



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 25, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 60s.

Crops

Cotton defoliation ramped up as well as peanut digging and harvesting. Morning fog and high humidity hampered harvest start times, reducing the effective harvest hours available. Producers in several counties began harvesting soybeans.

Strawberry planting was at full pace in the Pee Dee region while some farmers in the Midlands wrapped up planting. Strawberry transplants looked very good, and the earliest transplanted fields were already pushing out new leaves. In the Pee Dee region, strawberry acreage increased, compared to last year. Fall greens and brassicas continued to progress well. Some brassica fields experienced plant stunting and plant losses from persistently wet soil conditions. Die-off became apparent on affected plants after the week's slightly higher temperatures.

Livestock and Pastures

Some pastures were tilled for overseeding. Cattle and pasture condition remained unchanged from the previous week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening	98	92	98	95
Cotton - Harvested	58	6	9	36
Hay - 3rd Cutting	75	83	87	NA
Peanuts - Dug	89	60	70	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	75	41	50	52
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	82	75	86	65
Soybeans - Harvested	11	4	15	9
Winter wheat - Planted	4	9	11	11

(NA) Not available.

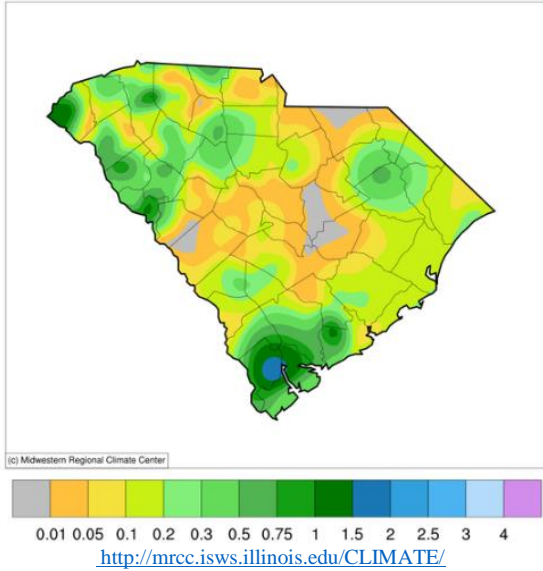
Conditions for Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	4	18	67	10
Cotton	6	6	17	53	18
Pasture and range ..	1	3	38	51	7
Peanuts	1	3	19	61	16
Soybeans	5	11	12	48	24

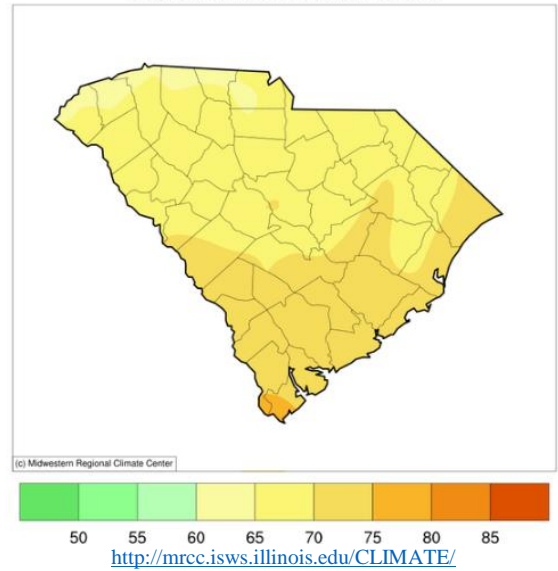
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/25/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	9
Short	8	5
Adequate	83	85
Surplus	7	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	9
Short	7	4
Adequate	88	85
Surplus	5	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



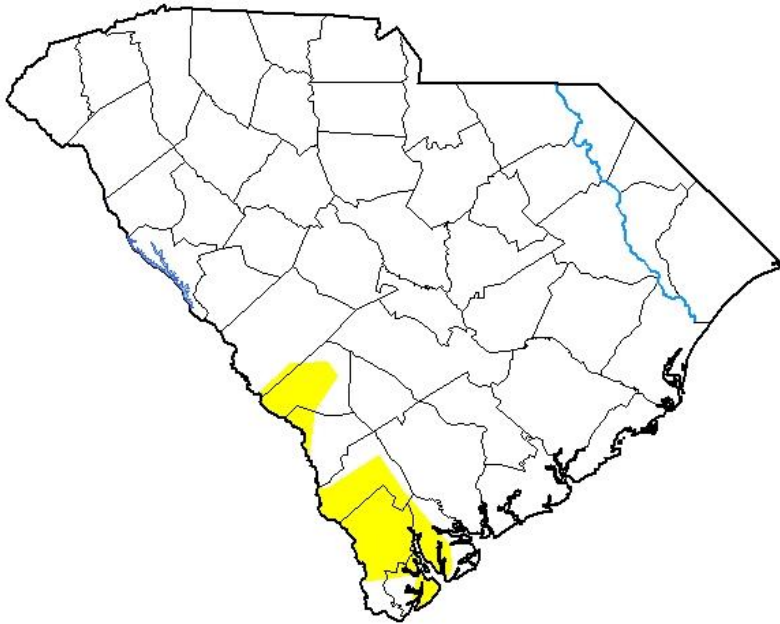
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 20, 2020
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.65	5.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-13-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-21-2020	89.97	10.03	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 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-22-2019	22.80	77.20	64.18	36.04	8.63	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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