



**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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from trace amounts to 1.8 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

## Crops

It was a very dry week for most of the state, with only the Lowcountry and Pee Dee regions of the state receiving even a moderate amount of precipitation. Dry conditions allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work, although windy conditions prevented spraying activities in some regions of the state. Reporters noted that early planted corn yields were poor due to prolonged drought conditions throughout the summer. Soybeans were in mostly good to fair condition, but rain was needed for some that were still filling in pods. Cotton was in mostly good condition, but some fields still had twisting from Tropical Storm Debby. Peanut harvest had begun mostly on Virginia varieties, although Runner peanuts were noted to be close to maturity and digging was expected to begin soon. Fall greens under irrigation were reported to be in good condition, while tobacco harvest neared completion.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor. Dry weather, combined with armyworm damage, continued to negatively impact pastures across the state. Some operators fed cattle supplemental hay due to poor pasture conditions.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/15/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	78	72	80	81
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	42	52	67	45
Cotton - Harvested .....	0	0	1	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	47	37	59	31
Peanuts - Dug .....	8	4	8	9
Peanuts - Harvested .....	3	0	2	3
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	84	91	94	77
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	14	3	10	8
Soybeans - Harvested .....	0	NA	1	0

(NA) Not Available

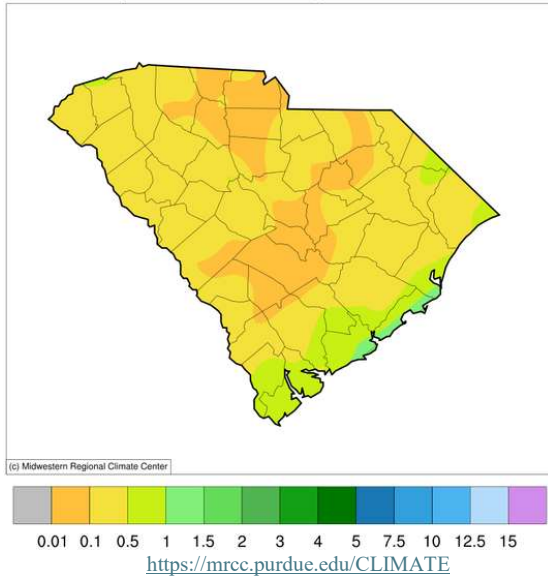
## Conditions for Week Ending 9/15/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	3	11	29	48	9
Cotton .....	2	11	35	50	2
Pasture and range .....	12	25	38	23	2
Peanuts .....	3	8	30	55	4
Soybeans .....	3	10	41	44	2

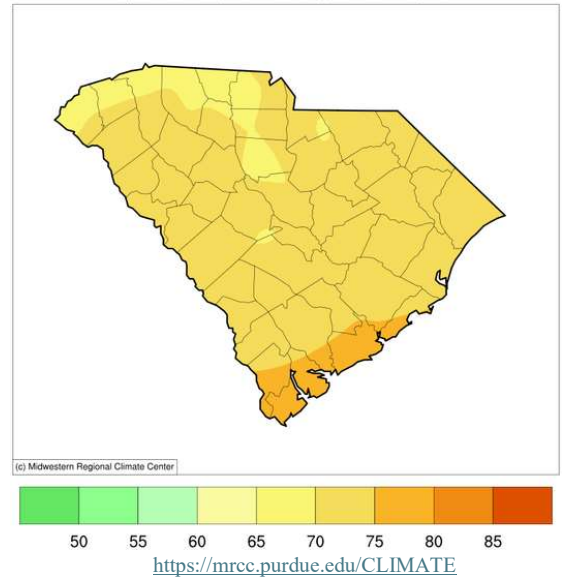
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/15/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	16	17
Short .....	39	38
Adequate .....	45	36
Surplus .....	0	9
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	12	10
Short .....	36	33
Adequate .....	52	48
Surplus .....	0	9

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



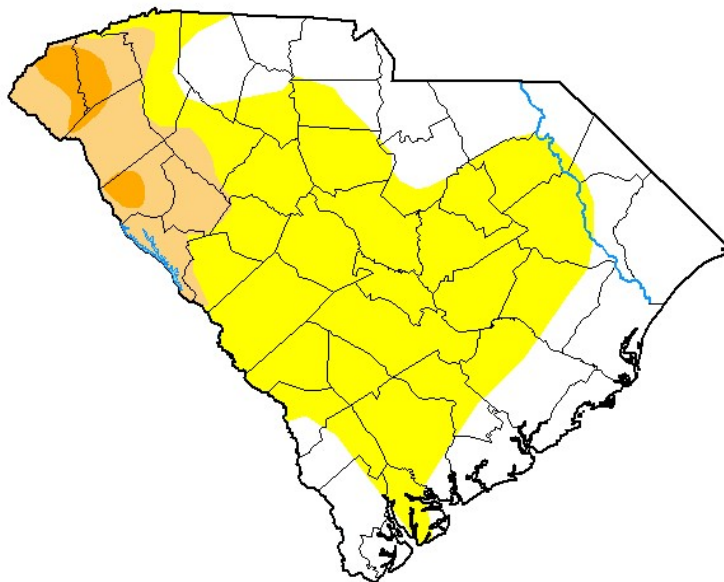
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2024.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**September 10, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 12, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	35.59	64.41	12.17	2.29	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-03-2024	84.22	15.78	7.05	0.82	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-11-2024	85.59	14.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-12-2023	88.86	11.14	1.19	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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