



**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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.73 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Hot dry conditions continue to throttle crop progress. Early corn harvest of dryland corn show yields to be extremely low. Irrigated corn is much better but not a record setter. Some pollination problems. Cotton is nearing cutout in many fields. Dryland peanuts under heavy stress.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Irrigated fall vegetable planting is progressing at a good pace. Most areas are in need of rain. Corn harvest is progressing well.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A week of sunshine and little or no rain has permitted rapid progress in corn harvesting. High temperatures during the week has created a need for rain in some areas. Some cotton is beginning to open. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Dough	100	98	100	100
Corn - Mature	93	84	83	86
Corn - Harvested	21	7	18	24
Cotton - Setting Bolls	97	95	94	79
Hay - 2nd Cutting	80	72	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested	95	86	92	91
Peanuts - Pegging	100	99	100	97
Soybeans - Blooming	71	55	92	81
Soybeans - Setting Pods	24	14	34	36
Tobacco - Harvested	70	60	73	70

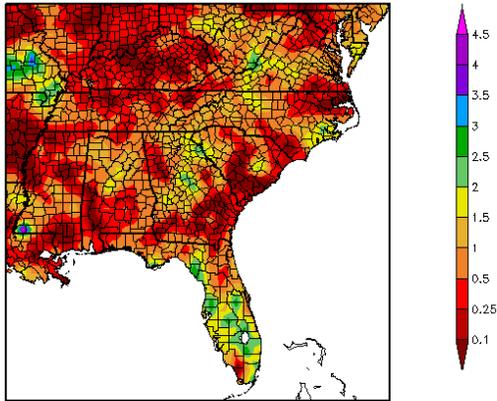
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/16/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	34	59	3
Corn	19	15	23	39	4
Cotton	1	9	50	38	2
Hay	1	19	44	35	1
Pasture and range	3	16	44	35	2
Peanuts	1	3	37	54	5
Soybeans	5	16	40	35	4
Tobacco	4	12	33	41	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	16	11	6
Short	51	55	21
Adequate	33	34	62
Surplus	0	0	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	14	12	NA
Short	53	57	NA
Adequate	33	31	NA
Surplus	0	0	NA

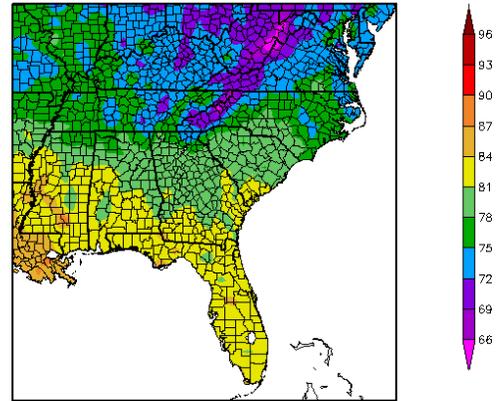
Precipitation (in)
8/10/2015 - 8/16/2015



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

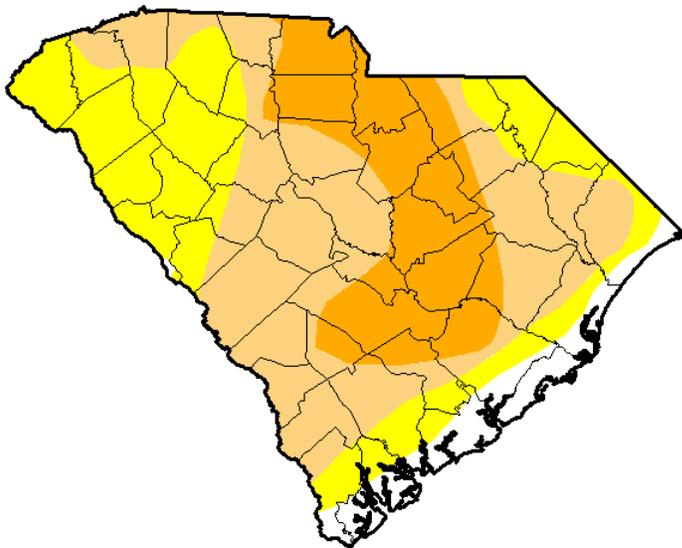
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.16	92.84	63.79	23.48	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/4/2015	7.16	92.84	63.60	23.48	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/12/2015	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/23/2014	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 8/12/2014	91.73	8.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity

D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought
D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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