



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.28 inches of rain up to 1.73 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Hot humid conditions. Sugarcane aphid causing crop damage.”

Danny Howard, Greenville County, District 10

“Most areas had some rain events. Some cotton is opening, and some soybeans had new blooms on them. Few pods appear to have set on soybean. Fall vegetables are looking good, and conditions at week's end were good for transplanting vegetables.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Thunderstorms on Wednesday and Saturday evenings produced about 2 inches of rain across most of the area. This rain relieved dryness and improved condition and yield potential of most crops. Corn harvest is continuing at a rapid pace. More cotton fields are beginning to open. A fewer growers are spraying cotton for stink bugs. No other crop insect or disease problems reported.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/23/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	96	93	88	94
Corn - Harvested	45	21	32	36
Cotton - Setting Bolls	98	97	96	86
Cotton - Bolls Opening ..	12	NA	9	8
Hay - 2nd Cutting	85	80	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested	97	95	96	95
Soybeans - Blooming	84	71	96	87
Soybeans - Setting Pods	41	24	48	49
Tobacco - Harvested	78	70	86	80

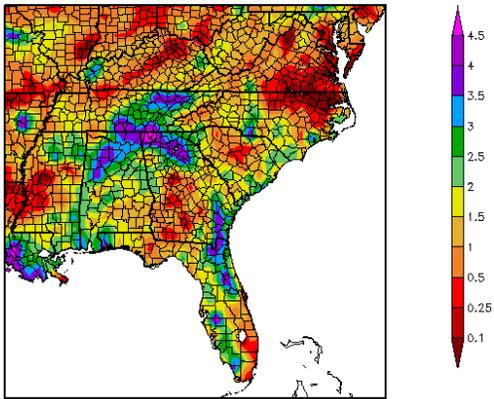
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/23/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	35	62	1
Corn	24	15	29	28	4
Cotton	2	8	51	37	2
Hay	1	22	48	28	1
Pasture and range	3	20	45	30	2
Peanuts	1	4	30	61	4
Soybeans	6	10	37	42	5

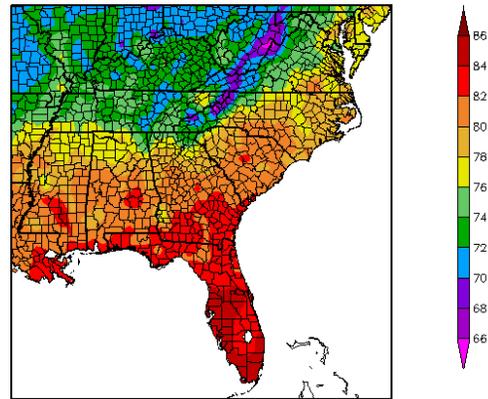
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/23/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	10	16	6
Short	49	51	21
Adequate	41	33	61
Surplus	0	0	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	15	14	NA
Short	46	53	NA
Adequate	39	33	NA
Surplus	0	0	NA

Precipitation (in)
8/17/2015 - 8/23/2015



Temperature (F)
8/17/2015 - 8/23/2015



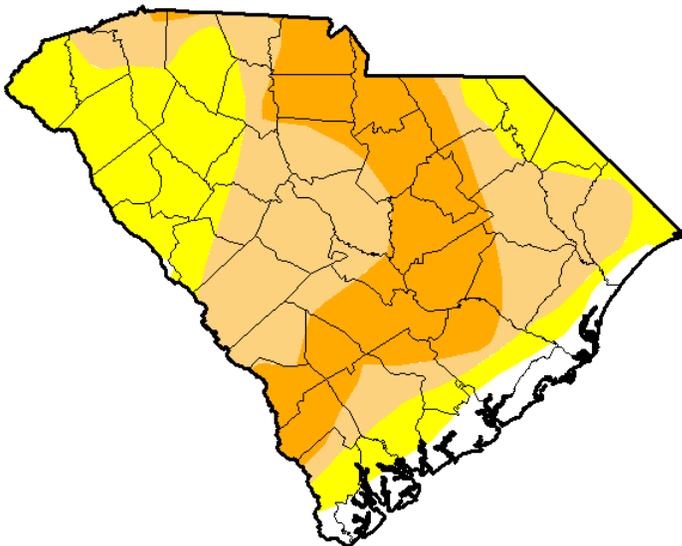
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.85	93.15	63.79	27.73	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/11/2015	7.16	92.84	63.79	23.48	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/19/2015	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 9/20/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/19/2014	91.73	8.27	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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