



South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this 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, July 19, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s.

Crops

Areas along the coast that received no rain or only some scattered showered during the week had fields dry out from the previous week's heavy rain. Abundant sunshine and minimal rainfall in central South Carolina increased crop stress, especially in non-irrigated corn. Cotton square retention looked good.

Fruits and vegetables were maturing nicely with good condition overall, but some non-irrigated vegetables were beginning to show signs of heat stress. A variety of fruits and vegetables were harvested. Field preparations for fall crops continued, with some producers beginning to transplant vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures

Drier weather this week was ideal for hay baling. Rain received prior to the current dry spell produced good hay yields. Pasture condition improved slightly after the previous week's ample rain. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/19/20

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	98	90	92	99
Corn - Mature.....	13	12	18	27
Cotton - Squaring.....	83	58	69	76
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	48	7	14	37
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	29	51	67	26
Peaches - Harvested.....	65	74	82	64
Peanuts - Pegging.....	84	66	75	80
Soybeans - Emerged.....	96	90	93	97
Soybeans - Blooming.....	18	14	19	21
Tobacco - Topped.....	67	38	53	76
Tobacco - Harvested.....	8	NA	4	17

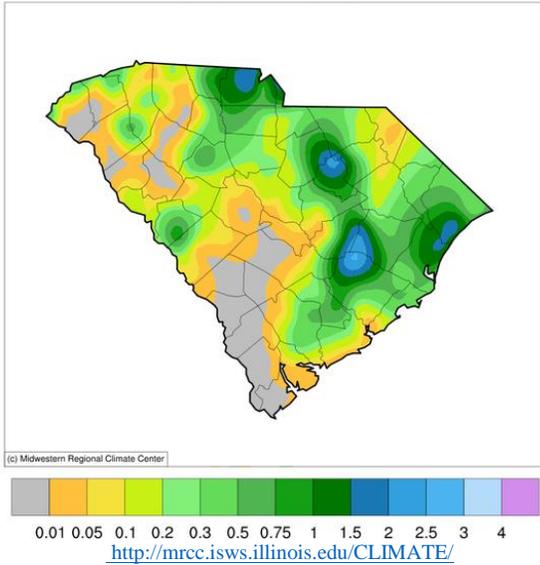
Conditions for Week Ending 07/19/20

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	22	60	17
Corn.....	5	9	21	47	18
Cotton.....	5	11	23	48	13
Pasture and range..	0	2	27	59	12
Peanuts.....	1	8	24	53	14
Soybeans.....	4	7	26	46	17
Tobacco.....	9	9	30	36	16

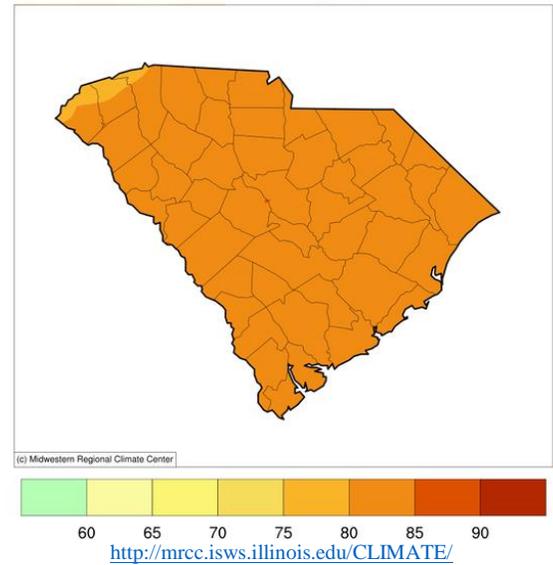
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/19/20

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	11
Short.....	10	20
Adequate.....	76	66
Surplus.....	14	3
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	4
Short.....	8	17
Adequate.....	80	76
Surplus.....	12	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



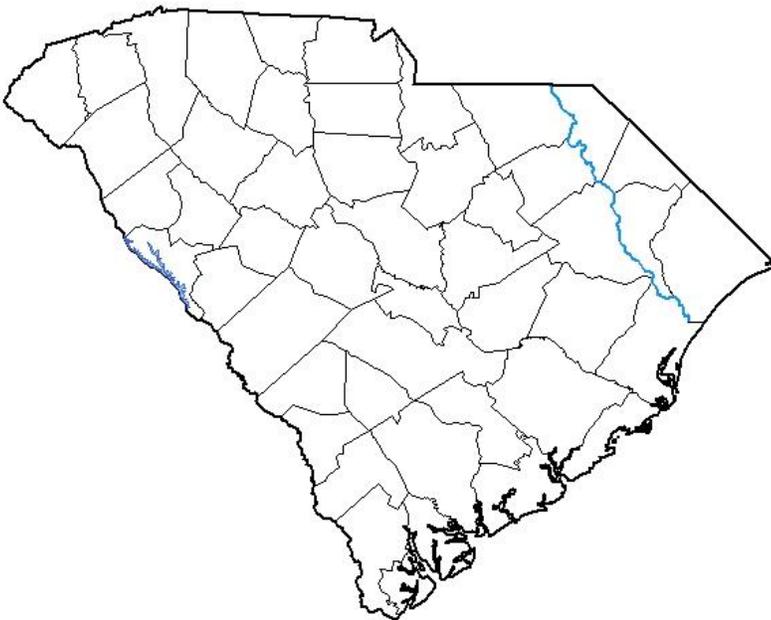
Average Temperature (°F)
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-07-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-14-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	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 07-16-2019	56.62	43.38	3.47	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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