



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 23, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.51 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Crops are progressing. Some peanuts have been dug, and a few have been harvested.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Fieldwork stalled due to thundershowers for a few days. Peanut digging resumed mid-week by most growers. Cotton bolls continued to open. Soybean leaves slowly continued to change color or drop. No crop insect or disease problems reported. No significant weather events during the week.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crops looked good considering over 30 mph sustained winds from Hurricane Florence. Storm will delay some squash and other cucurbit crops by a week or so. It is very dry, and rain is much needed.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

Hurricane rains were minimal in the county. Digging of Virginia-type peanuts is now at full speed. Digging of runner-type peanuts will begin next week. Cotton defoliation began and harvest will begin in some fields next week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	90	88	94	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	50	37	72	68
Cotton - Harvested.....	5	2	4	3
Peanuts - Dug.....	10	3	27	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	4	1	11	14
Soybeans - Setting Pods	90	85	97	91
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	19	11	13	10

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/23/18

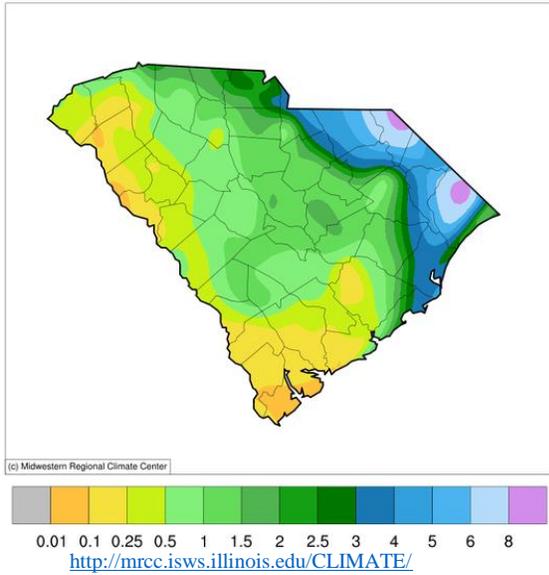
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	22	77	0
Cotton	3	9	38	37	13
Pasture and range.....	0	10	51	39	0
Peanuts.....	4	12	22	39	23
Soybeans.....	9	14	38	34	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/23/18

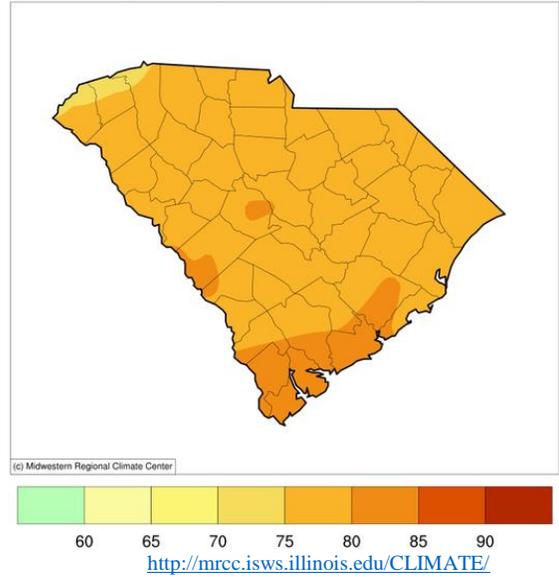
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	10	NA
Short.....	19	16	NA
Adequate.....	44	44	NA
Surplus.....	37	30	NA

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	9	NA
Short.....	16	17	NA
Adequate.....	46	45	NA
Surplus.....	38	29	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 17, 2018 to September 23, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
September 17, 2018 to September 23, 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 18, 2018
(Released Thursday, Sep. 20, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	92.85	7.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-11-2018	70.19	29.81	2.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-19-2018	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 09-19-2017	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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