



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 16, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 4.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Hot and humid conditions. No rain this week.

**Danny Howard, Greenville County**

Some locations within the county reported several inches of rain while others reported a couple inches. Tobacco is being harvested, and the crop is fair overall with some really good fields, depending on location. Disease really took a toll on the crop. Corn is drying down, and we will likely have an early August harvest. Cotton, soybeans, and peanuts all look good at this point.

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County**

Crop conditions remain favorable because of timely rain showers throughout the county. Corn is maturing quickly, and cotton and peanuts look really good in most areas. Hay fields are growing at a fast pace, and many producers are reporting excellent yields from their first and second cuttings.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Peach harvest is complete. Watermelon harvest is fast wrapping up as growers are into their fourth week of harvest. Scorching temperatures during the week, coupled with rapidly growing crops that received little to no rain, are quickly removing soil moisture. Early maturing corn varieties are beginning to dry down, and corn growers are preparing combines for the harvest. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week. Peanut growers are applying fungicides for disease prevention on a regimented schedule. It appears corn will be a bumper crop in this area this year.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/16/17**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	47	28	26	20
Cotton - Squaring .....	69	57	73	72
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	33	17	22	26
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	6	NA	54	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	54	45	73	67
Peanuts - Pegging.....	78	65	83	76
Soybeans - Emerged.....	96	93	99	94
Soybeans - Blooming .....	28	16	22	18
Soybeans - Setting Pods	0	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco - Topped .....	75	67	82	77
Tobacco - Harvested.....	20	14	16	NA

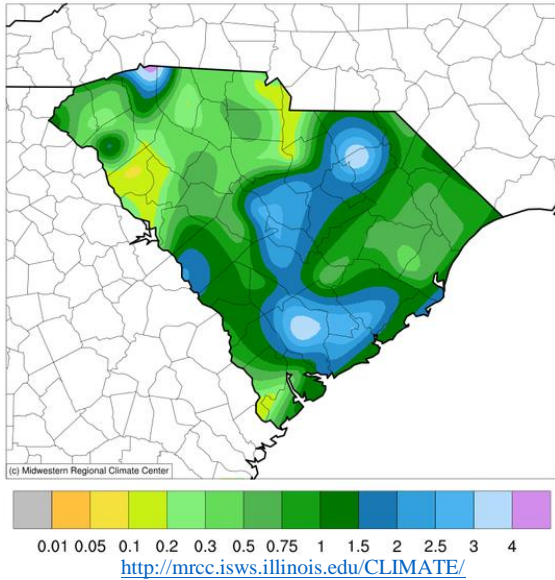
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/16/17**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	17	78	5
Corn .....	0	0	10	73	17
Cotton .....	0	0	8	36	56
Pasture and range.....	0	1	16	76	7
Peaches.....	51	37	12	0	0
Peanuts.....	0	0	7	48	45
Soybeans.....	0	0	14	57	29
Tobacco.....	1	12	40	45	2

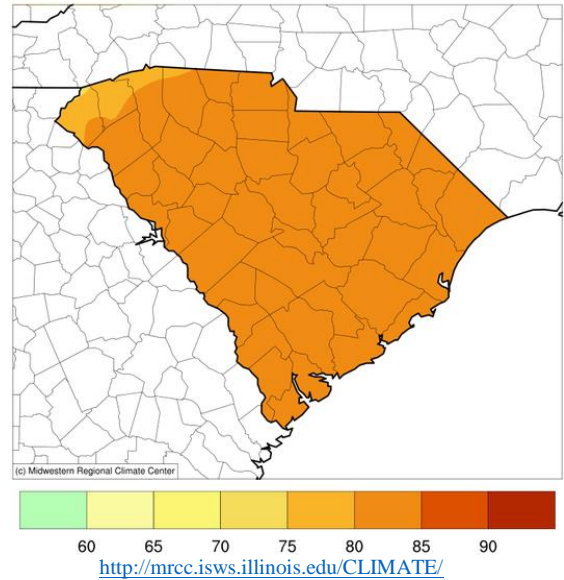
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/16/17**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	10
Short.....	7	17	30
Adequate.....	83	76	48
Surplus.....	10	7	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	8	19	NA
Adequate.....	82	74	NA
Surplus.....	10	7	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 10, 2017 to July 16, 2017



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 10, 2017 to July 16, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2017.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 11, 2017**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 13, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-04-2017	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-11-2017	9.17	90.83	38.40	3.33	1.63	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-12-2016	65.36	34.64	24.79	10.62	2.70	0.00

**Intensity:**

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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