



**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, July 5, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 2.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“The breakdown of the Bermuda high has brought about more normal temperatures and much more rainfall. Tobacco is being harvested and looks really good. Burnt corn has made a slight recovery, but by no means will make an average yield. Some dryland corn will make 110 bushels or more due to the fact some areas got needed rainfall during the two week heat wave. All other crops look really good from the rains this past week.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30

“Crops look better after some rain and much cooler temperatures, but the yields of many vegetables are still being impacted by previous high temperatures.”

Powell Smith, Lexington County, District 50

“Rain events have improved conditions for most crops including cotton and peanuts. Corn has passed the point of no return.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A couple of thunderstorms this week relieved the dryness and improved condition and potential of crops. Harvest of watermelons, cantaloupes, peaches and tomatoes continue. No crop or insect disease problems reported.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/05/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	95	90	96	95
Corn - Dough	74	35	70	53
Cotton - Squaring	37	33	66	53
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	8	1	24	12
Hay - 1st Cutting	100	95	NA	NA
Oats - Harvested.....	100	96	96	98
Peaches - Harvested.....	55	53	39	46
Peanuts - Pegging.....	66	63	71	49
Rye - Harvested	100	79	99	94
Soybeans - Planted.....	92	87	94	96
Soybeans - Emerged.....	85	81	89	87
Tobacco - Topped	35	23	70	71
Winter Wheat - Harvested	100	97	98	95

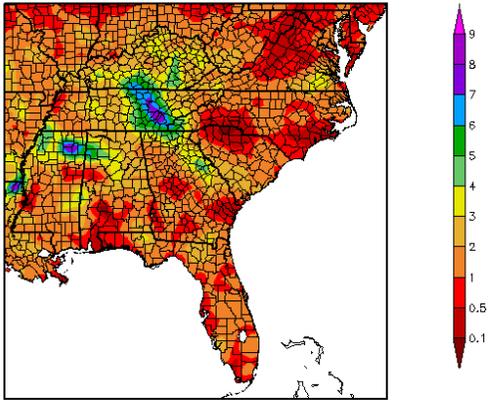
Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/05/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	12	85	2
Corn	19	13	27	37	4
Cotton	1	5	53	40	1
Hay	1	3	28	67	1
Pasture and range.....	1	9	47	41	2
Peanuts.....	0	1	42	56	1
Soybeans.....	6	17	37	39	1
Tobacco.....	1	2	33	62	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/05/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	19	17
Short.....	25	33	36
Adequate.....	59	44	35
Surplus.....	8	4	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	20	NA
Short.....	34	35	NA
Adequate.....	46	39	NA
Surplus.....	12	6	NA

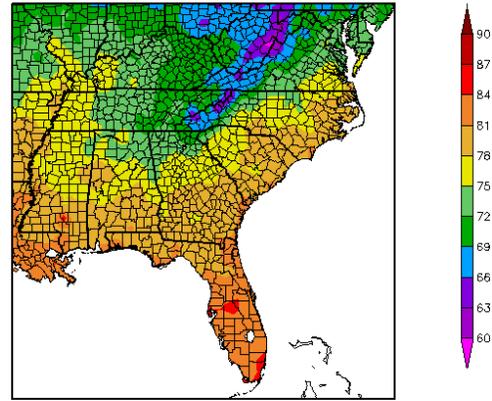
Precipitation (in)
6/29/2015 – 7/5/2015



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Temperature (F)
6/29/2015 – 7/5/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

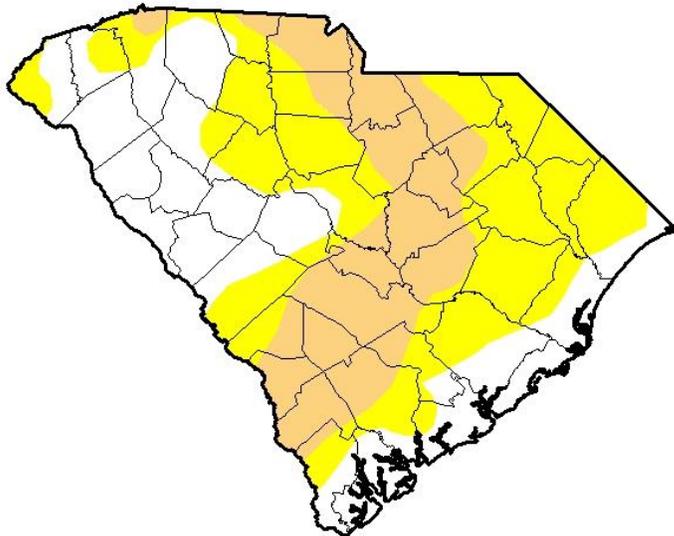
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	32.80	67.20	27.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 6/23/2015	48.01	51.99	19.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 3/31/2015	81.86	18.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/20/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 7/1/2014	87.98	12.02	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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