



**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 in South Carolina, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

The remaining acres of corn are being harvested this week ahead of the uncertain path of Hurricane Matthew. Cotton, peanut, and soybean farmers are hoping for minimal impact as these crops continue to mature.

Russell Skipper, Horry County

Good weather conditions have allowed farmers to turn peanuts and harvest them when they are dry enough. Fall greens look good, but some areas of the county need rain to keep the crop progressing.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Rain late last week in certain areas in Hampton County slowed peanut harvest and cotton defoliation. The rest of Allendale and Hampton Counties could use some rain and a few more heat units to finish out the crops. Yields seem to be lower than expected for peanuts. I believe this is due to excessive amounts of rain received in late May. Peanut maturity is also slowing way down due to the cool nights. Cotton is being defoliated and harvest should really get going sometime around the middle of the week. Soybean harvest for the most part is still a few weeks away but in drought stressed fields, leaves have to start to drop.

Andrew Warner, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/02/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	96	93	96	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	78	71	87	77
Cotton - Harvested.....	9	2	12	9
Peanuts - Harvested.....	18	11	14	26
Soybeans - Setting Pods	96	93	98	96
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	27	20	7	11
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	0	0	3	11

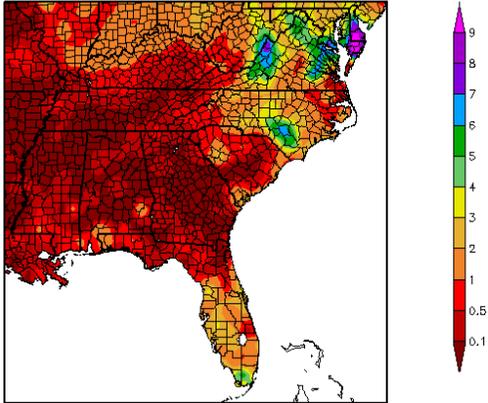
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/02/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	24	69	6
Cotton	0	1	56	40	3
Pasture and range.....	4	21	30	43	2
Peanuts.....	0	5	23	65	7
Soybeans.....	0	4	18	61	17

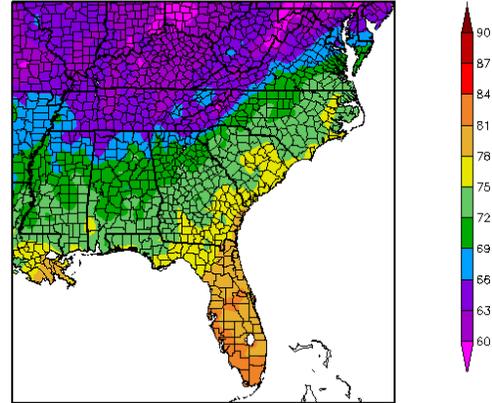
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/02/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	3	4
Short.....	12	16	20
Adequate.....	63	58	60
Surplus.....	22	23	16
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	NA
Short.....	13	15	NA
Adequate.....	62	62	NA
Surplus.....	23	21	NA

Precipitation (in)
9/26/2016 – 10/2/2016



Temperature (F)
9/26/2016 – 10/2/2016



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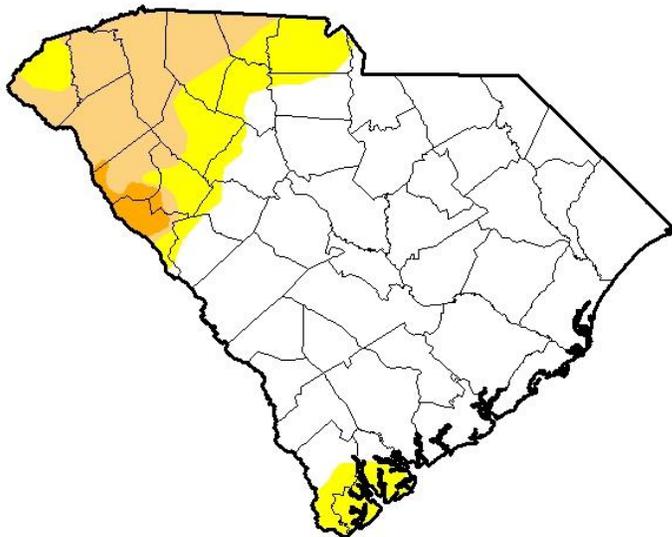
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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

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	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/20/2016	69.33	30.67	8.38	1.45	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/28/2016	70.87	29.13	12.40	3.85	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	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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