



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 7, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.10 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Hot, dry summer type weather. No rain this week.

**Danny Howard, Greenville County**

Cotton and peanut harvest continued but was slowed due to rain showers scattered throughout the county. In anticipation of rainfall arriving from Hurricane Michael, producers rushed to harvest peanuts that were already dug. Many producers reported that they were near completing their final hay cuttings for the 2018 crop year in preparation for the winter months.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Farmers were harvesting some of the crops that were ready. Good weather conditions for harvest have helped farmers.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

A week of favorable weather for fieldwork allowed growers to make haste in digging and harvesting peanuts. A very few growers began harvesting soybeans and cotton. Cotton defoliation applications continued. No small grain or winter grazing has been planted yet. No crop insect or disease problems reported.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/07/18**

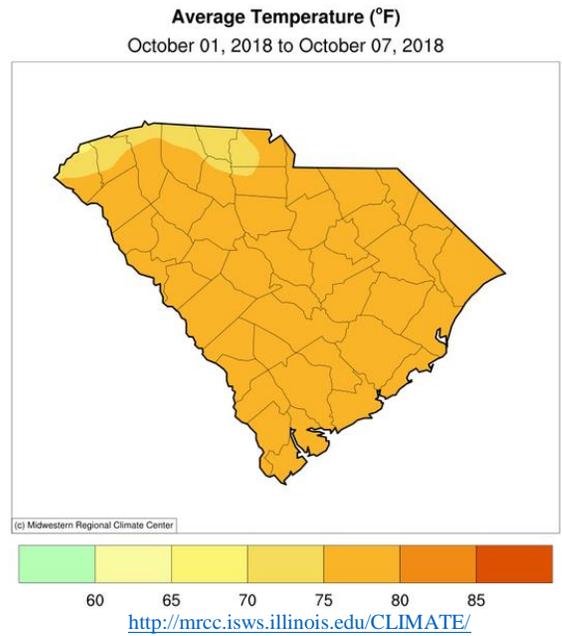
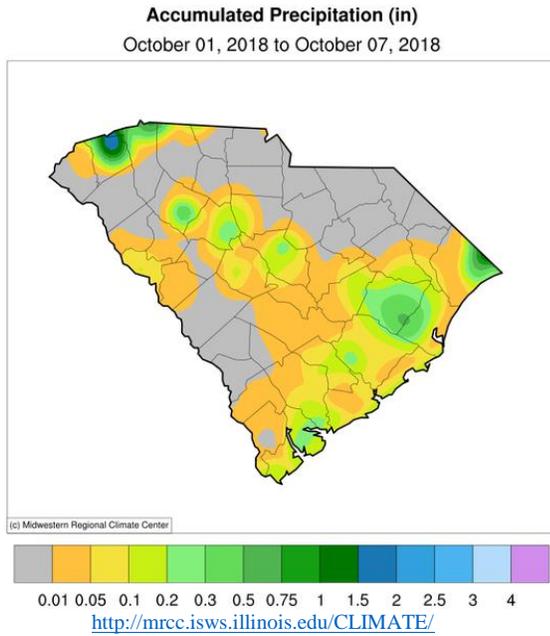
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	68	56	95	84
Cotton - Harvested .....	10	6	18	13
Oats - Planted.....	1	0	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	32	16	66	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	14	6	38	30
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	32	25	51	27
Soybeans - Harvested....	5	0	1	1
Winter wheat - Planted...	0	0	1	7

**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/07/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	22	77	0
Cotton .....	1	6	35	45	13
Pasture and range.....	0	11	48	40	1
Peanuts.....	1	2	27	46	24
Soybeans.....	1	10	48	36	5

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/07/18**

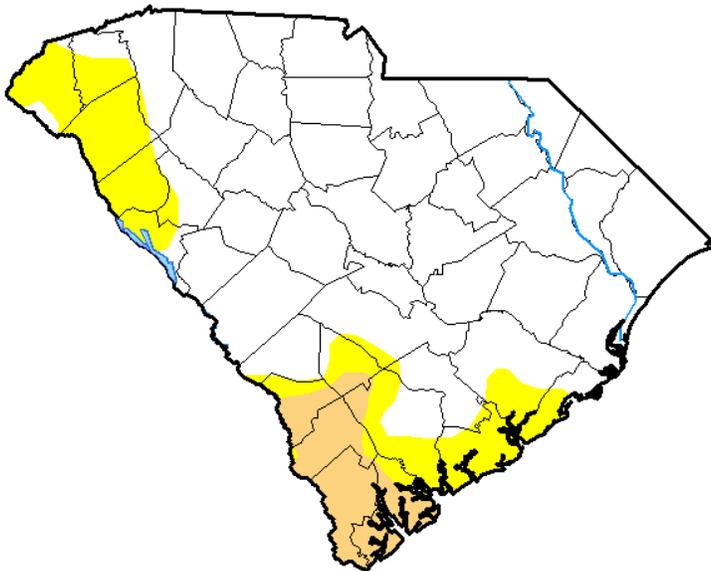
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	49	33	NA
Adequate.....	51	66	NA
Surplus.....	0	1	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	45	34	NA
Adequate.....	55	57	NA
Surplus.....	0	9	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

**October 2, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.52	22.48	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-02-2018	94.91	5.09	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> 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-02-2017	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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