



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 3, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Dry conditions and moderate temperatures benefitted crop development and most field activities proceeded unhindered. The corn harvest continued with above average yields reported in some areas. Some cotton defoliation was reported but there was only limited harvest activity underway at this time. Peanuts dug and harvested progressed in line with previous years, aided by the sunshine and dry air throughout the week. Soybeans have nearly completed setting pods but are still behind on dropping leaves.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition. Pastures received little rain, but cooler temperatures allowed them to remain in mostly good condition

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/03/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	94	90	93	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	70	54	67	79
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	1	3	10
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	68	55	65	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	32	19	28	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	21	10	20	22
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	93	87	95	95
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	42	16	24	32

(NA) Not available.

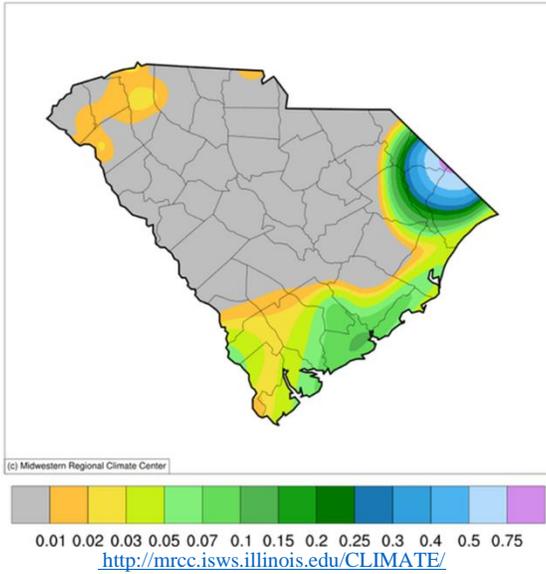
Conditions for Week Ending 10/03/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	5	82	13
Cotton.....	0	0	20	61	19
Pasture and range	0	0	25	72	3
Peanuts	0	0	4	76	20
Soybeans	0	1	15	64	20

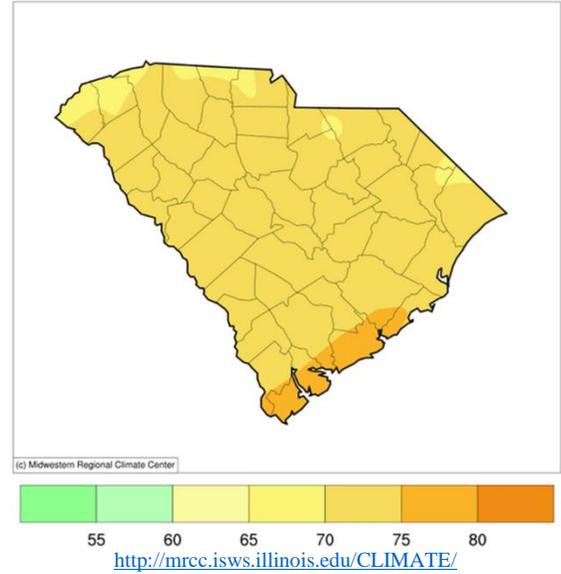
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/03/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	1
Short.....	25	26
Adequate	70	73
Surplus	3	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	18	17
Adequate	80	83
Surplus	2	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 27, 2021 to October 03, 2021



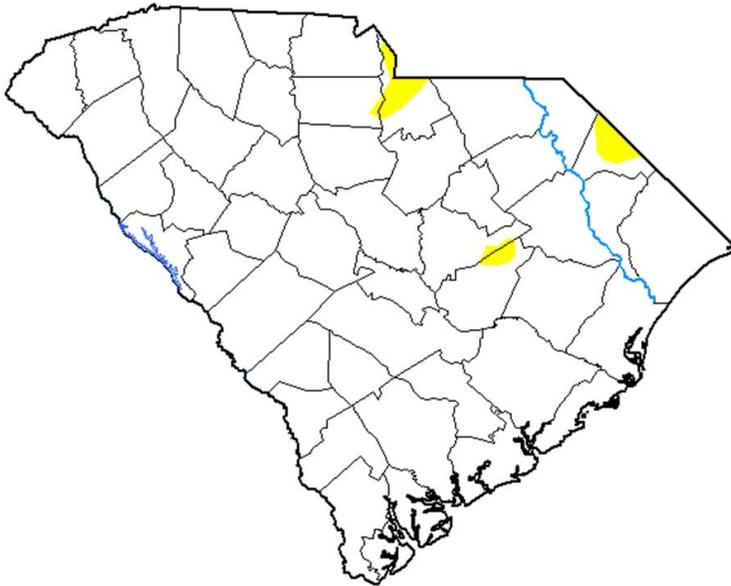
Average Temperature (°F)
September 27, 2021 to October 03, 2021



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

September 28, 2021
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-21-2021	88.25	11.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-29-2021	77.56	22.44	0.06	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 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	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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