



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 7, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.71 inches of rain up to 3.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid to the high 60s.

County Extension Comments

“Last week was a big one for farmers in our area. A much needed 1.5 to 2 inch rain fell over the entire county at a time when topsoil moisture was beginning to become a moderate concern. That rain was followed up with a 0.5 inch to 1.5 rain on Saturday on much of the crop producing areas. Tobacco is running out a top in many fields and some early corn is beginning to tassel. Most of the corn crop though needs two more weeks of growth before most of the planted acreage begins to tassel. All in all crops look really good over the entire county. Tobacco harvest will begin in 2-3 weeks and that crop is taking shape right now to be a good one.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

“Most areas have received some rain, but not in equal amounts. By weeks end, some corn was showing signs of drought stress. In areas where it rained in sufficient amounts, farmers were able to plant soybeans at a good pace. Vegetables are progressing with some local produce for sale at farmer’s markets. Production is expected to catch up after slow start due to cool spring season.”

Mark Neetles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Most areas received rain this week ranging from a trace to a couple of inches. Growers resumed planting cotton and soybeans. However, several weeks of hot, dry weather has taken a toll on unirrigated corn in many areas. Small grain harvest is fast wrapping up. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Peach harvest is continuing. Harvest of small areas of watermelons and tomatoes began this week.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/07/15

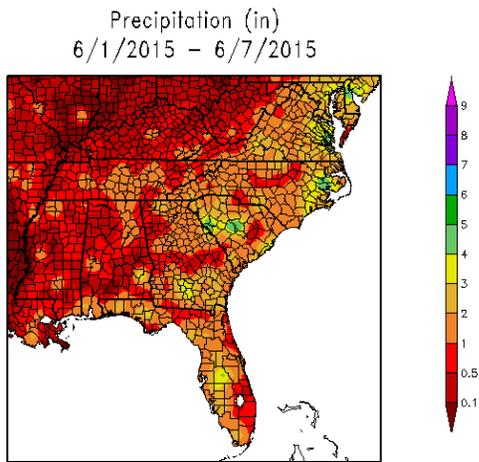
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	11	NA	14	27
Cotton - Planted	85	81	98	94
Cotton - Squaring	2	0	4	3
Hay - 1st Cutting	68	40	NA	NA
Oats - Headed	99	97	100	100
Oats - Harvested	50	3	34	43
Peaches - Harvested	30	8	12	17
Peanuts - Planted	91	84	100	95
Rye - Headed	95	83	99	100
Rye - Harvested	29	8	35	33
Soybeans - Planted	53	44	65	67
Soybeans - Emerged	42	33	51	51
Tobacco - Transplanted	100	95	76	100
Winter Wheat - Headed	99	89	100	100
Winter Wheat - Harvested ..	27	2	26	32

Crop Condition for Week Ending 06/07/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	8	90	2
Cotton	0	2	61	37	0
Corn	2	2	34	59	3
Hay	1	2	22	74	1
Oats	0	0	22	72	6
Pasture and range	2	4	41	50	3
Peaches	0	0	1	99	0
Peanuts	0	0	42	58	0
Rye	0	0	50	50	0
Tobacco	0	0	32	68	0
Winter Wheat	1	2	51	43	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/07/15

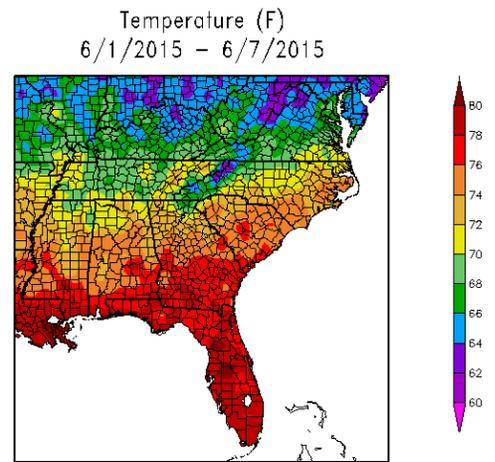
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	7	9	7
Short	11	18	24
Adequate	65	55	58
Surplus	17	18	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	2	4	NA
Short	17	19	NA
Adequate	58	52	NA
Surplus	23	25	NA



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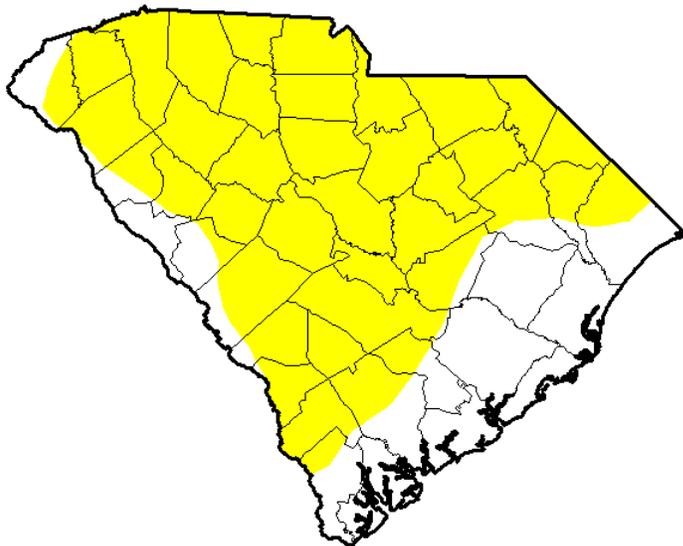
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

June 2, 2015
(Released Thursday, Jun. 4, 2015)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.88	71.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>5/26/2015</i>	43.86	56.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>3/2/2015</i>	99.37	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/2/2014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/30/2014</i>	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>6/2/2014</i>	100.00	0.00	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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