



**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 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 22, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.46 inches of rain up to 2.27 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

County Extension Comments

“Untimely rain continues to hamper soybean, peanut, and cotton harvest. The quality of these commodities have suffered significant damage due to early season drought stress and late season flooding. Winter grains that would typically be starting to emerge have yet to be planted, which means the effects of 2015 will continue to affect Horry County farmers well into 2016.”

Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30

“Soggy field conditions and continued rainfall are still hampering local harvest efforts. Most fields are unable to support farm equipment due to excessive field moisture.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“There are many fields that may not get harvested, due to poor crop quality and excessive soil moisture. Soil conditions will not allow machinery to operate in many areas.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Rains the first of the week continue to slow harvesting progress. Peanut and cotton quality continues to deteriorate with some growers reporting their peanuts being rejected at the receiving point. Growers are in desperate need of several weeks of sunshine.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

“Very little fieldwork due to wet field conditions. Reports of weather damaged soybeans.”

Marion Barnes, Colleton County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/22/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested	58	54	94	84
Oats - Planted	58	26	76	68
Peanuts - Harvested.....	65	59	100	99
Soybeans - Leaves Dropped	97	96	100	98
Soybeans - Mature.....	94	90	100	96
Soybeans - Harvested...	36	25	76	60
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	49	40	76	64
Winter Wheat - Emerged	34	26	47	36

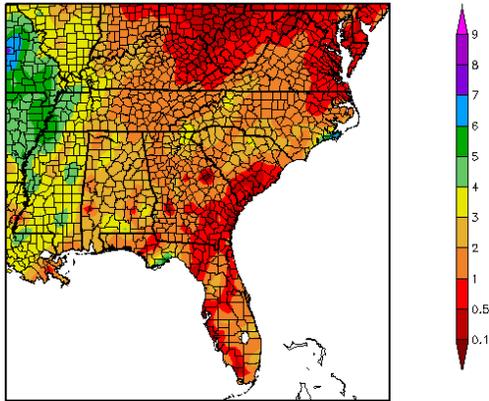
Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/22/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	13	84	3
Pasture and range.....	1	6	47	43	3
Soybeans.....	10	22	39	27	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/22/15

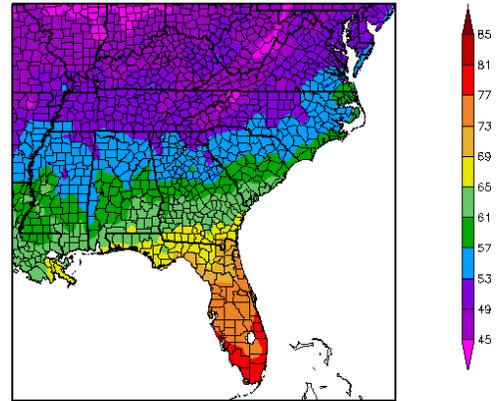
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	9
Short.....	0	0	44
Adequate.....	51	78	47
Surplus.....	49	22	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	0	NA
Adequate.....	53	75	NA
Surplus.....	47	25	NA

Precipitation (in)
11/16/2015 – 11/22/2015



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Temperature (F)
11/16/2015 – 11/22/2015



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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

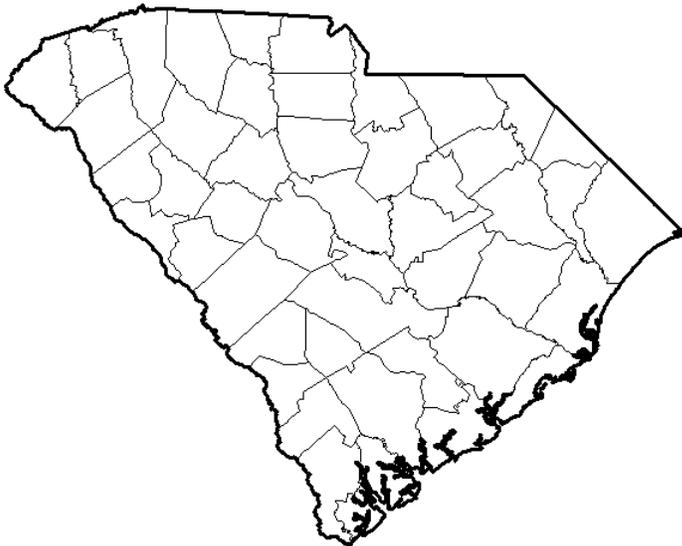
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>11/10/2015</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>8/18/2015</i>	6.85	93.15	63.79	27.73	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/02/014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11/19/2014</i>	11.49	88.51	0.73	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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