



**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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 9, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.73 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Hot, dry conditions are affecting crops. Peanuts are not blooming, and pod development could be affected. Some cotton is also opening up. Irrigated fall vegetables are being held back some by the high temperatures.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Last efforts at getting the corn crop in before Hurricane Florence were made this week. A small number of peanuts have been dug ahead of the storm because of maturity and late leaf spot issues. Harvesting of these fields will begin today if possible and continue up until the storm arrives later in the week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Another week with little or no rain has allowed many corn growers to finish harvesting. Several peanut growers began digging peanuts this week. No crop insect or disease problems reported. The threat from velvetbean caterpillars has not materialized for most soybeans growers so far. The public is being advised to make preparation as Hurricane Florence approaches.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crops are coming along nicely. We could use some rain but are really cautious of Hurricane Florence that should arrive late this week.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/09/18

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested..... | 78 | 63 | 70 | 76 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 28 | 16 | 45 | 42 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting | 95 | 90 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 1 | 0 | 4 | NA |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods | 75 | 70 | 84 | 77 |
| Soybeans - Dropping | | | | |
| Leaves | 4 | 0 | 2 | NA |
| Tobacco - Harvested..... | 90 | 70 | 88 | 92 |

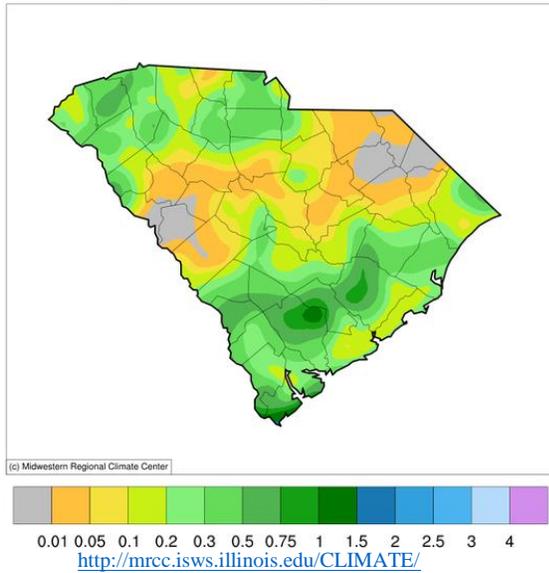
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/09/18

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 1 | 2 | 22 | 75 | 0 |
| Cotton | 2 | 5 | 28 | 52 | 13 |
| Pasture and range..... | 0 | 15 | 27 | 58 | 0 |
| Peanuts..... | 3 | 2 | 18 | 55 | 22 |
| Soybeans..... | 2 | 10 | 28 | 56 | 4 |

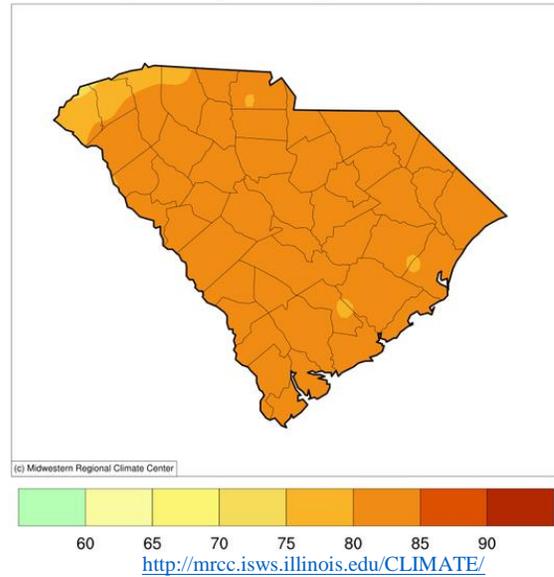
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/09/18

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 36 | 10 | NA |
| Short..... | 58 | 44 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 6 | 46 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
| Very short..... | 35 | 7 | NA |
| Short..... | 53 | 40 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 12 | 53 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 | NA |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 03, 2018 to September 09, 2018



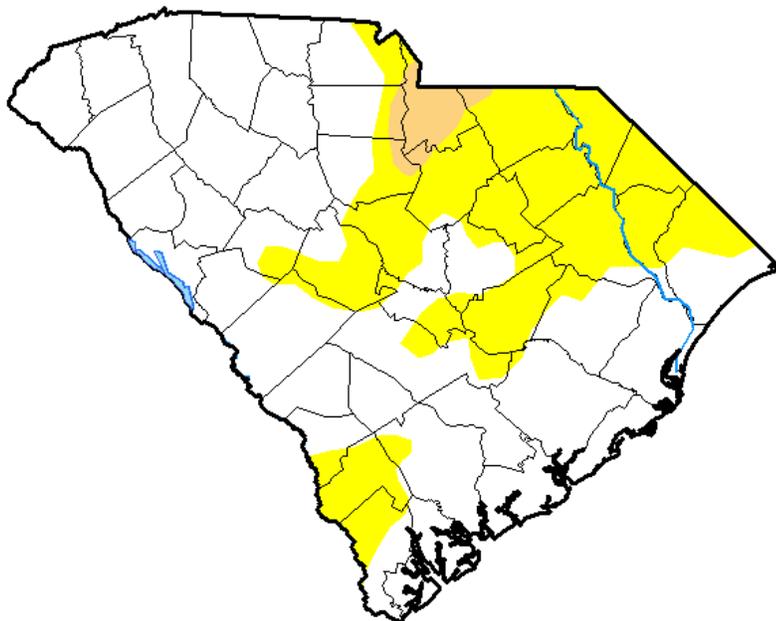
Average Temperature (°F)
September 03, 2018 to September 09, 2018



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

September 4, 2018
(Released Thursday, Sep. 6, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 66.79 | 33.21 | 2.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 08-28-2018 | 88.21 | 11.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 06-05-2018 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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 09-05-2017 | 62.06 | 37.94 | 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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