



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 26, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.54 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Warm, dry weather has benefited corn harvest. Peanut maturity continued. Late leaf spot is an issue in some peanut fields and mildew in cotton continues to be an issue. Overall the cotton and peanut crops look good to excellent.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Corn harvest is in full swing with varied yields due to the timing of previous rains. Crops appear to be in good condition overall.

J. Blake Badger, Williamsburg County

The hot and dry weather has put some crops under stress. Cotton and soybeans are dropping flowers/fruits. Crop harvest is progressing at a good pace. Fall greens under irrigation are doing well. Many small farmers plan to plant in the next two weeks.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

A week with little to no rain had corn combines rolling as harvest continued. More cotton is beginning to open at the bottom. Soybeans continued to improve in condition and yield potential. Velvetbean caterpillars have been reported in peanuts and soybeans. No other insect or disease reported. All crops look very good at this point.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/26/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	96	82	97	94
Corn - Harvested.....	36	7	49	46
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	88	80	93	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	7	4	19	13
Hay - 2nd Cutting	73	65	91	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	87	74	98	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	93	91	100	100
Soybeans - Blooming	90	75	91	87
Soybeans - Setting Pods	62	39	58	48
Soybeans – Dropping				
Leaves.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	52	45	69	77

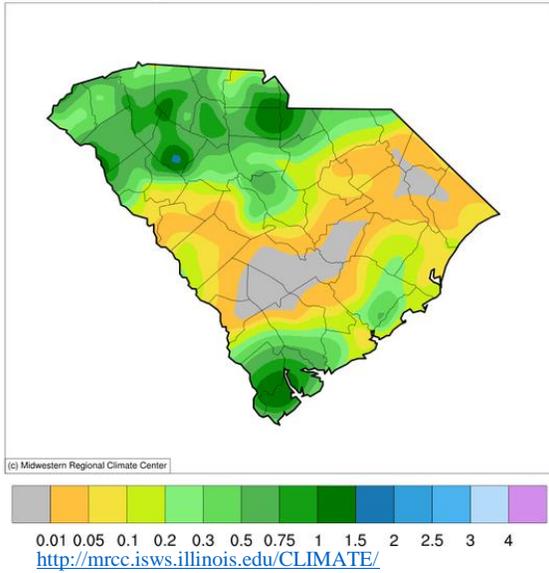
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/26/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	20	77	2
Corn	0	6	16	58	20
Cotton	0	0	17	62	21
Pasture and range.....	0	0	20	77	3
Peanuts.....	0	0	1	60	39
Soybeans.....	0	0	14	80	6
Tobacco	0	11	38	48	3

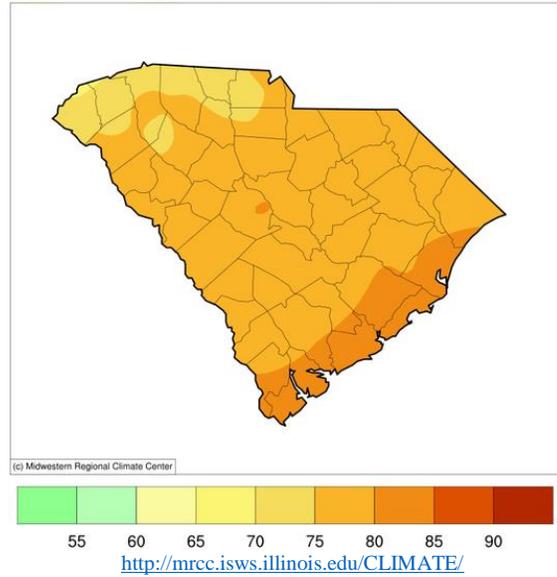
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/26/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	43	9	NA
Adequate.....	56	89	NA
Surplus.....	1	2	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	30	6	NA
Adequate.....	69	93	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 20, 2018 to August 26, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
August 20, 2018 to August 26, 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

August 21, 2018
(Released Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-14-2018	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-22-2018	71.95	28.05	2.79	0.00	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 08-22-2017	82.33	17.67	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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