



**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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 20, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.86 to 5.77 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Late week moisture from the remnants of Tropical Storm Nestor brought beneficial rains to the area. Cotton and peanut harvest were moving right along. Soybean harvest was just getting started. Sweet potatoes were still being harvested and were looking very good. Strawberry planting was underway. Fall squash, cucumber and okra harvest were starting to slow down, but quality was still very good. Fall brassica planting was finishing up.

W Bruce McLean, Horry County

The effect of weekend rains on moisture status is still to be determined. Rain was likely too little and too late for soybeans; however, there should have been some improvement on pasture condition and allowed farmers to begin planting winter grazing and small grains.

Jay Crouch, Newberry County

A couple of rains came during the week that stalled harvesting operations somewhat. But the rain was welcomed for the beginning of winter cover crop and small grain planting. Harvest of peanuts, cotton, and soybeans continue as weather permits.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	97	96	82	93
Cotton - Harvested	53	38	23	25
Hay - 3rd Cutting	74	70	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug	85	73	52	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	66	57	35	42
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	76	55	49	52
Soybeans - Harvested	10	3	9	7
Winter wheat - Planted ...	3	1	6	14

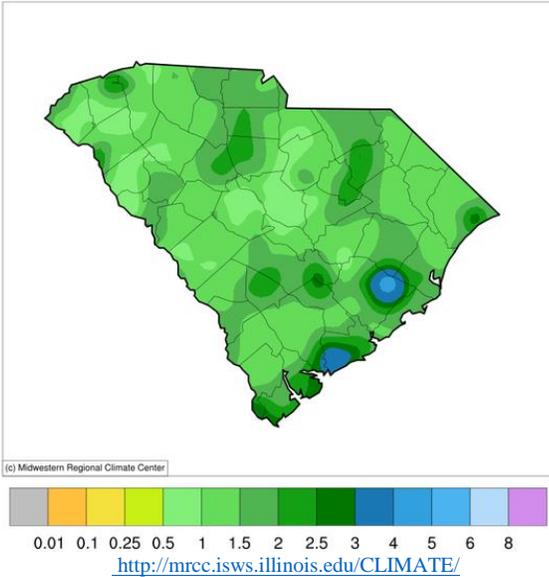
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	35	56	6
Cotton	1	8	27	58	6
Pasture and range	20	34	36	10	0
Soybeans	5	13	37	40	5

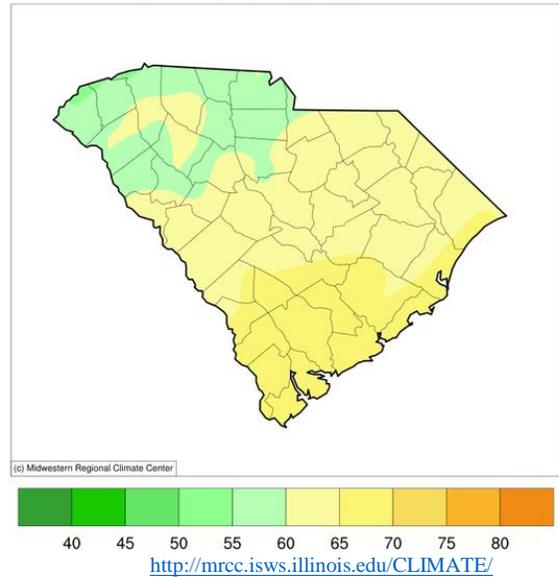
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/20/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	15	56
Short	26	35
Adequate	57	9
Surplus	2	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	27	45
Short	35	42
Adequate	36	13
Surplus	2	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019



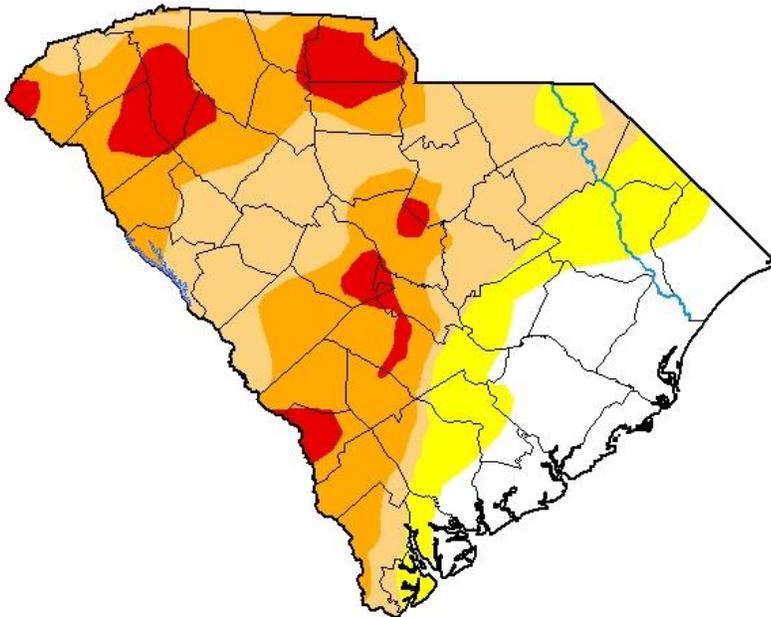
Average Temperature (°F)
October 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019



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

October 15, 2019
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.98	81.02	67.32	38.30	8.63	0.00
Last Week 10-08-2019	22.04	77.96	62.98	36.84	7.03	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-16-2019	56.62	43.38	3.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
One Year Ago 10-16-2018	81.29	18.71	2.05	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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