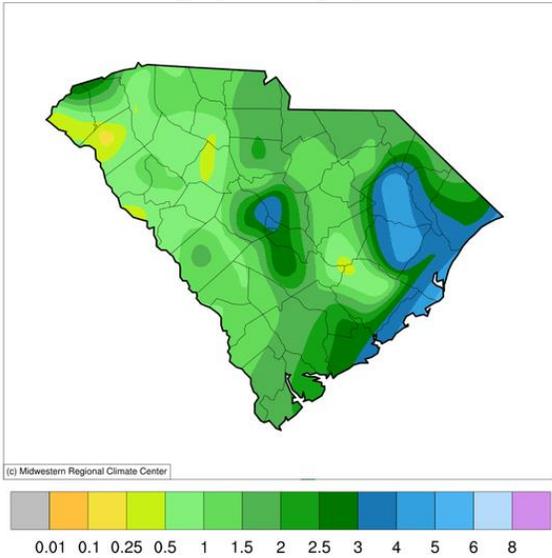
Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/29/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	16	80	2
Corn	0	11	22	52	15
Cotton	0	3	14	55	28
Pasture and range.....	0	0	20	77	3
Peaches.....	0	7	55	38	0
Peanuts.....	0	1	2	59	38
Soybeans.....	0	2	19	75	4
Tobacco.....	0	8	26	61	5

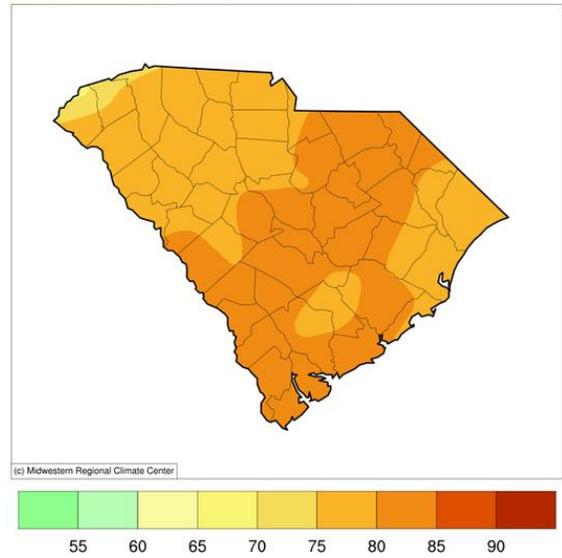
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/29/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	2	NA
Short.....	10	22	NA
Adequate.....	79	64	NA
Surplus.....	11	12	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	2	NA
Short.....	17	27	NA
Adequate.....	75	60	NA
Surplus.....	8	11	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 23, 2018 to July 29, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
July 23, 2018 to July 29, 2018



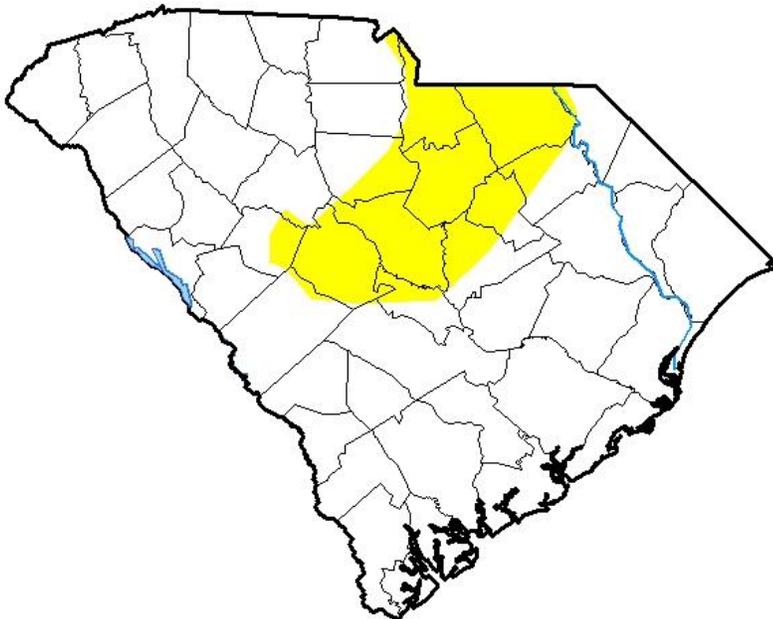
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	83.27	16.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-17-2018</i>	76.95	23.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-24-2018</i>	37.19	62.81	31.88	4.92	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>07-25-2017</i>	99.98	0.02	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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