



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

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, October 16, 2022. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from trace amounts up to 3.9 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

Cotton bolls continued to open, and harvest progressed throughout the week. Fields in the Pee Dee region were reported have been defoliated. Some producers in the Pee Dee region reported that they had cotton laying in fields, but that they should still be able to pick. Peanuts continued to be dug and harvested, with considerable progress having been made throughout the week. Harvest of cotton and peanuts was reported to have stalled in the Lowcountry region after heavy midweek rains. Soybeans continued to drop leaves and be harvested. Producers were working to get their fields ready to plant winter crops. Strawberries were being planted, and ones that had already been planted were noted to be looking good.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions remained in relatively good condition with temperatures continuing to cool down. Pastures were in good to fair conditions around the state. Cattle producers in the Midlands region reportedly were having to sell off herd stock due to how poor pasture conditions were.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/16/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	89	89	94	91
Cotton - Harvested.....	8	17	26	21
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	81	76	81	77
Peanuts - Dug.....	49	43	60	62
Peanuts - Harvested.....	34	28	42	43
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	47	44	60	59
Soybeans - Harvested.....	5	8	15	6
Winter wheat - Planted.....	5	NA	3	6

(NA) Not available.

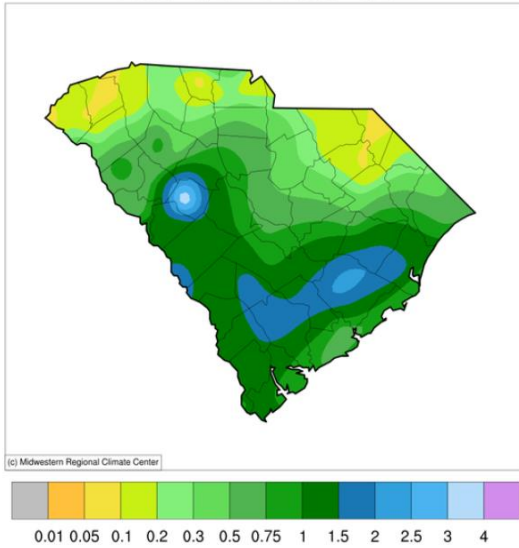
Conditions for Week Ending 10/16/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	2	10	29	53	6
Cotton.....	1	8	23	66	2
Pasture and range....	5	18	33	41	3
Peanuts.....	0	1	15	72	12
Soybeans.....	1	3	14	77	5

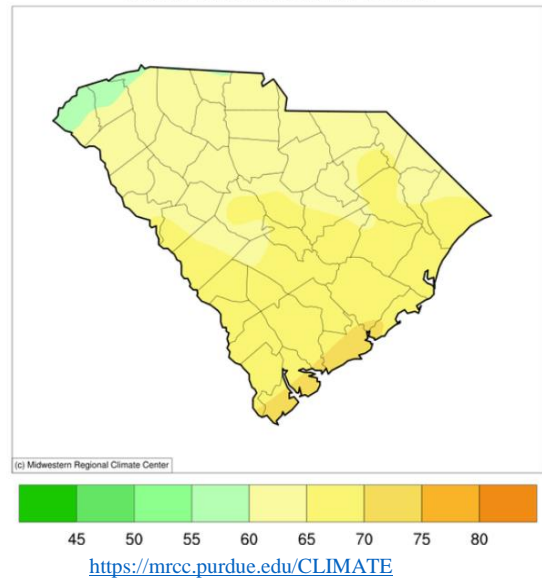
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5
Short.....	20	27
Adequate.....	74	68
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	14	22
Adequate.....	86	77
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 10, 2022 to October 16, 2022



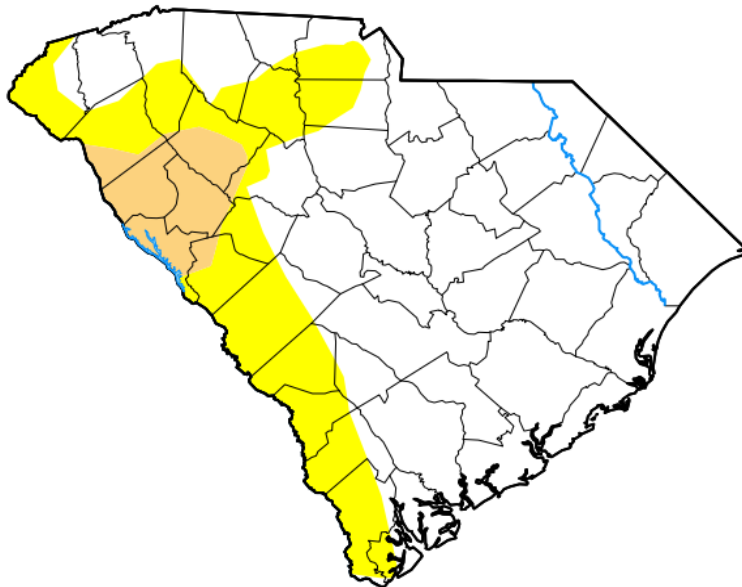
Average Temperature (°F)
October 10, 2022 to October 16, 2022



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

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.24	28.76	6.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-04-2022</i>	86.28	13.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-12-2022</i>	49.90	50.10	7.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-12-2021</i>	91.21	8.79	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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