



**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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 20, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state had no rain for the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Extension Comments**

“Horry County corn harvest is in progress with very low yields due to a lack of timely moisture. Tobacco harvest mostly completed offering low to moderate market pricing based on lower than normal quality from excessive drought conditions. Peanuts starting to mature and producers are beginning to harvest, lower yields are expected because of the dry growing season.”

**Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30**

“Peanut digging has begun, some harvest complete in a few fields. Cotton defoliation started this week with good conditions.”

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50**

“Weather conditions have been good for field work. Some farmers started digging peanuts during the week, and conditions for dry down were good. Irrigated fall greens are looking good.”

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50**

“No rain this week has allowed completion of corn harvest and cotton and peanut harvest to begin. A few areas would welcome a little rain but most growers would prefer six weeks of sunshine to aid in harvesting. No insect or disease problems reported in soybeans this week. More cotton is being defoliated.”

**Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 50**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/20/15**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	94	90	93	90
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	79	71	69	61
Peanuts - Harvested.....	5	NA	19	13
Soybeans - Setting Pods	95	90	91	87
Soybeans - Turning				
Color .....	25	18	39	21
Tobacco - Harvested.....	89	88	100	98

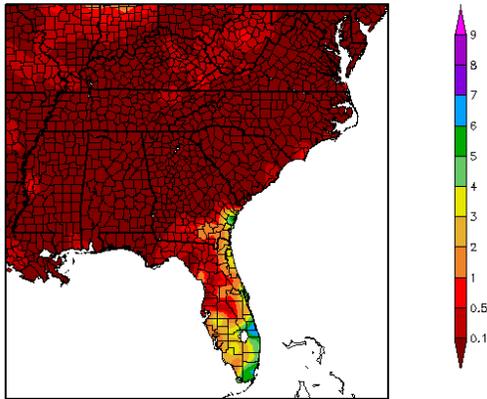
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/20/15**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	23	75	1
Cotton .....	2	10	50	36	2
Pasture and range.....	3	15	44	36	2
Peanuts.....	2	6	36	52	4
Soybeans.....	5	17	36	39	3

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/20/15**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	8	18
Short.....	55	45	32
Adequate.....	34	46	48
Surplus.....	1	1	2
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	12	NA
Short.....	50	46	NA
Adequate.....	34	41	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA

Precipitation (in)  
9/14/2015 - 9/20/2015

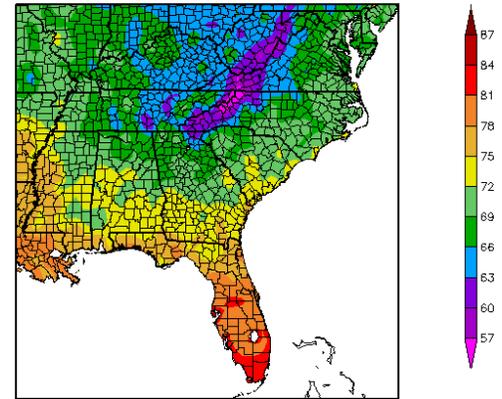


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Temperature (F)  
9/14/2015 - 9/20/2015



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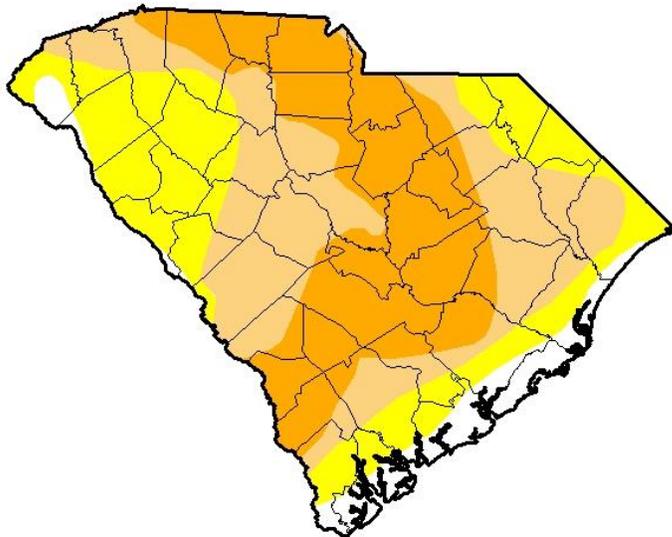
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2015.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**September 15, 2015**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	7.24	92.76	65.81	33.49	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 9/9/2015	7.82	92.18	65.93	33.49	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 6/16/2015	56.98	43.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/02/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 9/16/2014	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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