



**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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 30, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.40 inches of rain up to 4.70 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Storms during the week slowed peanut harvest as vines dried out. Cotton defoliation is progressing. Cotton harvest began in some fields. Peanut harvest should pick back up this week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Producers continue defoliating cotton and some were beginning to harvest. Peanut harvest is underway. Yields for both cotton and peanuts are expected to be strong on irrigated land and average to above on dry land.

Mathew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Rain events have been scattered, with some farmers still in need of rain and others in good shape. No excessive soil moisture in the area. Farmers in the area are in need of more rain to get direct seeded fall greens up and growing.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Thundershowers maintained soil moisture but slowed peanut harvesting for a day. A number of cotton growers have applied defoliant to cotton and harvesting should begin next week. More soybean leaves were turning color and beginning to drop. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/30/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	98	90	98	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	56	50	87	77
Cotton - Harvested.....	6	5	13	8
Peanuts - Dug.....	16	10	45	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	6	4	21	22
Soybeans - Setting Pods	95	90	99	95
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	25	19	28	17
Winter wheat - Planted...	0	NA	0	3

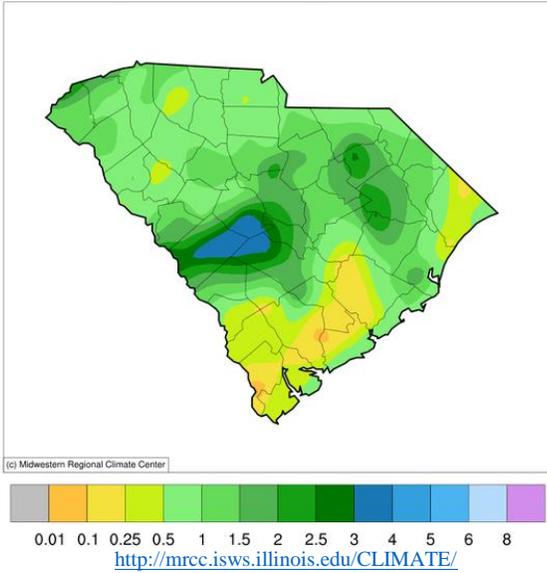
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/30/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	22	77	0
Cotton	1	2	42	41	14
Pasture and range.....	0	15	46	39	0
Peanuts.....	1	8	19	45	27
Soybeans.....	4	8	45	38	5

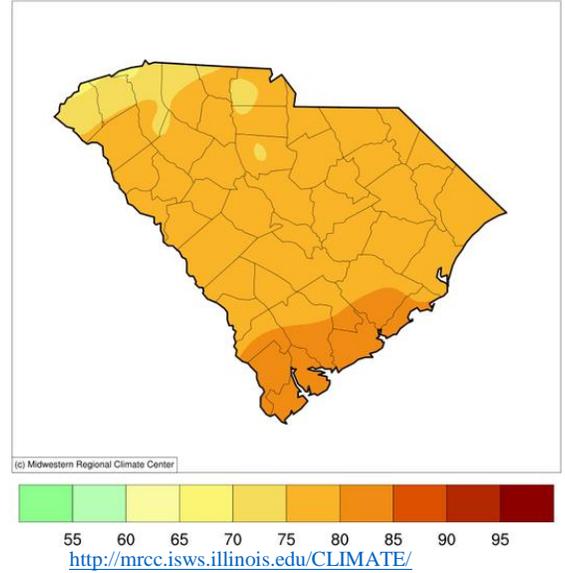
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/30/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	33	19	NA
Adequate.....	66	44	NA
Surplus.....	1	37	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	34	16	NA
Adequate.....	57	46	NA
Surplus.....	9	38	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018



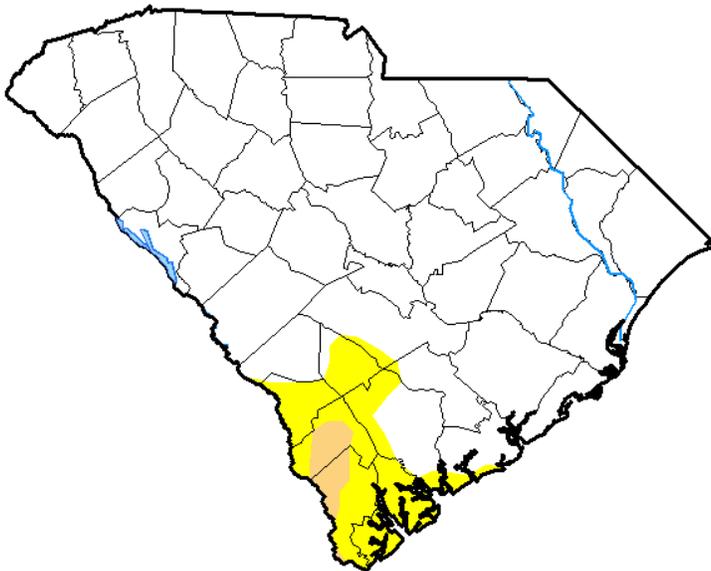
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 25, 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	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-18-2018	92.85	7.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-26-2018	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 09-26-2017	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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