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National Agricultural Statistics Service**

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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 20, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to only trace amounts of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 50s.

Crops

It was extremely dry in the entire state last week, with only small parts of the Pee Dee and Upstate regions receiving even trace amounts of precipitation. Temperatures continued to cool across the state, with some areas experiencing their first frost of the season. The dry weather was ideal for harvest activities. Cotton and peanut harvest were in full swing, while soybean harvest also progressed considerably in some areas. Many operators continued to postpone winter grazing crop seeding due to unfavorable soil conditions. Operators in areas most impacted by Hurricane Helene continued to pick up debris and assess damage from the storm. Fall greens under irrigation were reported to be in mostly good condition, while strawberry planting continued.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition. Pastures in many regions of the state were reported to need rain due to continued dry weather following Hurricane Helene.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	17	19	35	24
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	91	81	85	84
Peanuts - Dug.....	61	55	75	66
Peanuts - Harvested	41	33	48	48
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	56	58	68	66
Soybeans - Harvested	19	18	26	12
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	1	4	13	5

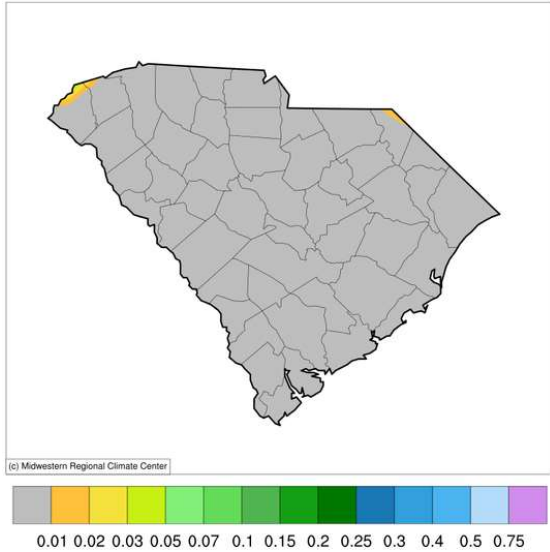
Conditions for Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	9	35	51	4
Cotton.....	2	10	38	48	2
Pasture and range	10	21	47	20	2
Peanuts	3	6	31	55	5
Soybeans	1	5	44	49	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/20/24

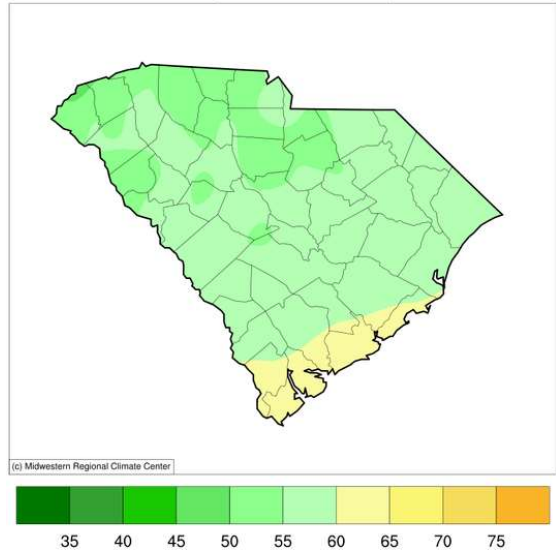
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	13
Short.....	32	45
Adequate	55	41
Surplus	9	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	10
Short.....	27	40
Adequate	63	50
Surplus	8	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 14, 2024 to October 20, 2024



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Average Temperature (°F)
October 14, 2024 to October 20, 2024



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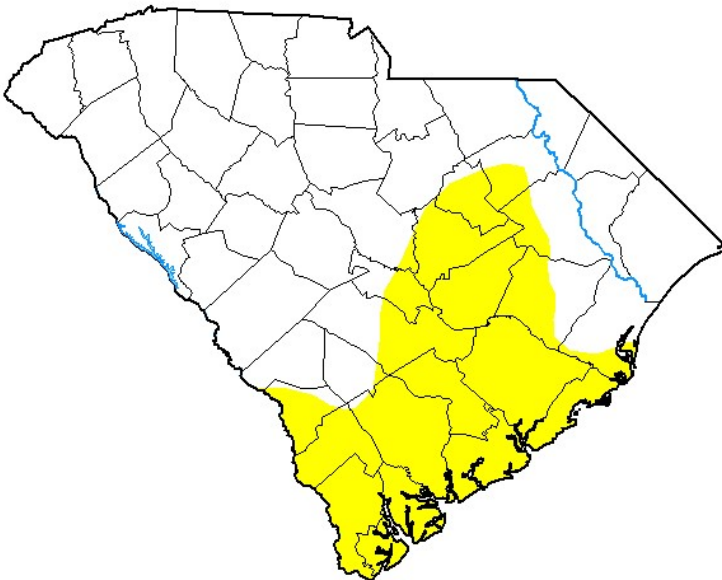
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 15, 2024
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.47	31.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-08-2024	68.48	31.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-16-2024	0.54	99.46	72.64	35.59	6.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-17-2023	52.79	47.21	21.91	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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