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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.

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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, September 18, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Dry and cool weather across most of the state allowed farmers ample time for fieldwork. This helped producers catch up on many crop harvesting activities.

Corn producers were able to make up ground on harvesting activities given ideal conditions throughout the week. Cotton bolls continued to open as early cotton harvest began. Many cotton fields were defoliated throughout the week. Soybean fields continued setting pods and dropping leaves as harvesting began in some early planted fields. Hayfields were able to be cut and baled with the dry weather conditions. Vegetable crops were reported to be looking good in the Pee Dee region. Strawberries are anticipated to be planted within the next two weeks. Watermelons in the Lowcountry region were reported to be nearing harvest.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions continued to improve with cooler temperatures. Pastures were in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/18/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	84	68	77	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening	44	40	54	52
Cotton - Harvested	0	1	3	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting	39	15	37	29
Peanuts - Dug	11	5	13	12
Peanuts - Harvested	4	1	3	5
Soybeans - Setting Pods	81	74	86	82
Soybeans - Drop Leaves	7	10	15	8
Soybeans - Harvested	0	NA	1	0
Tobacco - Harvested	94	86	95	95

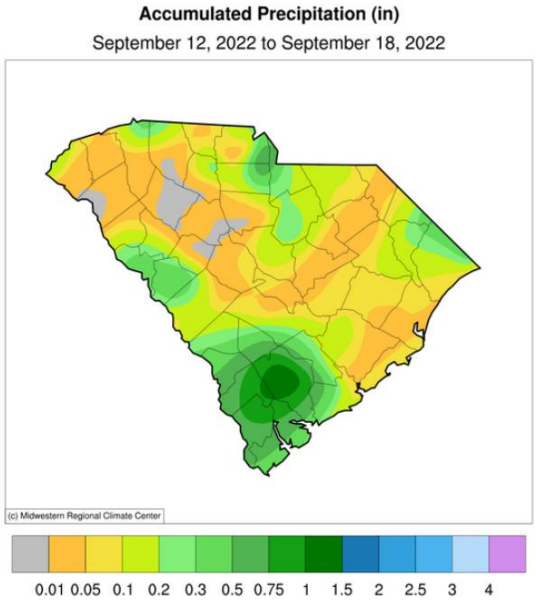
(NA) Not available.

Conditions for Week Ending 09/18/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	5	24	61	10
Cotton	1	2	24	56	17
Pasture and range	6	8	22	60	4
Peanuts	1	1	16	70	12
Soybeans	2	3	13	74	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/18/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	3
Short	11	19
Adequate	80	76
Surplus	5	2
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1
Short	13	15
Adequate	83	84
Surplus	3	0



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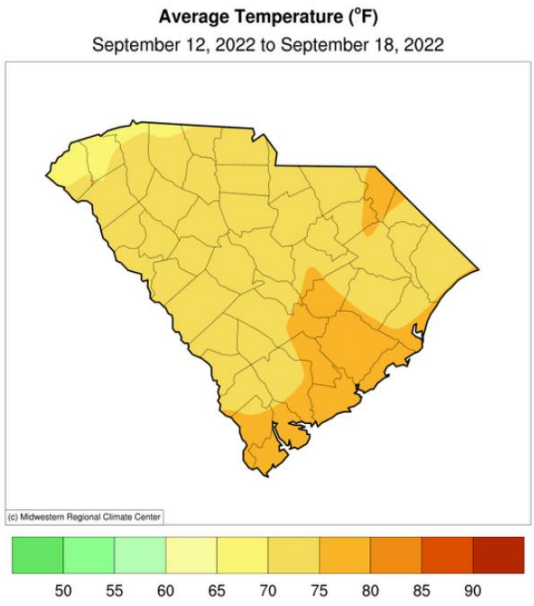

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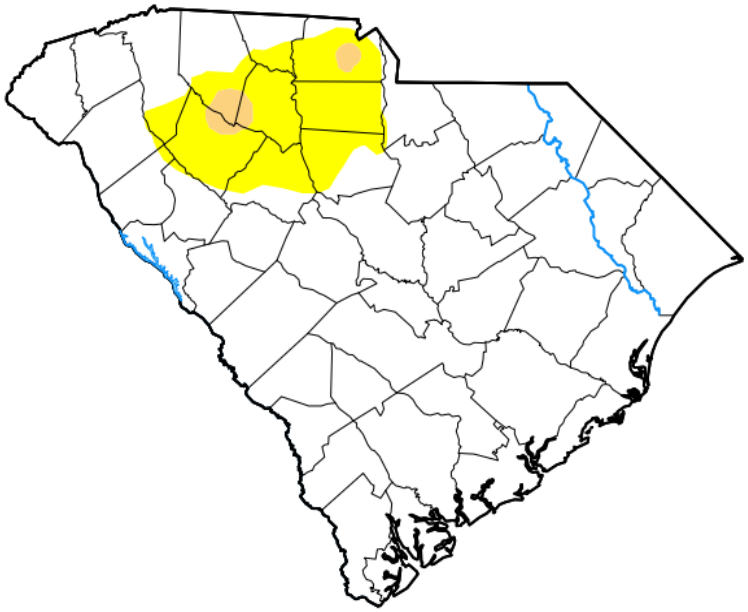
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php



U.S. Drought Monitor

South Carolina

September 13, 2022

(Released Thursday, Sep. 15, 2022)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.73	12.27	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *09-06-2022*	83.30	16.70	3.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *06-14-2022*	29.54	70.46	29.11	3.95	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-04-2022*	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-28-2021*	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *09-14-2021*	85.07	14.93	0.00	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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