



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 26, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 7.9 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

Weeks of sporadic thunderstorms have left some counties with surplus soil moisture while other counties entered into abnormally dry conditions. Peanut fungicide programs were mostly on schedule in central counties, and final weed control was being applied. As aphid populations in cotton dropped, producers shifted their focus to stinkbugs. Tobacco harvesting began across several counties.

Pecan growers thinned trees as needed. Most of the spring and summer fruit and vegetable crops have been harvested. Field preparations for fall vegetable crops continued. Some fall brassicas and cucurbits have been planted and were looking good.

Livestock and Pastures

Despite spotty afternoon showers bringing relief to some dry pastures, the high temperatures depleted soil moisture quickly in much of the state. The inconsistent rainfall has led to mixed performance of pasture grasses. Both cattle and pasture condition declined slightly statewide because of the persistent heat and either too much or too little rain, depending on the county.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	100	92	95	100
Corn - Mature.....	26	18	33	40
Cotton - Squaring.....	90	69	74	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	57	14	27	54
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	39	67	74	41
Peaches - Harvested.....	71	82	86	71
Peanuts - Pegging.....	88	75	83	87
Soybeans - Emerged.....	99	93	97	99
Soybeans - Blooming.....	25	19	25	30
Soybeans - Setting Pods.....	3	NA	3	4
Tobacco - Topped.....	75	53	82	89
Tobacco - Harvested.....	21	4	28	25

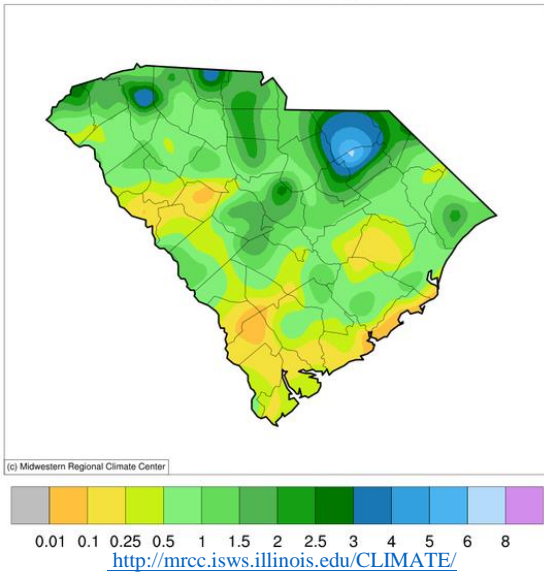
Conditions for Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	19	70	9
Corn.....	4	6	18	53	19
Cotton.....	6	10	19	49	16
Pasture and range..	0	5	40	50	5
Peanuts.....	2	5	21	59	13
Soybeans.....	5	10	18	51	16
Tobacco.....	10	15	30	30	15

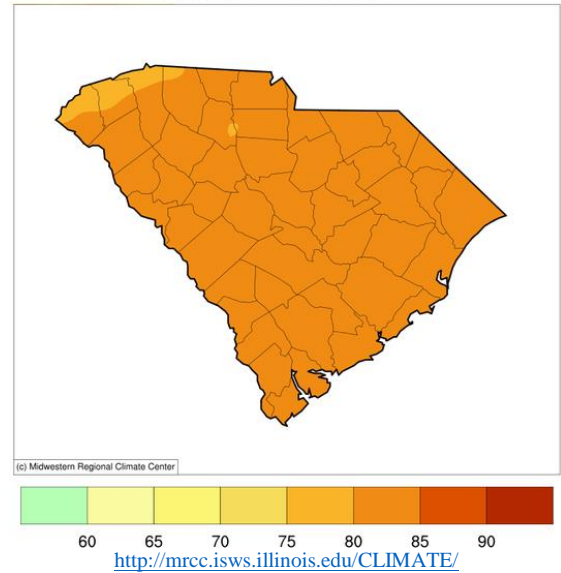
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/26/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	7
Short.....	20	26
Adequate.....	66	61
Surplus.....	3	6
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5
Short.....	17	31
Adequate.....	76	54
Surplus.....	3	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 20, 2020 to July 26, 2020



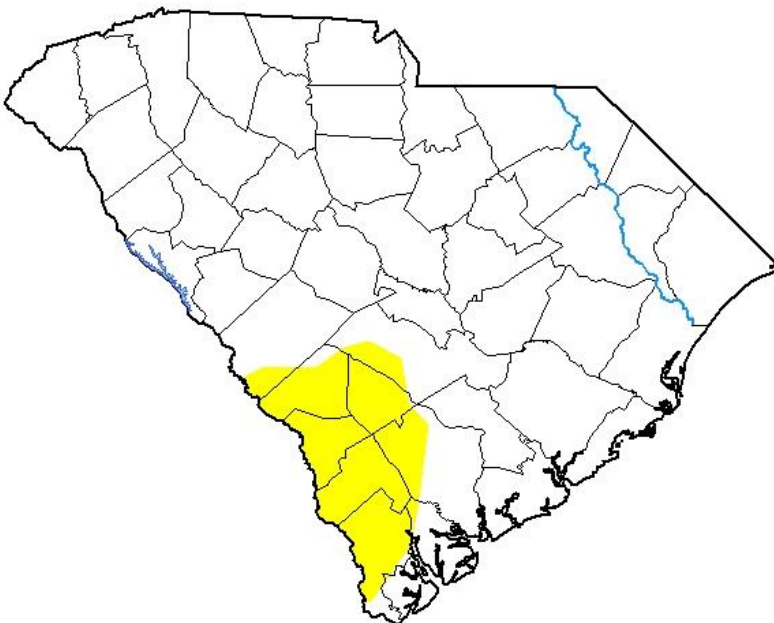
Average Temperature (°F)
July 20, 2020 to July 26, 2020



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	89.97	10.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-14-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-21-2020	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 07-23-2019	56.89	43.11	3.09	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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