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South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 18, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 7.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Most of Horry County received much-needed rainfall over the weekend, which will hopefully help the peanut, soybean, and cotton crops. Tobacco harvest was in full swing with disease apparent. Corn harvest continued with varied yields.
Koty Roberts, Horry County

Cattle farmers reported a weak second cutting of hay with several farmers on their third cutting. Pastures were still supporting livestock, yet many farmers reported being on the verge of having to feed hay. The county needs a good soaking rain.
Adam Gore, Abbeville County

Hot, dry weather affected all crops. Some cotton and peanuts showed signs of drought stress. Industrial hemp still looked good. Farmers were getting land ready for fall vegetable production.
Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Another week of scorching temperatures and little to no rain continued to stress fruiting crops. Condition and yield potential continued to decline. Cotton, distressed by heat and dry conditions, opened quickly. Two rain showers on Saturday and Sunday afternoons brought temporary relief to some areas. Corn harvest continued. Two dryland growers reported their yields were devastatingly low.
Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/18/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	86	66	80	88
Corn - Harvested	17	NA	6	22
Cotton - Setting Bolls	97	86	79	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening	10	1	4	3
Hay - 2nd Cutting	75	59	63	NA
Peaches - Harvested	90	87	74	90
Soybeans - Blooming	83	62	73	80
Soybeans - Setting Pods	31	19	37	36
Tobacco - Topped	99	90	NA	NA
Tobacco - Harvested	71	60	44	60

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/18/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	28	62	9
Corn	5	21	33	35	6
Cotton	0	5	34	55	6
Pasture and range	0	9	47	39	5
Peanuts	0	1	32	58	9
Soybeans	0	4	39	49	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/18/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	17
Short	39	56
Adequate	52	26
Surplus	0	1
Subsoil	**This week**	**Previous week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	12
Short	39	51
Adequate	54	37
Surplus	0	0

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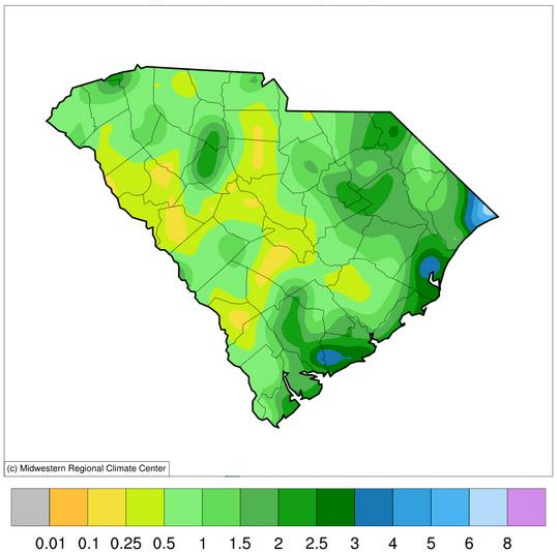
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 12, 2019 to August 18, 2019



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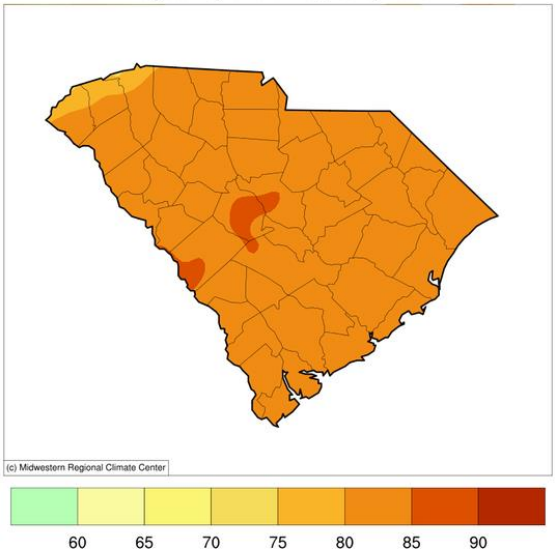
Average Temperature (°F)
August 12, 2019 to August 18, 2019



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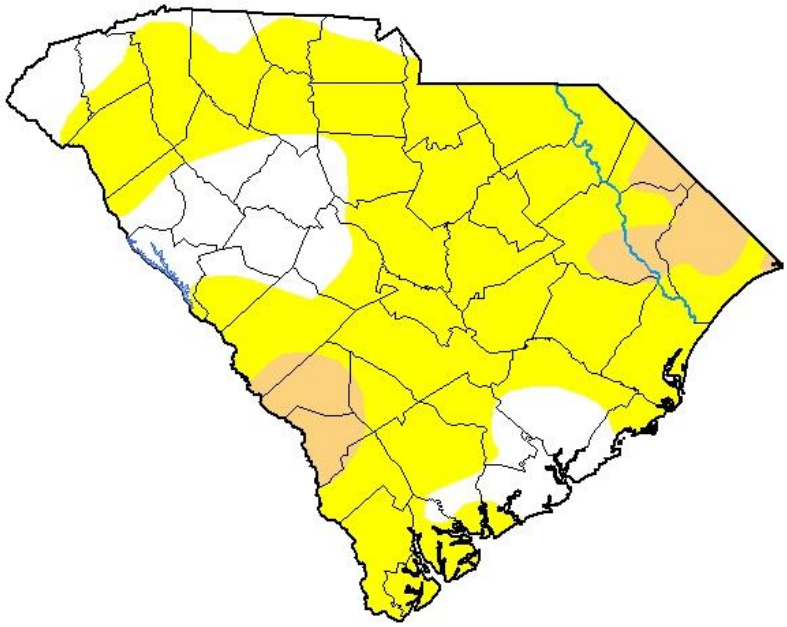
U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina



August 13, 2019
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.89	78.11	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *08-06-2019*	49.67	50.33	5.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *05-14-2019*	46.41	53.59	22.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-01-2019*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-25-2018*	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *08-14-2018*	97.67	2.33	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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