



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.22 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

“Corn harvest made good progress this week. Drought continues to hamper all other crops, although temperature moderation did help plant stress.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Although most areas were dry all week, there was some scattered rain. Over the weekend, the remnants of Tropical Storm Erika brought much needed rainfall to the county with most of the county receiving near or above 2 inches of rainfall. It will help some of the vegetable crops but may interfere with and affect the harvest of some row crops.”

Powell Smith, Lexington County, District 50

“The area had some rain to fall, and should help bring up soil moisture levels. Fall vegetable transplanting is progressing.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A week with no rain has allowed excellent progress in corn harvesting. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Defoliants will be applied to a few cotton fields next week. Soybeans made the best improvement in condition and yield potential this week. While we are not in a drought situation, most growers would welcome a rain.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	98	96	96	98
Corn - Harvested	65	45	59	52
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	100	98	98	93
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	30	12	19	17
Hay - 2nd Cutting	90	85	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	100	97	99	97
Soybeans - Blooming	90	84	97	91
Soybeans - Setting Pods	64	41	61	61
Tobacco - Harvested	81	78	94	87

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/30/15

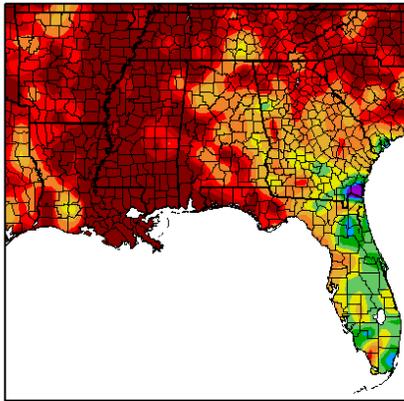
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	24	72	1
Corn	28	14	27	27	4
Cotton	2	11	51	34	2
Hay	0	22	32	45	1
Pasture and range.....	3	18	41	36	2
Peanuts.....	1	6	31	58	4
Soybeans.....	5	19	34	38	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/15

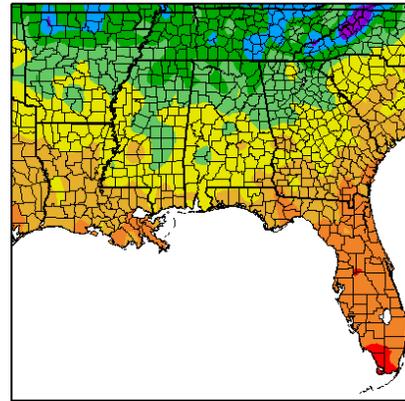
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	10	7
Short.....	40	49	22
Adequate.....	44	41	64
Surplus.....	1	0	7

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	15	NA
Short.....	41	46	NA
Adequate.....	41	39	NA
Surplus.....	1	0	NA

Precipitation (in)
8/24/2015 – 8/30/2015



Temperature (F)
8/24/2015 – 8/30/2015



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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

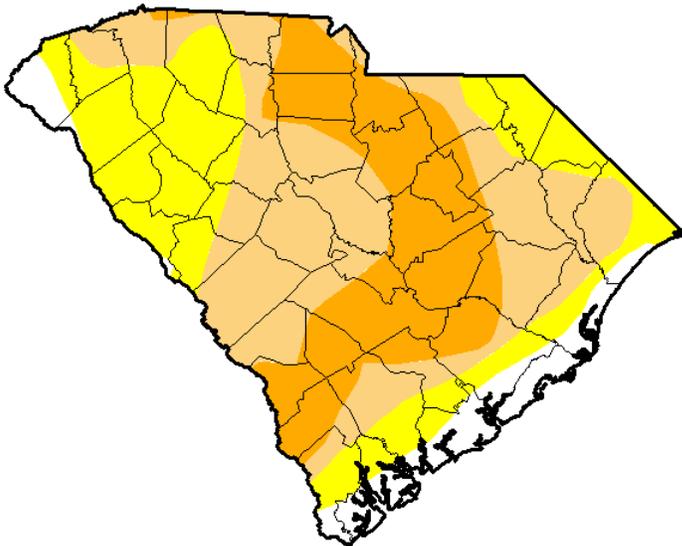
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.34	91.66	63.79	26.73	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/18/2015	6.85	93.15	63.79	27.73	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/26/2015	43.86	56.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/20/2014	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 8/26/2014	91.30	8.70	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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