



United States Department of Agriculture
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 27, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to over an inch of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

It was another dry week for the state, with only the Upstate, Midland, and Pee Dee regions of the state receiving even minimal amounts of precipitation. Reporters noted that some parts of the state had not received any rain in over four weeks. The dry weather was ideal for harvest activities, with cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest all ahead of historical progress. Yields of field crops were reported to be mostly better than expected after a dry season, although flooded fields from Hurricane Helene caused significant crop loss in some regions. Seeding of small grains and cover crops were underway, although many producers were holding off due to dry soil conditions.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition. Pastures were in desperate need of rain in some parts of the state. Some livestock producers were already feeding winter hay due to the lack of soil moisture stalling pasture growth in many areas.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/27/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	23	35	45	31
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	96	85	90	89
Peanuts - Dug.....	72	75	88	75
Peanuts - Harvested	58	48	66	60
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	68	68	83	77
Soybeans - Harvested	24	26	34	19
Winter Wheat - Planted	3	13	18	8
Winter Wheat - Emerged ...	0	NA	2	0

(NA) Not Available

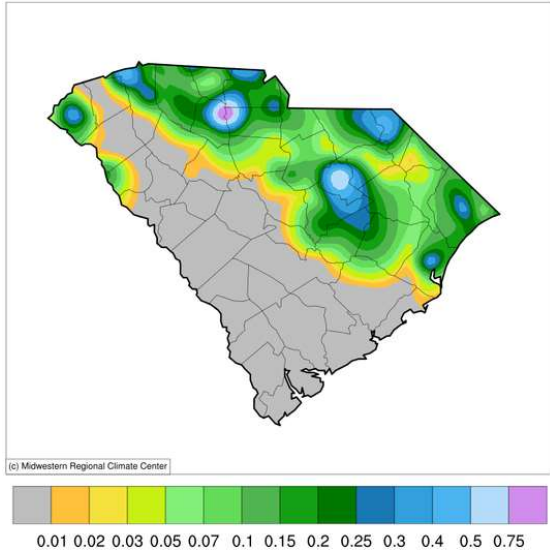
Conditions for Week Ending 10/27/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	9	34	51	3
Cotton.....	2	7	35	52	4
Pasture and range	14	30	42	14	0
Soybeans	1	7	42	48	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/27/24

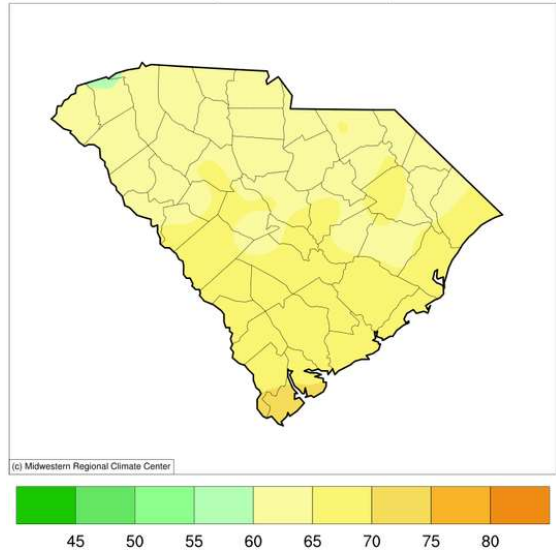
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	29
Short.....	45	39
Adequate	41	24
Surplus	1	8
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	11
Short.....	40	46
Adequate	50	35
Surplus	0	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024



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Average Temperature (°F)
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024

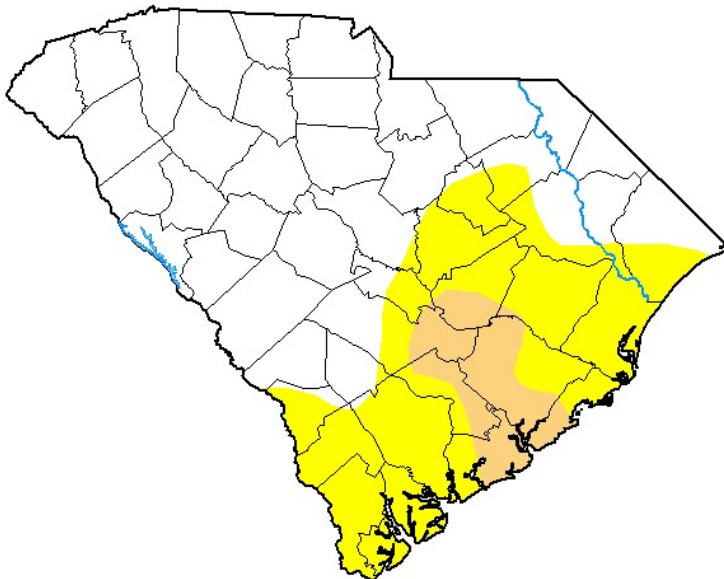


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.94	37.06	7.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-15-2024	68.47	31.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-23-2024	0.52	99.48	72.07	35.56	5.88	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 10-24-2023	50.15	49.85	26.02	2.43	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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