



**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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 2, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.58 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Hot, dry conditions are taking a toll on crops. Some soybeans are dropping pods, and have shut down on the blooming. Irrigated fall vegetables are doing well, as are most other crops under irrigation.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

Most areas of the county reported very strong corn yields, especially on irrigated lands. Some areas reported excellent dry lands yields on lands that received above average rainfall. Bolls are slowly continuing to open throughout the cotton crop. Producers are prepping for the nearing peanut and cotton harvest.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Corn harvesting continued at a rapid pace. The warm temperatures coupled with growing crops and no rain has reduced soil moisture considerably to where most areas need a rain. More cotton is opening. Growers are scouting for velvetbean caterpillars in soybeans. No reported insect or disease problems reported.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

Fall crops look great including watermelon and tomato.

**Zack Snipes, Beaufort County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/02/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	63	36	63	65
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	95	88	97	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	16	7	36	26
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	90	73	96	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	97	87	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	95	93	100	100
Soybeans - Blooming .....	95	90	96	93
Soybeans - Setting Pods	70	62	75	64
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	0	0	NA	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	70	52	82	87

**Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/02/18**

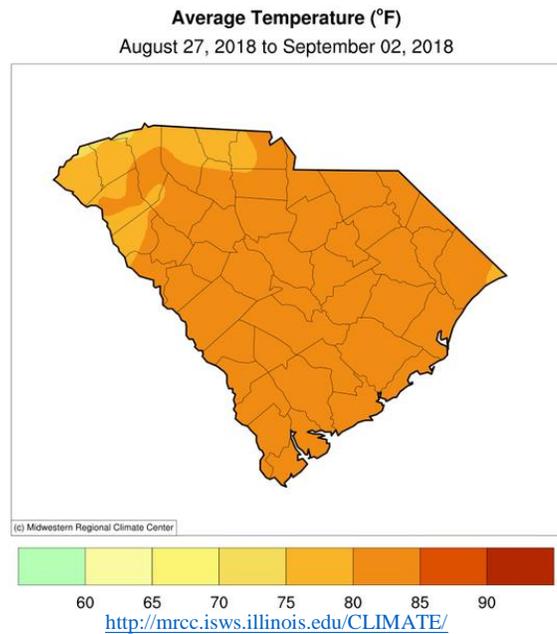
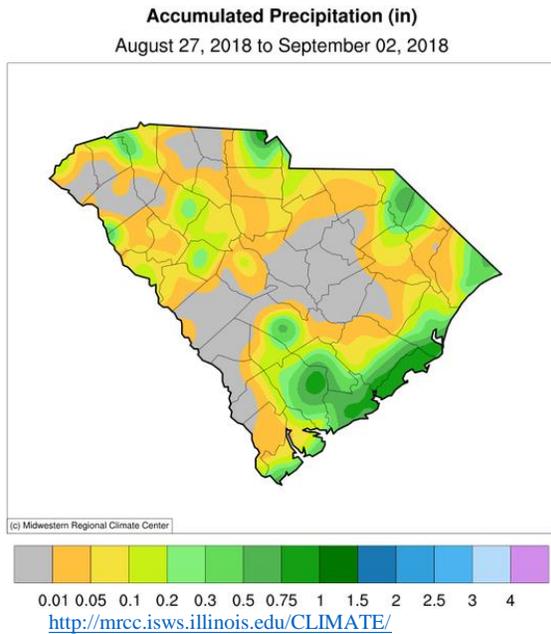
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	24	75	0
Corn .....	0	4	19	52	25
Cotton .....	0	1	30	53	16
Pasture and range.....	0	10	19	71	0
Peanuts.....	0	0	13	58	29
Soybeans.....	0	1	25	70	4
Tobacco.....	0	10	43	46	1

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/02/18**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	10	0	NA
Short.....	44	43	NA
Adequate.....	46	56	NA
Surplus.....	0	1	NA

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	0	NA
Short.....	40	30	NA
Adequate.....	53	69	NA
Surplus.....	0	1	NA



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

**August 28, 2018**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	88.21	11.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-21-2018	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-29-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-29-2017	60.92	39.08	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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