



**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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 29, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.36 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Much needed rainfall and cooler temperatures were very good to Horry County crops; however, the heat and dry weather is expected to return. Cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were beginning to set blooms and will need a steady soaking rain to produce a decent 2019 crop.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

Crop conditions remained mostly the same since the previous week. Cotton appeared to be ahead of schedule. Peanuts progressed nicely. Insect pressure on both crops was at manageable levels. Stinkbug pressure has increased in cotton. The corn crop matured quickly in the high heat.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Hot weather continued with no measurable rainfall. The conditions of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans worsened as the heat and lack of soil moisture took a toll. Fortunately, no dropping of blooms or bolls was observed in cotton. No crop insect or disease problems were reported. Peanut growers were routinely applying fungicide. Field activities were otherwise at a minimum due to the heat and dry soil. Rain is desperately needed in the region to prevent further deterioration of condition and loss of yield potential. Peach harvest was completed for the season.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/28/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	31	15	25	45
Cotton - Squaring .....	91	89	79	90
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	59	53	44	62
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	41	33	22	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	73	67	58	73
Peanuts - Pegging.....	89	87	76	90
Soybeans - Blooming .....	27	20	23	41
Tobacco - Topped .....	75	74	94	95
Tobacco - Harvested.....	25	10	21	31

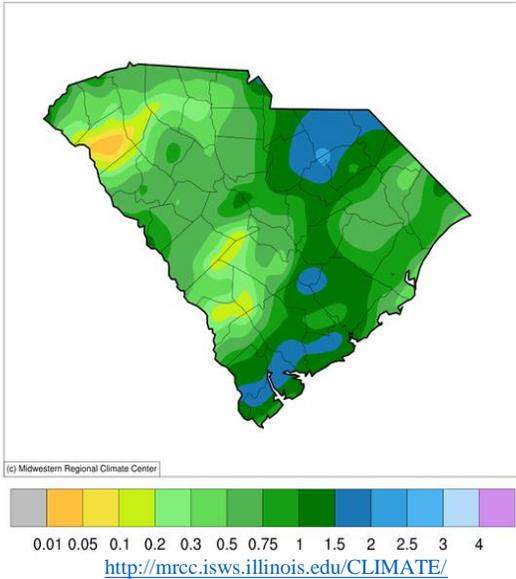
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/28/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	34	61	4
Corn .....	2	10	39	43	6
Cotton .....	0	3	28	63	6
Pasture and range.....	0	10	40	43	7
Peanuts.....	0	0	24	68	8
Soybeans .....	0	0	35	63	2
Tobacco .....	0	0	48	51	1

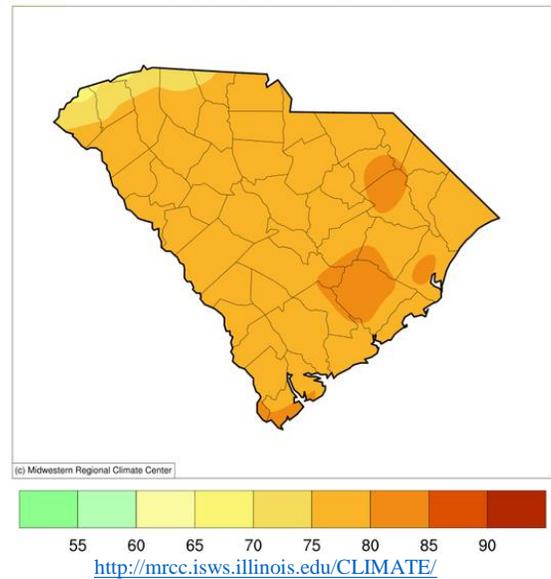
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/28/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	6	1
Short.....	40	40
Adequate.....	54	59
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	6	1
Short.....	45	37
Adequate.....	49	62
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 22, 2019 to July 28, 2019



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 22, 2019 to July 28, 2019



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2019.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 23, 2019**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 25, 2019)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.89	43.11	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-16-2019	56.62	43.38	3.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-23-2019	46.10	53.90	23.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	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> 07-24-2018	83.27	16.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

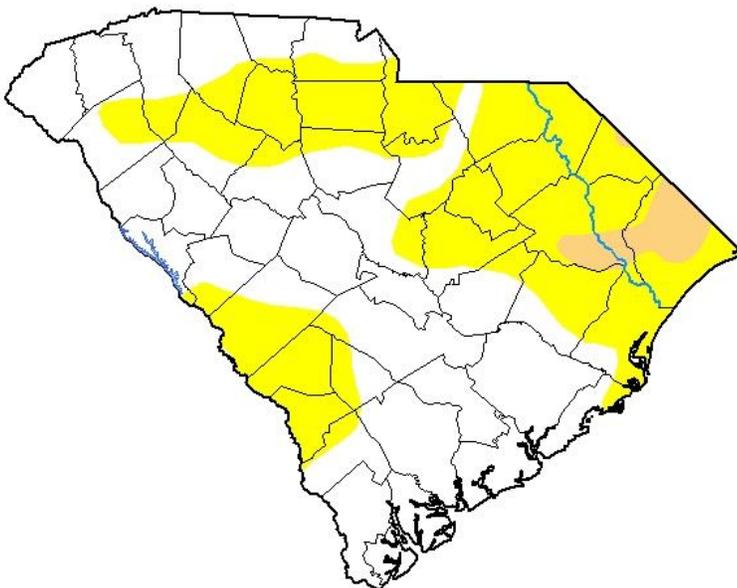
**Intensity:**

- None
- 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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