



**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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 22, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.37 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Soybeans setting pods need rain. This lack of rain will impact yields. Cotton was being defoliated and some had been harvested. Pastures were in very bad shape. Not sure how pastures for grazing will be able to hold up much longer.

Brandon Lambert, Fairfield County

Peanut digging began last week. Conditions for digging peanuts looks excellent for the next week. Sweet potato harvest began as well. Fall vegetable planting was starting to wrap up.

W Bruce McLean, Marlboro County

Hot, dry conditions continued to plague late season crops. Cotton and peanuts trying to complete late season production were shut down unless they were irrigated. Digging conditions on tight soils became difficult for peanut producers. Cotton defoliation has ramped up in the last week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Peanut harvest was active with digging and combining. Cotton harvest began last week while other fields are being defoliated. A week of sunny days and no rain delays has allowed field operations to be progressive. The lack of adequate soil moisture has also delayed the start of fall small grain and cover crop planting.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/22/19

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested..... | 95 | 92 | 90 | 93 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening... | 83 | 71 | 48 | 67 |
| Cotton - Harvested | 3 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 40 | 14 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 24 | 10 | 9 | NA |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 10 | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods | 82 | 72 | 89 | 93 |
| Soybeans - Dropping | | | | |
| Leaves..... | 7 | 3 | 18 | 12 |
| Winter Wheat - Planted... | 0 | 0 | NA | NA |

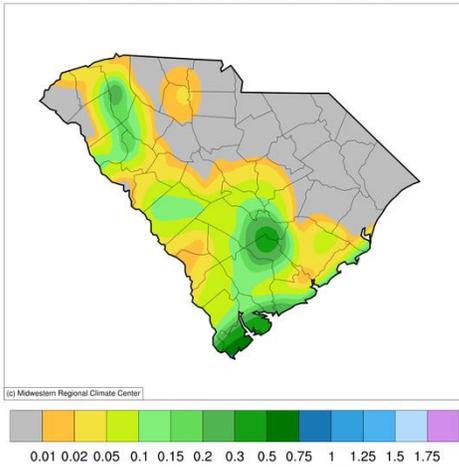
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/22/19

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 0 | 0 | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| Cotton | 1 | 8 | 32 | 55 | 4 |
| Pasture and range..... | 12 | 32 | 38 | 17 | 1 |
| Peanuts..... | 1 | 3 | 32 | 58 | 6 |
| Soybeans..... | 3 | 8 | 33 | 49 | 7 |

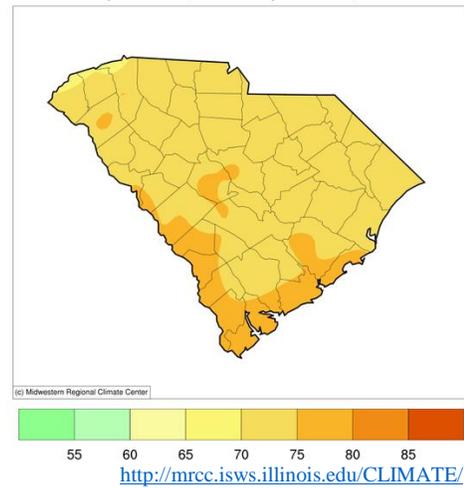
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/22/19

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Very short..... | 30 | 9 |
| Short..... | 47 | 43 |
| Adequate..... | 23 | 48 |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) |
| Very short..... | 22 | 9 |
| Short..... | 44 | 43 |
| Adequate..... | 33 | 47 |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 1 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 16, 2019 to September 22, 2019



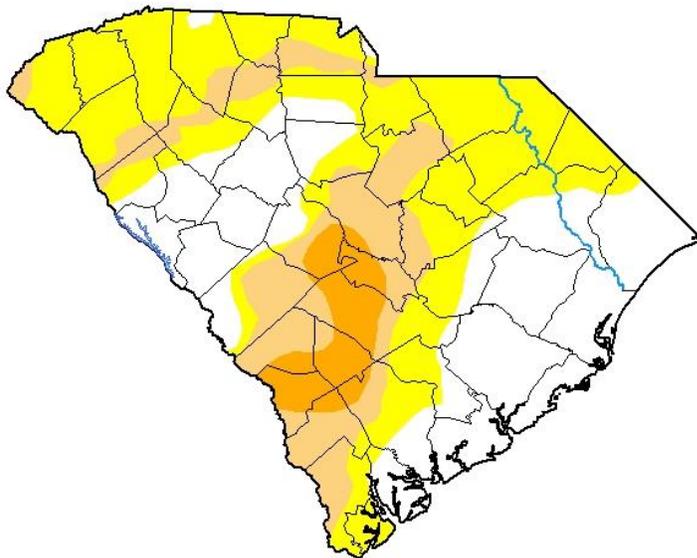
Average Temperature (°F)
September 16, 2019 to September 22, 2019



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 17, 2019
(Released Thursday, Sep. 19, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 36.59 | 63.41 | 24.80 | 6.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>09-10-2019</i> | 40.02 | 59.98 | 19.31 | 6.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>06-18-2019</i> | 50.97 | 49.03 | 16.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2019</i> | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2018</i> | 89.90 | 10.10 | 1.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>09-18-2018</i> | 92.85 | 7.15 | 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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