



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 13, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 3.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Peanut digging will begin this week. Some cotton will be defoliated as well.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Most areas have had some rain events that have helped improve soil moisture. Some farmers are checking to see if peanuts are mature enough to dig.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Several rains this week relieved any moisture shortages in the area. Peanut harvesting began this week. However the rains slowed or stalled corn and peanut harvesting somewhat. Corn harvesting is nearing completion. There does not appear to be much interest in wheat planting due to low prices.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/13/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	90	81	87	81
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	71	54	58	47
Hay - 2nd Cutting	100	99	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	100	96	99	96
Soybeans - Setting Pods	90	83	77	80
Soybeans - Turning				
Color	18	14	30	12
Tobacco - Harvested.....	88	86	99	96

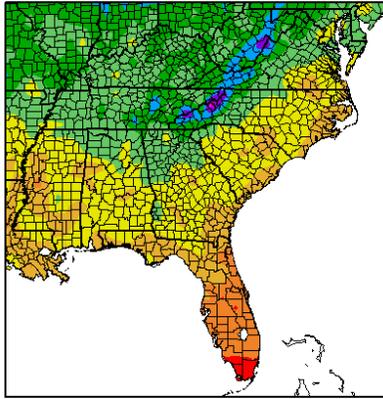
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/13/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	27	69	1
Cotton	2	8	50	38	2
Hay	0	14	35	50	1
Pasture and range.....	3	16	43	36	2
Peanuts.....	1	6	37	52	4
Soybeans.....	5	18	35	39	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/13/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	11	12
Short.....	45	47	33
Adequate.....	46	41	54
Surplus.....	1	1	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	16	NA
Short.....	46	47	NA
Adequate.....	41	36	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA

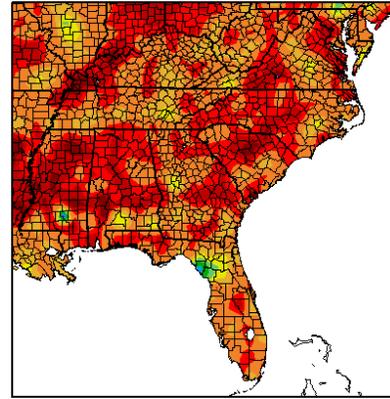
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9/7/2015 - 9/13/2015



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Precipitation (in)
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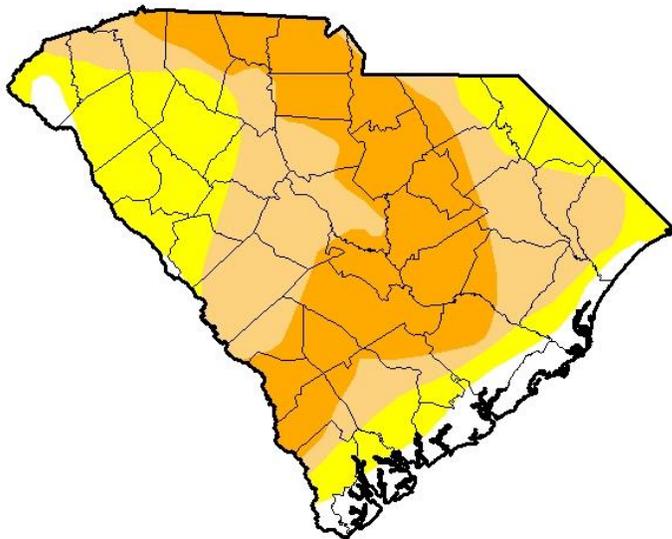
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

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	7.82	92.18	65.93	33.49	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/1/2015	8.39	91.61	63.98	26.73	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/9/2015	59.28	40.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2014	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 9/9/2014	54.85	45.15	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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