



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 19, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.11 inches of rain up to 3.35 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to 100 degrees. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Hot humid conditions. Scattered afternoon thunder showers.”

Danny Howard, Greenville County, District 10

“Much of the cotton is blooming in the top and is showing signs of drought and heat stress. Late planted soybeans are struggling to grow, with skips in the fields. Vegetable production is limited to farms with irrigation, and peanuts are not maturing at the normal rate.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Another week with scorching temperatures and no rainfall has caused a slight decline in potential and condition of crops and pastures. This decline was observed mostly in corn, cotton, and soybeans. Rain is needed shortly to avoid further decline. No crop insect or disease problems reported.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/19/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking	100	97	100	100
Corn - Dough	84	77	91	83
Corn - Mature	22	8	17	21
Cotton - Squaring	73	56	93	79
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	33	19	59	33
Hay - 2nd Cutting	18	7	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	73	65	69	66
Peanuts - Pegging.....	85	72	89	77
Soybeans - Planted.....	97	96	97	98
Soybeans - Emerged.....	95	89	95	95
Soybeans - Blooming	13	4	41	27
Tobacco - Topped	71	42	94	92

Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/19/15

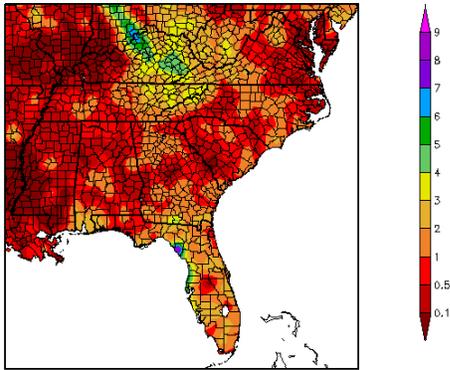
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	17	80	2
Corn	18	13	27	38	4
Cotton	1	5	54	39	1
Hay	0	17	29	53	1
Pasture and range.....	1	13	46	38	2
Peanuts.....	0	1	46	51	2
Soybeans	6	17	33	42	2
Tobacco	1	2	35	60	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/19/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	12	13
Short	38	31	32
Adequate.....	43	50	42
Surplus.....	5	7	13

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	12	NA
Short	37	39	NA
Adequate.....	45	43	NA
Surplus.....	5	6	NA

Precipitation (in)
7/13/2015 – 7/19/2015

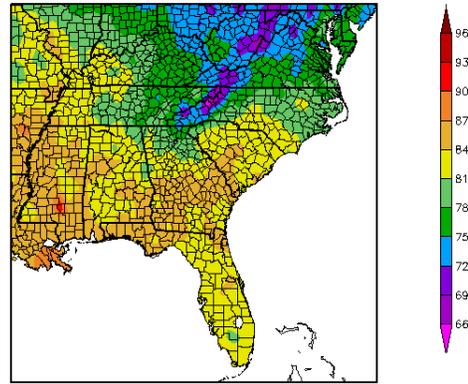


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Temperature (F)
7/13/2015 – 7/19/2015



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

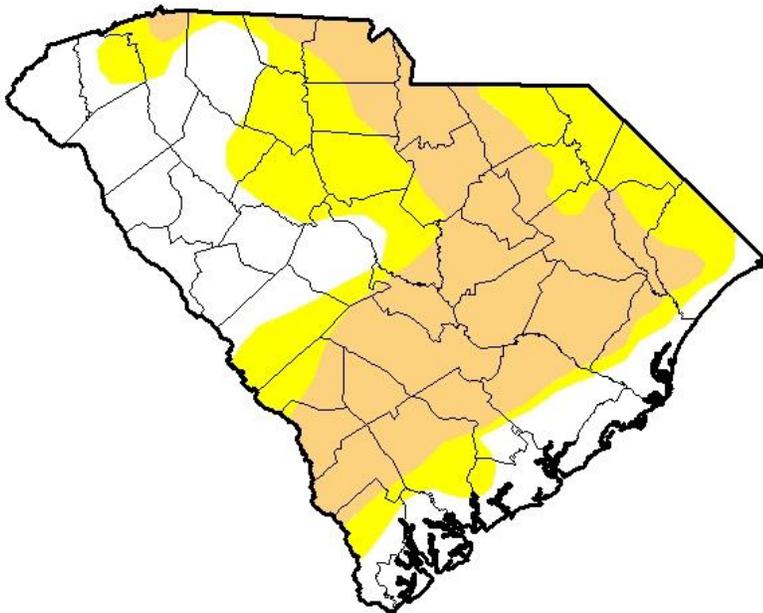
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	33.06	28.51	38.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 7/7/2015	33.06	28.51	38.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 4/14/2015	79.13	20.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/30/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 7/15/2014	69.91	30.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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