



**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 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 16, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 12.95 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Hurricane Florence brought some wind and much needed rain to Union. No significant damage from the wind other than a few trees blown over.

Jeffrey Fellers, Union County

Corn harvest is complete. Predictions of a looming Hurricane Florence stopped most fieldwork. Peanut digging stopped. No damages reported to crops at this time. No crop insect or disease problems reported.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Last minute corn harvest ahead of Hurricane Florence was completed. Several fields of early peanuts were dug and harvested ahead of the storm. Little damage to crops seen at this point.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

All areas in Lexington County experienced little damage if any from the effects of Hurricane Florence. Peanut producers will begin digging and harvesting shortly after the soils dry out some. Cotton producers will begin and continue defoliating.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/16/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	88	78	87	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	37	28	61	58
Cotton - Harvested.....	2	0	0	1
Peanuts - Dug.....	3	1	13	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	0	4	6
Soybeans - Setting Pods	85	75	93	85
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	11	4	4	4
Tobacco - Harvested.....	95	90	94	94

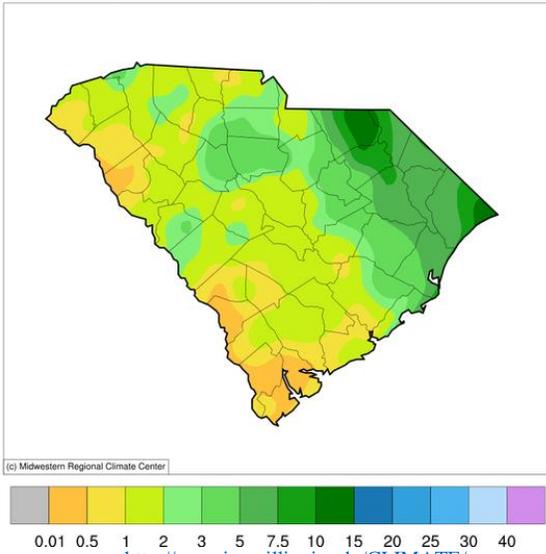
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/16/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	21	78	0
Cotton	1	7	38	42	12
Pasture and range.....	0	9	53	38	0
Peanuts.....	1	3	23	48	25
Soybeans.....	4	15	39	37	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/16/18

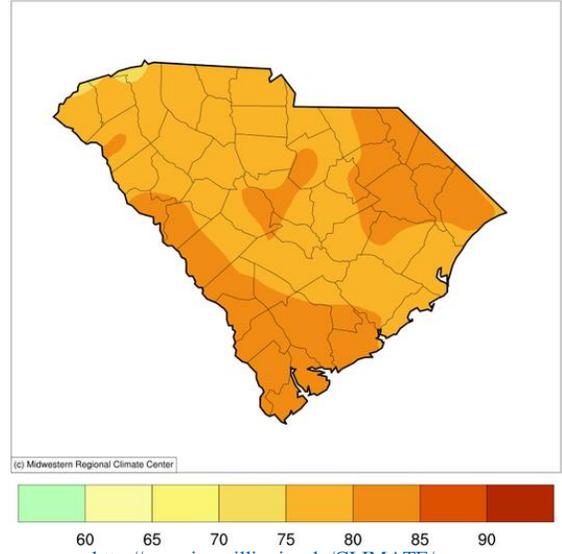
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	10	36	NA
Short.....	16	58	NA
Adequate.....	44	6	NA
Surplus.....	30	0	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	9	35	NA
Short.....	17	53	NA
Adequate.....	45	12	NA
Surplus.....	29	0	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 10, 2018 to September 16, 2018



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
September 10, 2018 to September 16, 2018



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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 11, 2018
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.19	29.81	2.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-04-2018	66.79	33.21	2.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-12-2018	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 09-12-2017	100.00	0.00	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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