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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, October 6, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 0.6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Recovery efforts continued following Hurricane Helene, with the western half of the state continuing to experience significant issues related to the storm. In the worst affected regions of the state, wind and flood damage was reported to be significant for many fields. Some operators noted that they lost most of their crops due to the storm. Cotton was noted to have suffered significant damage, especially fields that were defoliated prior to the storm. In less impacted areas, operators took advantage of the dry weather conditions last week to conduct harvest activities, along with seeding of small grains where moisture levels allowed. Fall vegetables continued to be planted and harvested, while soil preparations were made for strawberry planting.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Repairs on livestock fencing damage continued, with widespread reports of livestock loss in the western half of the state. Pasture conditions improved in areas that received only moderate amounts of precipitation from Hurricane Helene.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/6/24

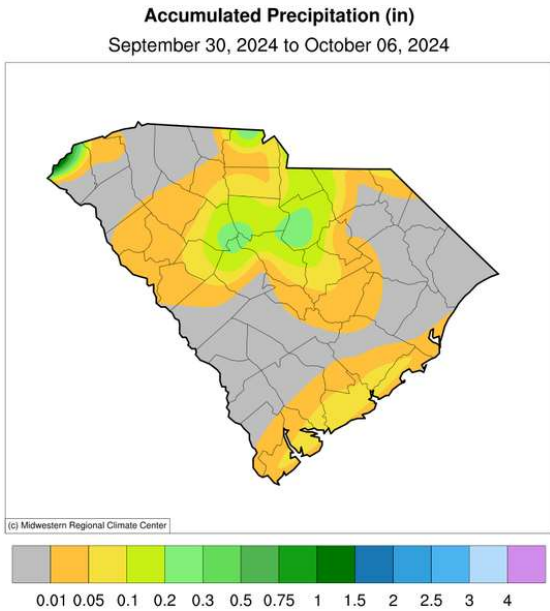
Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	94	94	97	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening	80	90	96	82
Cotton - Harvested	7	5	8	10
Hay - 3rd Cutting	79	67	70	71
Peanuts - Dug	30	29	40	39
Peanuts - Harvested	19	12	22	25
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	33	32	44	37
Soybeans - Harvested	11	6	10	4
Winter Wheat - Planted	0	0	1	0

Conditions for Week Ending 10/6/24

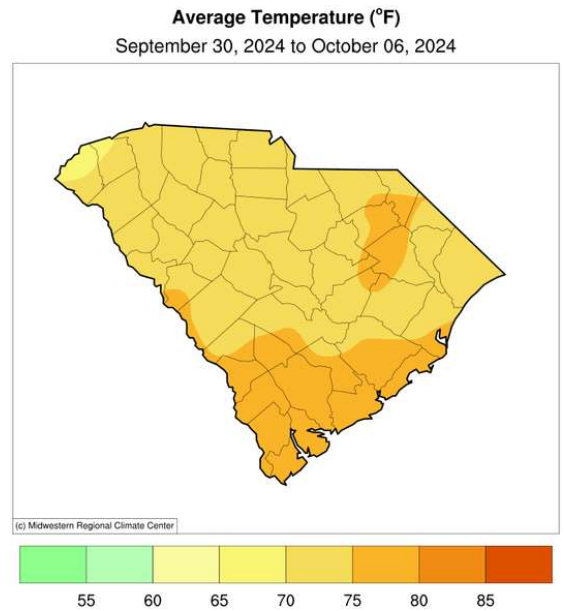
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	1	9	36	51	3
Cotton	3	13	33	49	2
Pasture and range	6	22	41	29	2
Peanuts	3	9	28	55	5
Soybeans	3	11	34	52	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/6/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	4
Short	7	21
Adequate	68	64
Surplus	23	11
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	4
Short	8	23
Adequate	75	67
Surplus	15	6



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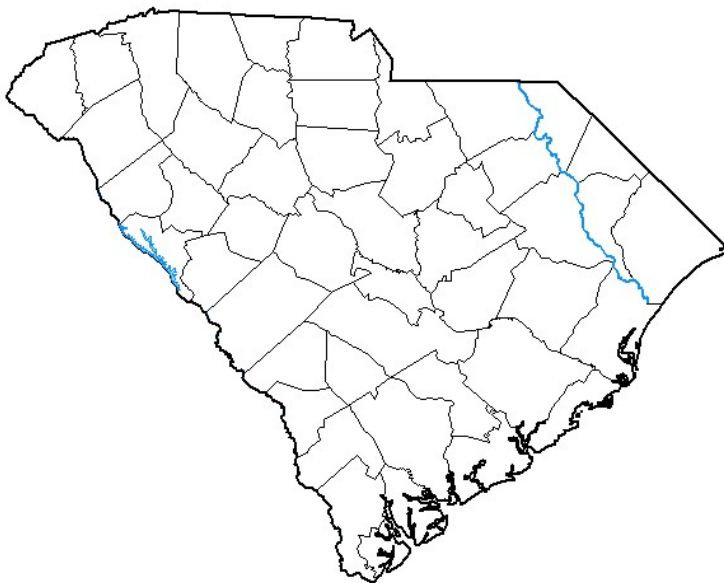


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

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	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-24-2024	27.01	72.99	44.08	10.46	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-02-2024	0.01	99.99	71.11	16.84	0.00	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 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-03-2023	69.09	30.91	10.08	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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