



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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 7.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

The almost-daily scattered showers reduced the need for irrigation, but interfered with peanut fungicide applications. The rain and seasonably warm temperatures benefitted soybean and peanut condition. Continued high humidity, coupled with the rain, prevented some corn from drying down enough to harvest. Additionally, wet fields slowed corn harvesting in the Lowcountry. Some producers reported receiving too much rainfall to complete their second hay cutting.

Harvesting of summer vegetables started to wind down while muscadine harvesting was in full swing. Farmers continued planting fall vegetables and preparing land for fall greens. Bacterial wilt developed in some of the fall tomato fields.

Livestock and Pastures

Adequate rainfall had pastures doing well. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	80	74	80	85
Corn - Harvested	15	6	15	18
Cotton - Squaring	100	87	90	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	94	65	75	87
Cotton - Bolls Opening	7	0	0	3
Hay - 2nd Cutting	70	87	90	76
Peaches - Harvested	89	93	95	89
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	95	99	96
Soybeans - Blooming	77	57	68	74
Soybeans - Setting Pods	28	25	37	31
Tobacco - Topped	96	94	95	99
Tobacco - Harvested	68	55	62	57

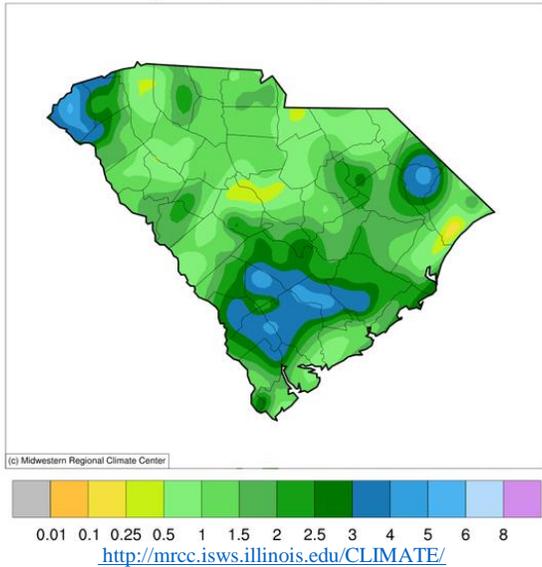
Conditions for Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	5	23	66	6
Corn	4	7	18	51	20
Cotton	6	9	17	53	15
Pasture and range..	2	8	24	60	6
Peanuts.....	3	3	20	56	18
Soybeans.....	6	6	12	53	23

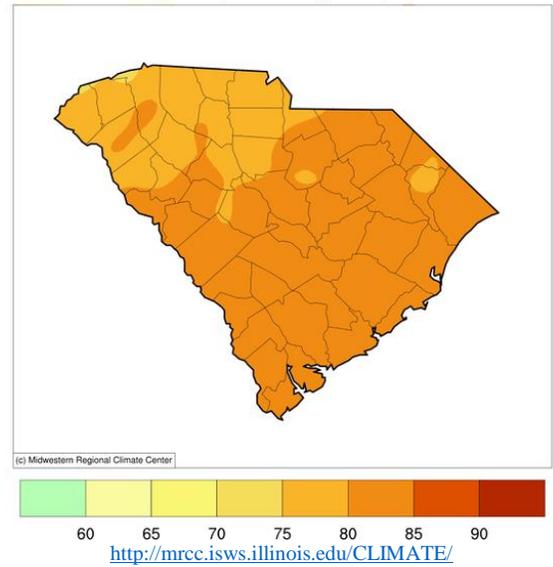
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/20

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	2
Short	15	17
Adequate.....	70	68
Surplus.....	8	13
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	0
Short	19	15
Adequate.....	65	76
Surplus.....	9	9

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



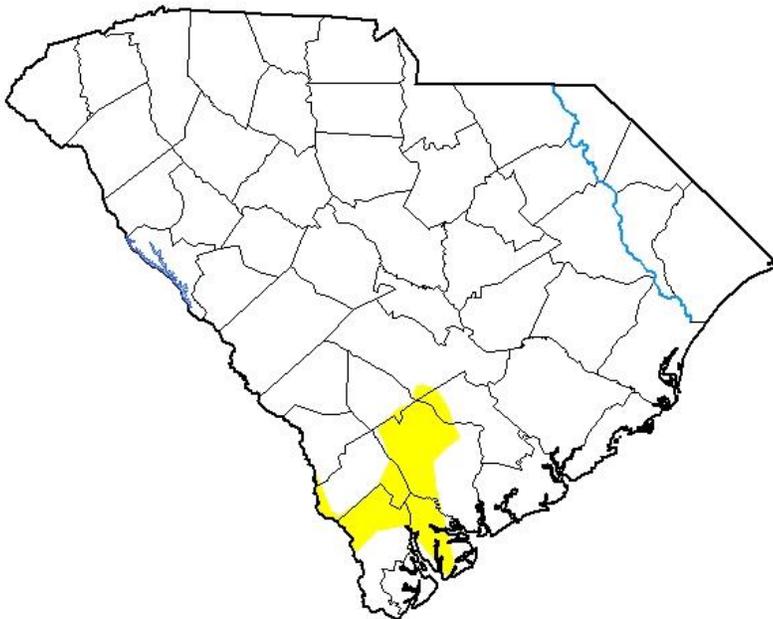
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 11, 2020
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-04-2020	84.84	15.16	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-12-2020	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 08-13-2019	21.89	78.11	8.50	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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