



**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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.09 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Tobacco and the bulk of corn harvest was starting to wrap up. Peanut harvest was about to begin. Most fall vegetable crops had been planted and were looking good.

W Bruce Mclean, Marlboro County

Bolls were continuing to open throughout the cotton crop. Producers were prepping for the nearing peanut and cotton harvest.

Koty Roberts, Horry County

Peanut digging continued based on maturity. Some irrigated peanuts were irrigated to facilitate digging due to dry soils. Excellent harvest weather continued. Cotton defoliation was on the increase. Some harvest will begin in a week to ten days.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

A week with no measurable rainfall reduced soil moisture availability. Some growers may begin digging peanuts this week. No crop insect or disease problems reported during last week. A few soybean fields were beginning to change leaf color. Rainfall was desperately needed to maintain yield potential in most crops.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/15/19

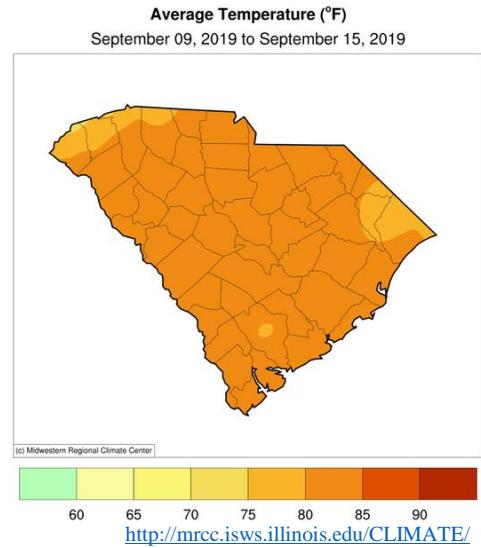
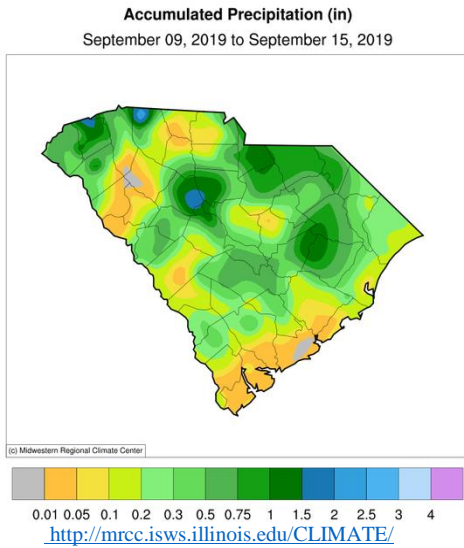
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	92	86	87	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	71	56	36	56
Cotton - Harvested	0	0	2	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	14	0	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	10	3	3	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	3	1	1	5
Soybeans - Setting Pods	72	53	84	87
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	3	0	10	5
Tobacco - Harvested.....	96	91	94	94

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/15/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	30	65	4
Cotton	1	8	31	56	4
Pasture and range.....	2	23	41	32	2
Peanuts.....	0	2	31	61	6
Soybeans.....	0	4	29	58	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/15/19

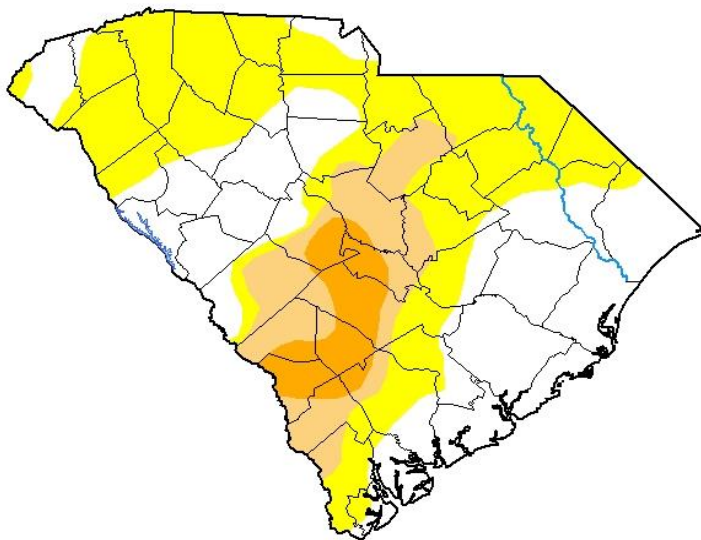
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	9	13
Short.....	43	37
Adequate.....	48	47
Surplus.....	0	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	9	9
Short.....	43	38
Adequate.....	47	50
Surplus.....	1	3



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.02	59.98	19.31	6.50	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-03-2019	28.35	71.65	17.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-11-2019	27.72	72.28	36.82	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 09-11-2018	70.19	29.81	2.18	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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