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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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 1, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.9 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Cooler nighttime temperatures and relatively dry weather made for optimal harvesting conditions throughout the week. Corn harvesting progressed; however, some harvesting was noted to have been slowed by the lack of available storage and slow deliveries to mills in the Pee Dee region. Cotton bolls continued to open, with fields being defoliated and harvest beginning. Some cotton was noted to have lost a bit of the upper stalk crop due to late heat and dry weather. Peanuts continued to be dug and harvested. Soybeans were mostly finished setting pods and were dropping leaves. Early season soybean varieties were being harvested and noted to have had excellent yields in the Pee Dee region, however mid maturity varieties were noted to not be as good. Ideal weather conditions allowed farmers to make good progress cutting and baling hay. Fall grazing and fall vegetable crops were progressing in the Lowcountry region where farmers had the capacity to irrigate.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/01/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	93	89	92	95
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	74	66	77	71
Cotton - Harvested.....	7	0	4	6
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	62	65	75	59
Peanuts - Dug.....	29	17	23	29
Peanuts - Harvested	17	9	15	17
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	99	94	96	93
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	27	22	28	26
Soybeans - Harvested	5	1	7	1

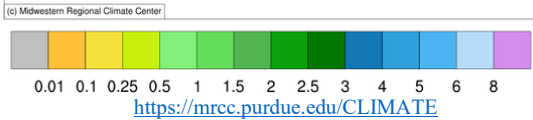
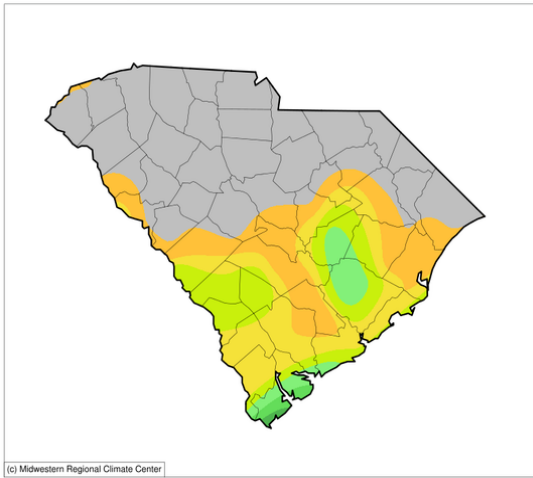
Conditions for Week Ending 10/01/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	4	17	33	40	6
Cotton.....	1	5	33	54	7
Pasture and range....	9	22	46	21	2
Peanuts.....	0	0	13	84	3
Soybeans.....	3	5	23	59	10

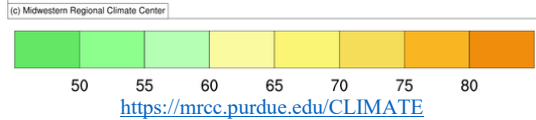
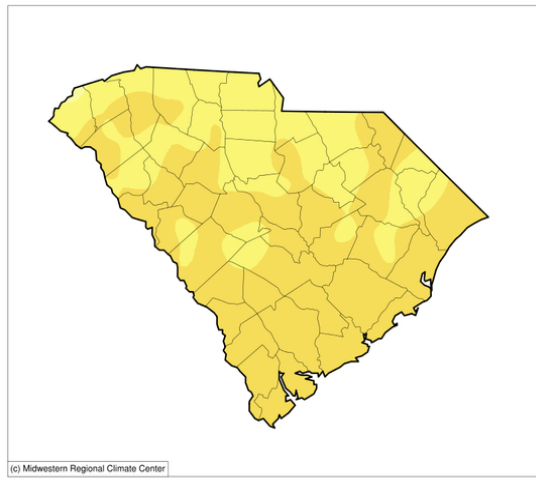
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/01/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	4	7
Short.....	25	40
Adequate.....	70	53
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	4
Short.....	15	29
Adequate.....	83	66
Surplus.....	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023

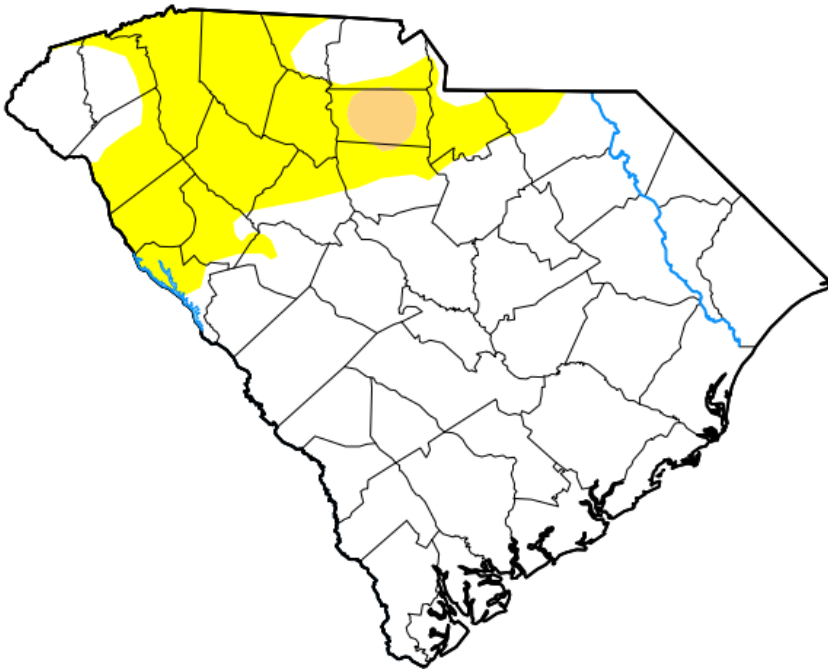


Average Temperature (°F)
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

September 26, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 28, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-19-2023	87.24	12.76	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-27-2023	100.00	0.00	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 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D2 Severe Drought
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate 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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