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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.

August 9, 2021

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 8, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 7.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s.

Crops

A variety of vegetables have been harvested and marketed this week. Some producers reported increased pest pressure on a variety of crops. Fall crops continued being planted and those already planted were progressing well. Consistent rain has kept soil moisture high, which has allowed crops to progress faster than their historic rates. Corn remained in mostly good condition and is quickly nearing maturity. Corn harvest reportedly began last week in the Lowcountry. Cotton, soybeans, and peanuts continued in mostly good condition despite reported increases in pressure from pests.

Livestock and Pastures

Steady rain and cooler temperatures last week helped to encourage warm season pasture growth. Cattle remained in mostly good to excellent condition this week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/08/21

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	71	51	68	68
Corn - Harvested	5	NA	1	5
Cotton - Squaring	86	94	99	93
Cotton - Setting Bolls	63	66	79	71
Hay - 2nd Cutting	86	63	73	67
Peaches - Harvested	93	82	88	84
Peanuts - Pegging	94	92	96	92
Soybeans - Blooming	55	60	65	55
Soybeans - Setting Pods	24	16	20	19
Tobacco - Topped	94	91	95	95
Tobacco - Harvested	52	34	50	46

(NA) Not available.

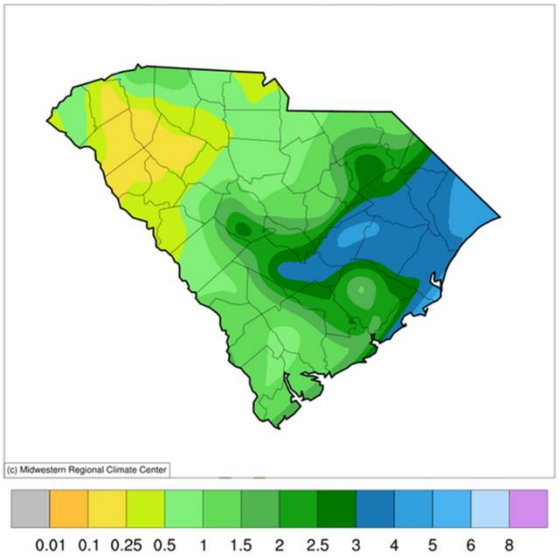
Conditions for Week Ending 08/08/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	23	59	15
Corn	0	0	10	67	23
Cotton	0	0	19	66	15
Pasture and range	0	3	23	61	13
Peanuts	0	0	2	95	3
Soybeans	0	0	6	82	12
Tobacco	0	0	5	80	15

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/08/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	15	5
Adequate	76	79
Surplus	9	16
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	6	2
Adequate	86	86
Surplus	8	12

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 02, 2021 to August 08, 2021



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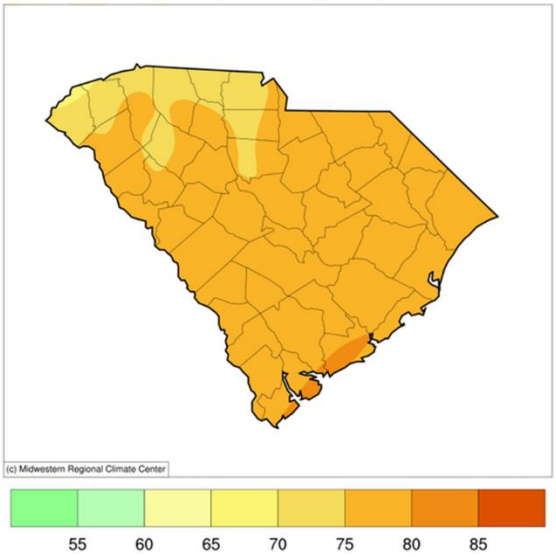
Average Temperature (°F)
August 02, 2021 to August 08, 2021



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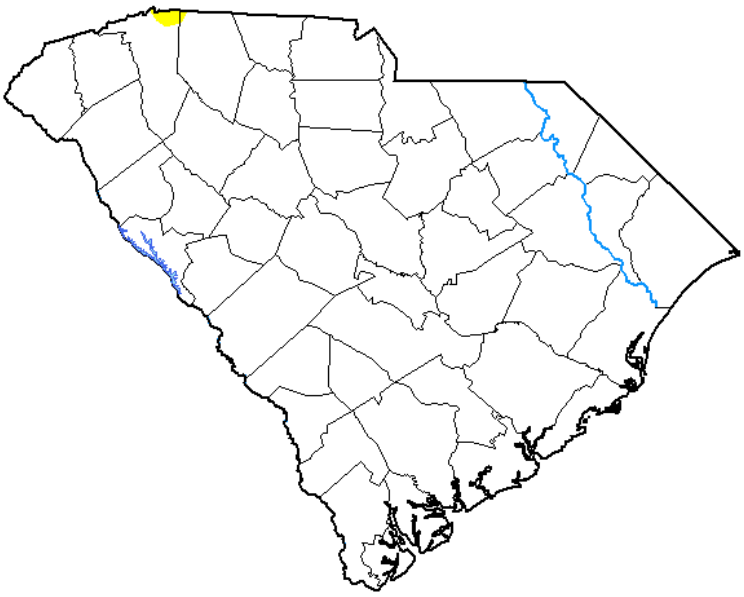
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php

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	99.81	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *07-27-2021*	99.81	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *05-04-2021*	25.05	74.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *12-29-2020*	86.70	13.30	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 *08-04-2020*	84.84	15.16	0.13	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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