



# 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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 13, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 7.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

## Crops

A week of limited rainfall across the state, led to more counties experiencing abnormally dry conditions, but allowed for relatively unfettered fieldwork. Tobacco harvest and curing drew to a close in most areas while a few producers were still finishing up their harvesting activities. Corn harvest continued, with reported yields ranging from average to very good. As producers wrapped up the last of the hay cuttings for the season, yields continued to impress. Cotton and soybeans were in need of rain to help finish out the crops. Final insect sprays went out on later planted cotton in some areas. Farm operators reported an increase in, and in some cases meeting the threshold for treatment of, foliage feeding caterpillars in soybeans. Early-planted peanuts were ready to be dug while forecasts projected that late-planted peanuts would not be ready for another month. A couple counties in the Pee Dee region reported that very little late leaf spot was observed on peanuts recently, but some boll rot was found in an otherwise decent cotton crop.

Fall greens were struggling from dry conditions.

## Livestock and Pastures

Spotty showers in the Upstate brought soil moisture in pastures up to more workable levels for upcoming overseeding. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	90	68	78	86
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	100	92	97	100
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	67	6	20	54
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	12	14	30	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	8	4	8	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	2	1	3	2
Soybeans - Blooming.....	96	90	94	98
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	67	66	72	82
Soybeans - Dropping.....				
Leaves.....	2	NA	3	4
Tobacco - Harvested.....	95	72	92	92

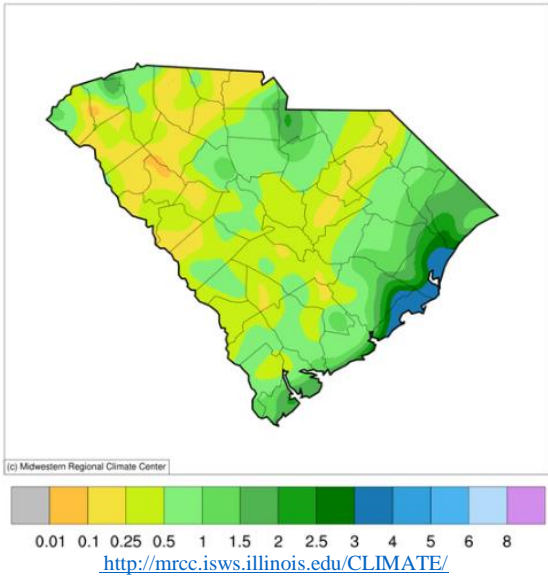
## Conditions for Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	24	64	7
Cotton.....	4	5	10	62	19
Pasture and range..	2	9	32	54	3
Peanuts.....	1	2	10	65	22
Soybeans.....	2	3	8	57	30

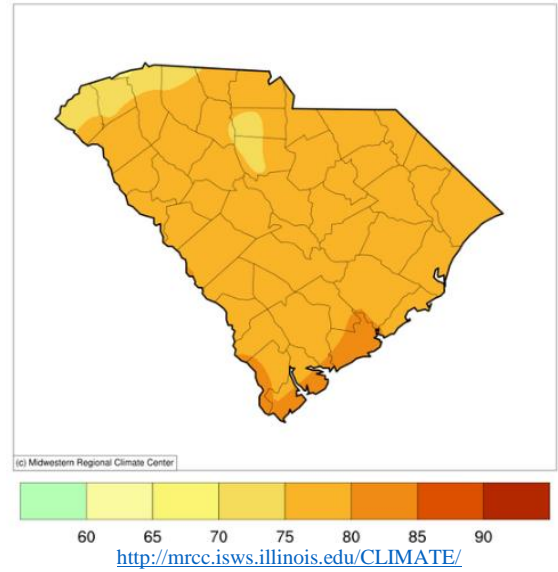
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/13/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short.....	49	32
Adequate.....	47	63
Surplus.....	2	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	28	28
Adequate.....	69	69
Surplus.....	2	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



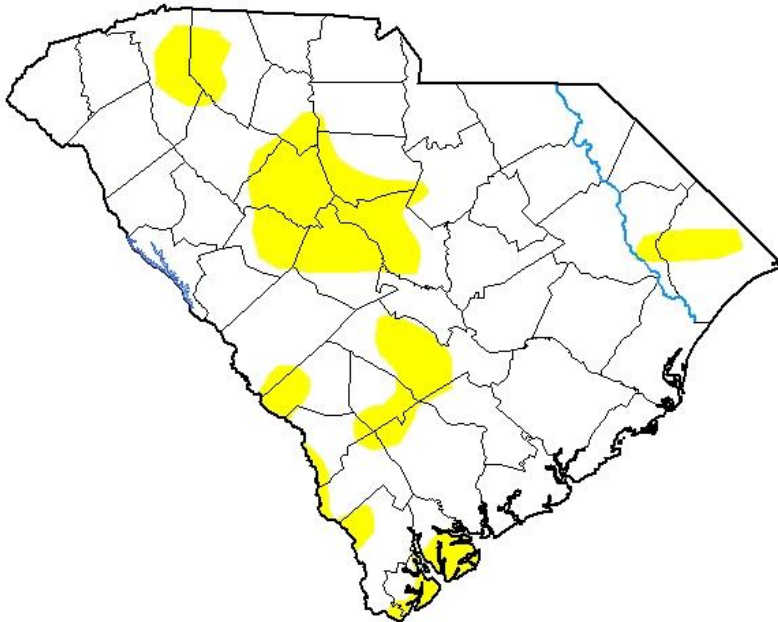
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2020.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**September 8, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 10, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	83.32	16.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-01-2020	98.46	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-09-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-10-2019	40.02	59.98	19.31	6.50	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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