



**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 Agricultural Statistics Service's South Carolina Field Office, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 18, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.15 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 50s.

County Extension Comments

"While we are still assessing the impact of the flood, cotton and peanuts were highly damaged (upwards of 50%). Early maturing soybeans show 70% or greater damage and later soybeans will likely suffer 10-30% damage but we will not know until harvest. Also some parts of the Pee Dee suffered an early first frost last night and will likely effect crops still in the field."

Jacob Stokes, Florence County, District 30

"Severe flooding stopped most field work except for the last few days of the week. Some peanut digging and combining resumed Thursday and Friday but only on high ground. A small amount of cotton was harvested but most fields haven't been defoliated yet. Most defoliation was done by air this week."

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

"As fields dried out, farmers started harvesting crops that were worth harvesting. Some peanuts were starting to sprout. Fall vegetables that made it through the flood are beginning to recover, as farmers were able to work in some of the higher sites. Forage and hay will be tight for some farmers, as they had to feed much of the hay that they were able to grow during the drought. Some are cutting crabgrass out of some corn fields in an effort to increase their hay supply."

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

"A week of sunshine allowed growers to resume harvesting cotton and peanuts. However, growers that had peanuts already dug up and which were subjected to all the rain of the past two weeks are reporting their grades have suffered with some going into Seg II or being rejected. Cotton probably also will suffer grade reductions but no grades have been reported yet. More sunshine is needed to make up for lost time in harvesting. Small grain planting began with a small number of growers."

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	100	97	99	99
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	96	93	91	89
Cotton - Harvested.....	19	16	24	26
Peanuts - Harvested.....	24	17	50	60
Soybeans - Setting Pods	100	99	100	99
Soybeans - Turning				
Color	61	41	81	72
Soybeans - Leaves				
Dropped	24	10	50	34
Soybeans - Mature.....	10	2	32	23
Tobacco - Harvested.....	99	96	100	100
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	13	10	30	23

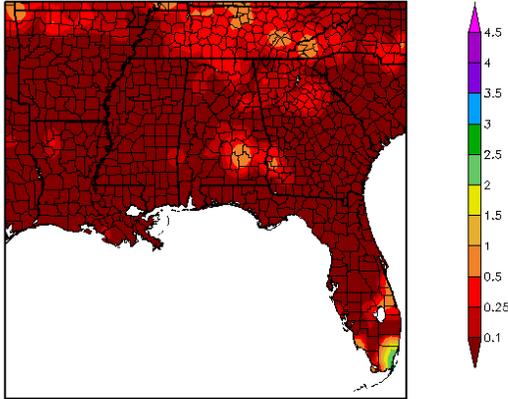
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	11	84	3
Cotton	24	26	28	19	3
Pasture and range.....	6	10	38	44	2
Peanuts.....	13	30	35	18	4
Soybeans.....	25	20	33	20	2

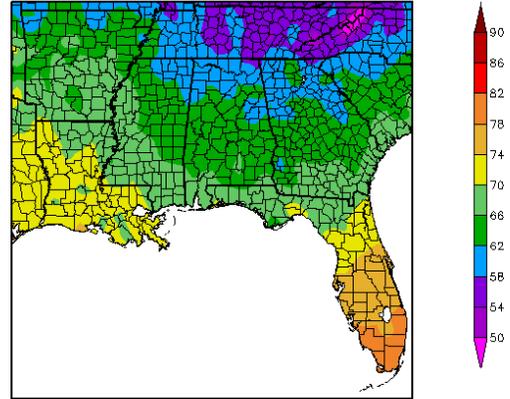
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/18/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	9
Short.....	0	0	36
Adequate.....	68	37	54
Surplus.....	32	63	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	2	0	NA
Adequate.....	66	36	NA
Surplus.....	32	64	NA

Precipitation (in)
10/12/2015 – 10/18/2015



Temperature (F)
10/12/2015 – 10/18/2015



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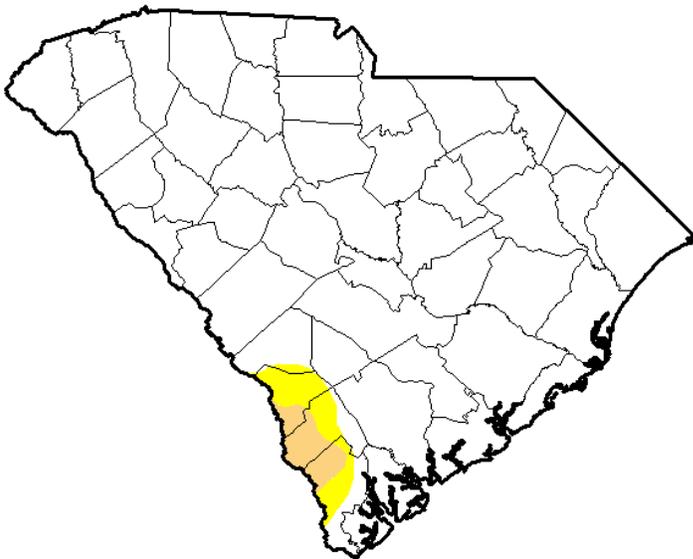
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 13, 2015
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.93	4.07	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10/6/2015	95.93	4.07	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/14/2015	33.06	66.94	38.43	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 8/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/14/2014	69.40	30.60	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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