



**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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

## County Comments

Hot and dry conditions over the past week reduced topsoil moisture substantially. Conditions are expected to deteriorate quickly if this trend continues. Overall, perennial forages and other crops are in good condition. Pasture conditions are varied. Producers with predominantly fescue pastures mentioned slower growth and that some reseeding may be necessary. Other producers indicated record yields thus far for hay. This year appears to be a blessing as we continue to recover from last year's detrimental drought.

### J. Blake Badger, Abbeville County

Crop progress continues under good weather conditions. Spotty showers helped in some locations. More irrigation systems were active this past week.

### Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Tobacco is being harvested at a high rate. The crop continues to ripen rapidly as a result of excessive rainfall. Corn is mature and drying down. Moisture is around 24 percent, and the crop is excellent. Producers will begin harvesting soon. Cotton, soybeans, and peanuts are progressing well, with all crops beginning to fruit.

### Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Frequent rains, intense temperatures, and high humidity over the past several weeks are raising concerns about disease in corn, cotton, and peanuts. Some cotton growers are reporting that their crop growth is being stalled because of wet soils, which may also be causing blossom drop.

### Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/30/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	60	52	64	51
Cotton - Squaring .....	89	82	89	93
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	59	53	54	59
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	45	25	64	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	68	62	87	82
Peanuts - Pegging.....	87	85	93	92
Soybeans - Blooming .....	55	32	45	43
Soybeans - Setting Pods	23	3	NA	NA
Tobacco - Topped .....	93	89	94	96
Tobacco - Harvested.....	31	24	35	39

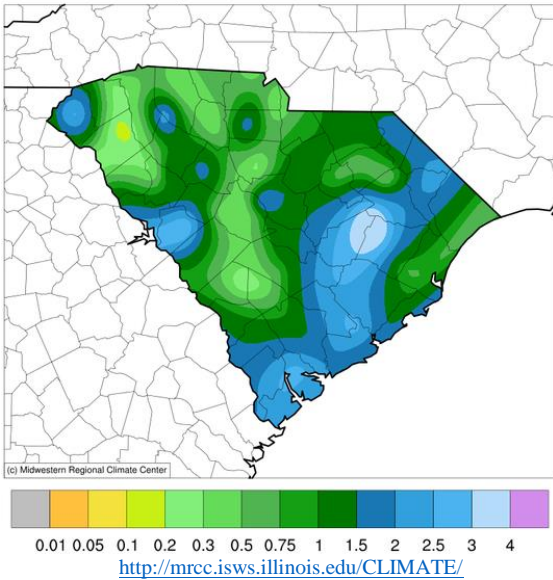
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/30/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	14	77	9
Corn .....	0	1	7	73	19
Cotton .....	0	0	5	53	42
Pasture and range.....	0	1	17	76	6
Peanuts.....	0	0	5	54	41
Soybeans.....	0	0	6	66	28
Tobacco.....	2	14	30	51	3

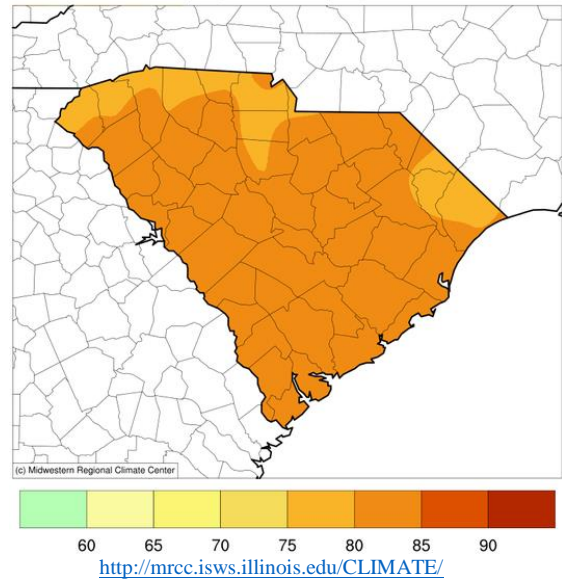
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/30/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	7
Short .....	16	12	34
Adequate.....	81	85	54
Surplus.....	3	3	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short .....	7	6	NA
Adequate.....	91	91	NA
Surplus.....	2	3	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 24, 2017 to July 30, 2017



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 24, 2017 to July 30, 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 25, 2017**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 27, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	99.98	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-18-2017	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-25-2017	32.96	67.04	18.56	1.70	0.00	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> 07-26-2016	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.69	0.00

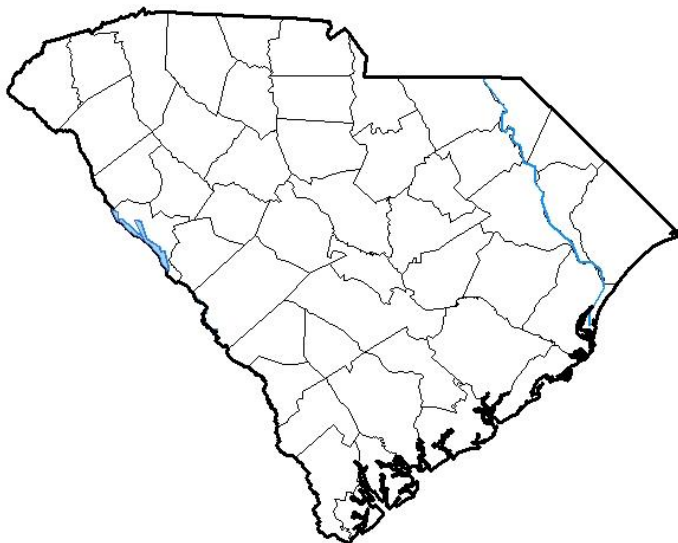
**Intensity:**

- 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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