



**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 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 5, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.01 inches of rain up to 6.42 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Heavy rain throughout Horry County has slowed tobacco farmers from harvesting their crops and is starting to have an effect on leaf quality.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

All crops were replenished and irrigated land relieved due to rain showers occurring throughout all areas of the county. Most of the corn is mature and harvest should begin this week. Some cotton is nearing the cut out stage of growth. Most hay producers have reported strong yields and are expecting to receive ample stock for winter months.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Calhoun County**

Due to thunderstorms and heavy rains fieldwork has slowed for many growers. Corn harvest has slowed due to heavy rains. Peanut growers are struggling to apply fungicides to protect their crop from disease due to the frequent rain and wet soils. Even with rain, crops still look good. Corn yields may set a new record. No crop insect problems reported this week. The only potential disease concerns are in peanuts.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

Rain events have kept soil moisture up, making it hard to get equipment in some places. Rain events delayed fall greens transplanting so farmers can make beds and transplant young plants. Direct seeding of mustard, and turnips has also been delayed.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/05/18**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature.....	33	26	78	67
Cotton - Squaring.....	90	80	92	94
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	59	45	66	69
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	33	23	62	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	62	60	79	85
Peanuts - Pegging.....	80	77	90	94
Soybeans - Blooming.....	28	23	67	56
Soybeans - Setting Pods.....	4	1	33	14
Tobacco - Harvested.....	23	21	39	45

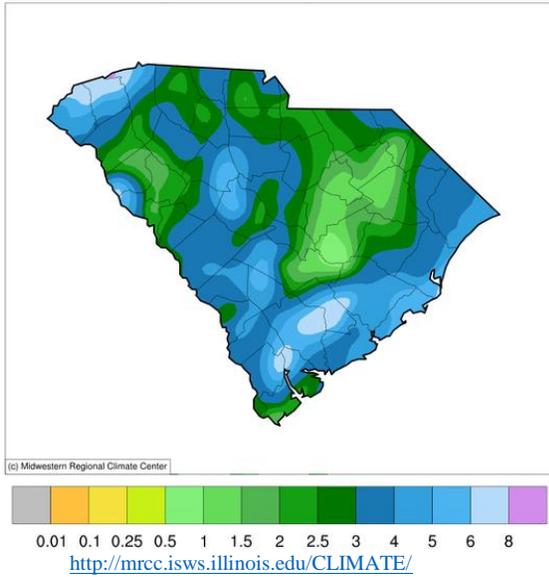
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/05/18**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	18	80	1
Corn.....	0	5	30	53	12
Cotton.....	0	2	23	52	23
Pasture and range.....	0	1	27	70	2
Peanuts.....	0	0	10	58	32
Soybeans.....	0	0	25	73	2
Tobacco.....	0	0	30	70	0

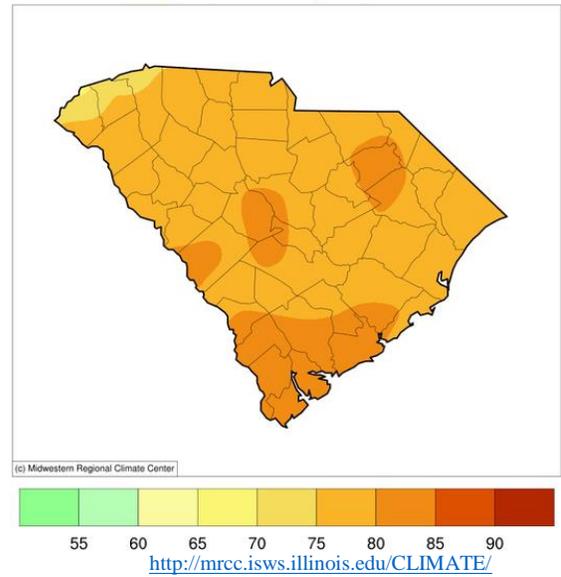
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/05/18**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	1	10	NA
Adequate.....	87	79	NA
Surplus.....	12	11	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	2	17	NA
Adequate.....	81	75	NA
Surplus.....	17	8	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 30, 2018 to August 05, 2018



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 30, 2018 to August 05, 2018



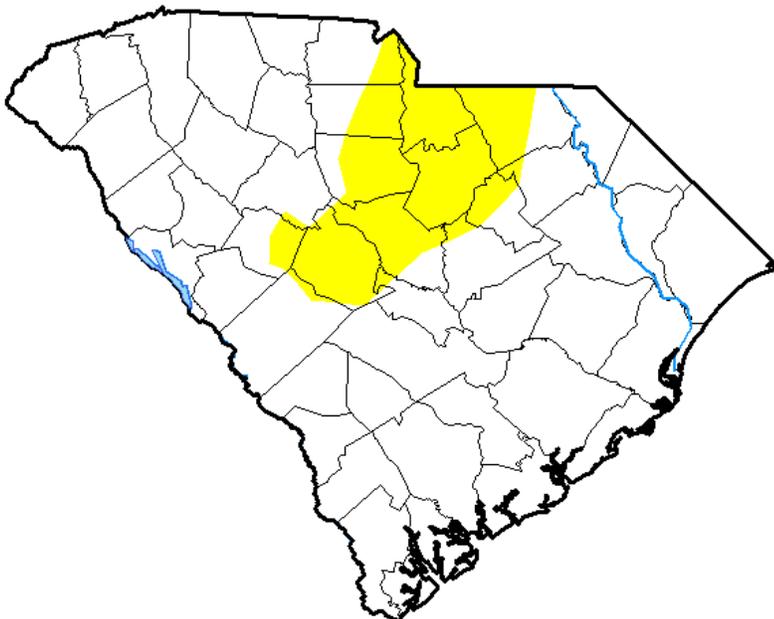
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2018.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 31, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	84.85	15.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-24-2018</i>	83.27	16.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-01-2018</i>	60.27	39.73	23.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-01-2017</i>	97.64	2.36	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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