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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, June 21, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.04 inches of rain up to 1.14 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 90s to the low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Extreme temperatures over the last week have led to stress on plants and animals.”

Jeffrey Fellers, Union County, District 10

“Corn, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans are showing signs of heat and drought stress. Cotton leaves are drooping, and some corn has turned brown and is trying to silk and tassel. A section of Four Holes had a hail storm that laid tomatoes, sweet corn, and other crops over. The hail damaged the leaves and fruits on squash, tomatoes, and cucumbers. Row crops also had some damage as well.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Another week of scorching temperatures and no rain is taking a toll on dryland crops. The condition and potential of dryland corn is slipping the most. But, concerns about poor pollination even in irrigated corn leading to reduced yields have been raised. Harvest of peaches, watermelons, cantaloupes, and tomatoes is continuing. Rain and a reduction in daytime temperatures are needed to stem the loss of condition and yield potential of all crops. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week. All crops are suffering with the heat and a minimum of soil moisture.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

“All crops stressed due to extreme heat and inadequate moisture.”

Theresa Sweatman, Dorchester County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/21/15

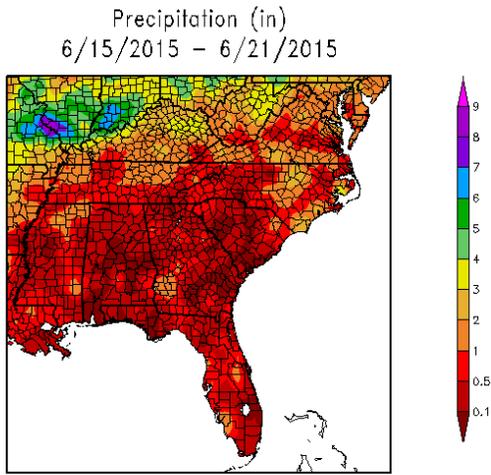
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	80	61	66	74
Corn - Doughed	5	NA	22	18
Cotton - Planted	100	92	99	98
Cotton - Squaring	18	11	30	18
Hay - 1st Cutting	83	71	NA	NA
Oats - Harvested	89	60	84	87
Peaches - Harvested	50	40	24	31
Peanuts - Planted	100	94	100	100
Peanuts - Pegging	20	4	45	15
Rye - Harvested	68	35	84	75
Soybeans - Planted	83	56	87	87
Soybeans - Emerged	75	46	77	70
Tobacco - Topped	20	NA	37	39
Winter Wheat - Harvested ..	85	42	80	77

Crop Condition for Week Ending 06/21/15

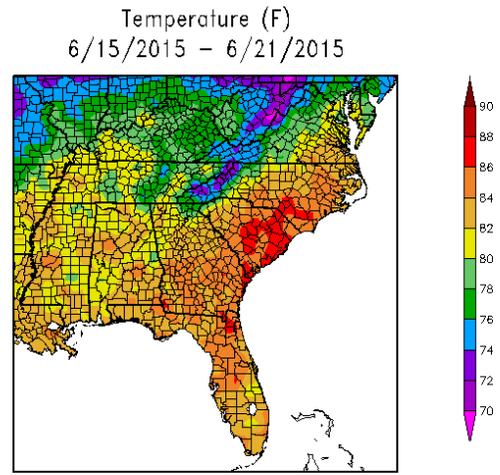
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	9	88	2
Corn	6	8	28	55	3
Cotton	2	8	51	38	1
Hay	1	2	25	71	1
Pasture and range	2	8	42	45	3
Peaches	0	1	3	95	1
Peanuts	0	5	44	51	0
Rye	0	0	47	53	0
Soybeans	5	20	36	39	0
Tobacco	0	1	32	66	1
Winter Wheat	1	2	34	60	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/21/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	12	5	10
Short	20	17	33
Adequate	53	62	53
Surplus	15	16	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	8	2	NA
Short	23	19	NA
Adequate	48	56	NA
Surplus	21	23	NA



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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

June 16, 2015

(Released Thursday, Jun. 18, 2015)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.98	43.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 6/9/2015	59.28	40.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 3/17/2015	99.37	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/014	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 6/17/2014	98.81	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

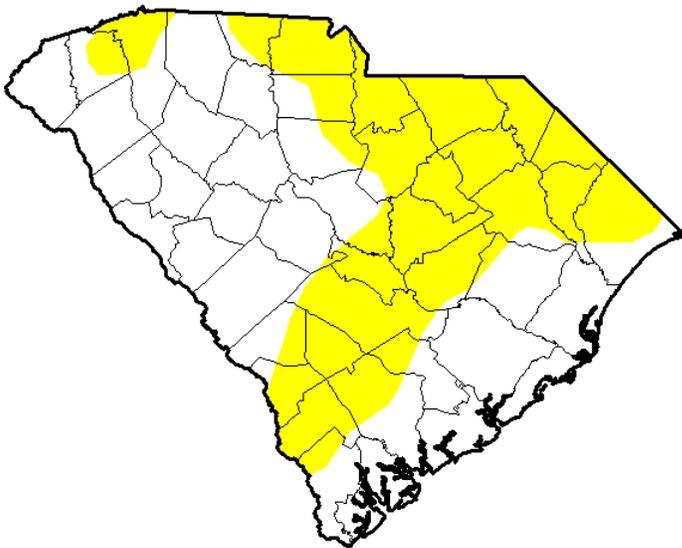
Intensity:

- 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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