



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 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 3, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.4 inches to 13.6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

Crops

Hurricane Idalia brought much needed rains, helping to replenish the dry soil conditions. Minimal damages were reported, most notably some corn was knocked over due to strong winds. Field work was delayed for several days due to wet field conditions in some areas.

Producers worked diligently to harvest corn before Hurricane Idalia came through the state last week. Despite the heavy rainfall and winds, most of the unharvested corn was still standing in the Pee Dee region. The cotton crop was noted to be looking good even though blooms were blown off during the storm. Soybeans and peanuts were reported to be looking good despite the wind speed and rainfall experienced as the storm passed through.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair condition around the state. The rain and cooler temperatures helped improve both cattle and pasture conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/03/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	54	36	57	61
Cotton - Setting Bolls	98	93	98	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening	31	12	20	23
Hay - 2nd Cutting	96	94	98	95
Hay - 3rd Cutting	7	7	18	7
Peanuts - Dug	1	NA	1	1
Soybeans - Blooming	93	87	92	92
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	64	58	66	62
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	4	2	6	1
Tobacco - Harvested	80	79	87	78

(NA) Not available.

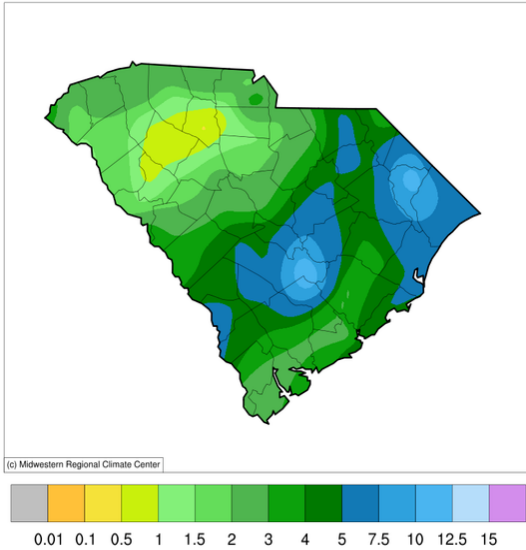
Conditions for Week Ending 09/03/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	4	11	30	47	8
Corn	0	1	11	61	27
Cotton	0	4	39	51	6
Pasture and range	4	16	40	35	5
Peanuts	0	1	18	78	3
Soybeans	1	2	28	59	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/03/23

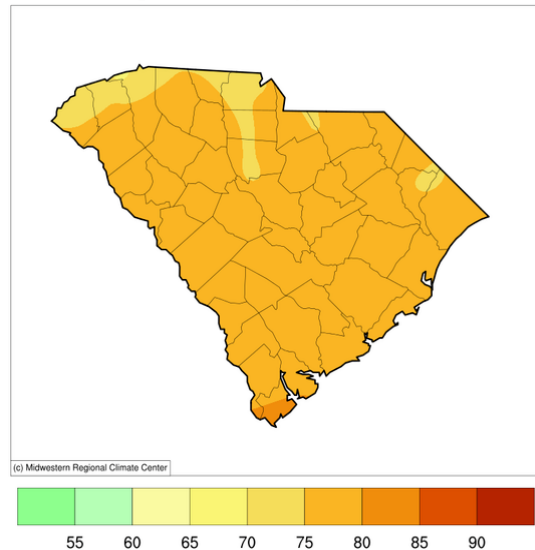
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	14	2
Short	41	17
Adequate	45	61
Surplus	0	20
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	6	0
Short	41	17
Adequate	53	65
Surplus	0	18

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 28, 2023 to September 03, 2023



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Average Temperature (°F)
August 28, 2023 to September 03, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 29, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.08	31.92	6.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-22-2023	67.87	32.13	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-30-2023	93.82	6.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-30-2022	83.11	16.89	4.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

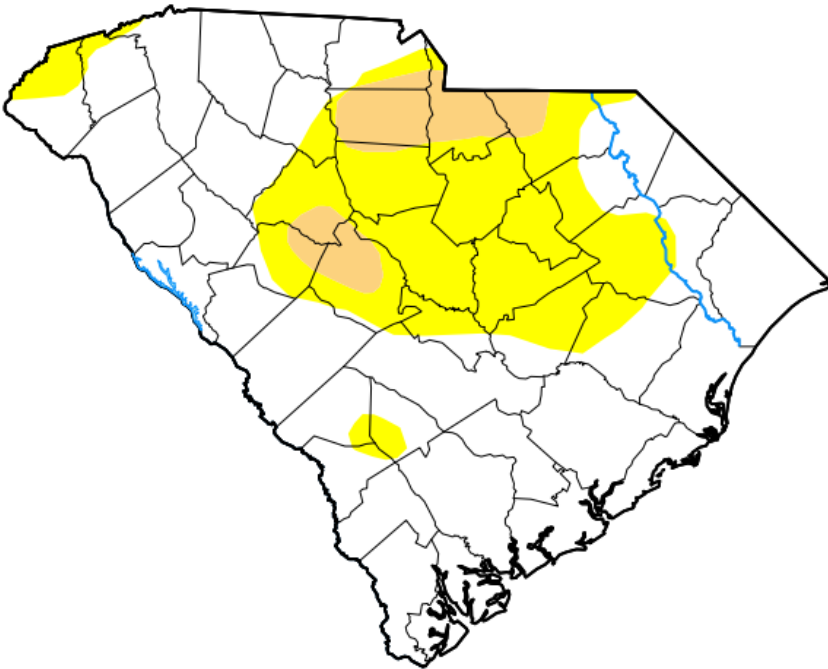
Intensity:

- 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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