



**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 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 28, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.2 inches of rain up to 3.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“We had three inches of rain in the town of Union from Thursday to Sunday. This helped to ease some of the drought conditions.”

Jeffrey Fellers, Union County, District 10

“Rainfall was finally recorded around Lexington County this past week with showers beginning on Monday. Many areas received two to three inches. This hampered some field crop harvest while vegetable crops received much needed rain with replenishment of surface water.”

Powell Smith, Lexington County, District 50

“Rain events have greatly improved soil moisture conditions. Peanut harvest has come to a standstill due to rain. Pastures and hay fields may have some time to grow and recover from this summer’s dry conditions. Fall vegetable seem to be progressing at a good pace.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A heavy rain fell on Thursday night dumping more than two inches of rain over the area. Rainy, cloudy and damp weather continued on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, stalling all field work. Peanuts that had been dug and laid in the wet weather probably lost some quality. Cotton and peanut harvests are continuing as weather permits. No winter small grains planted yet.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	96	94	95	95
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	84	79	78	71
Cotton - Harvested.....	11	1	7	6
Peanuts - Harvested.....	13	5	29	24
Soybeans - Setting Pods	97	95	96	93
Soybeans - Turning				
Color	30	25	49	31
Soybeans - Leaves				
Dropped	6	3	13	9
Tobacco - Harvested.....	92	89	100	99

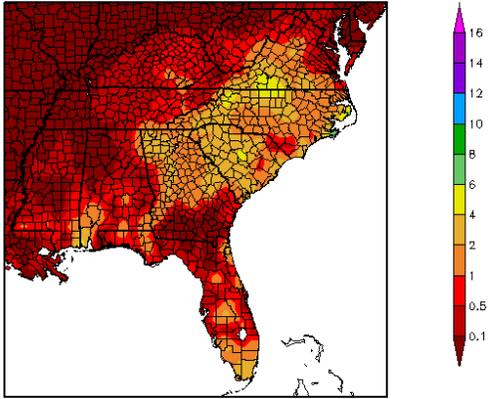
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	18	80	1
Cotton	2	10	50	36	2
Pasture and range.....	2	16	50	30	2
Peanuts.....	2	6	38	50	4
Soybeans.....	5	17	36	39	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/27/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	10	13
Short.....	34	55	28
Adequate.....	59	34	56
Surplus.....	3	1	3
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	15	NA
Short.....	44	50	NA
Adequate.....	50	34	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA

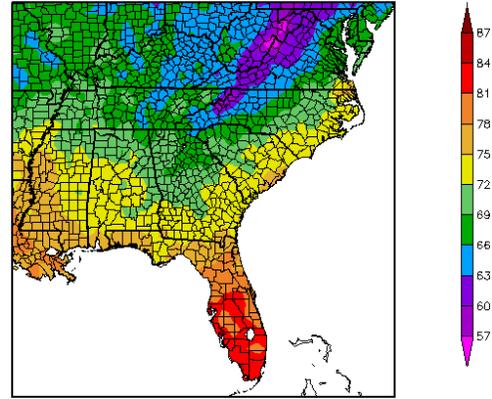
Precipitation (in)
9/21/2015 – 9/27/2015



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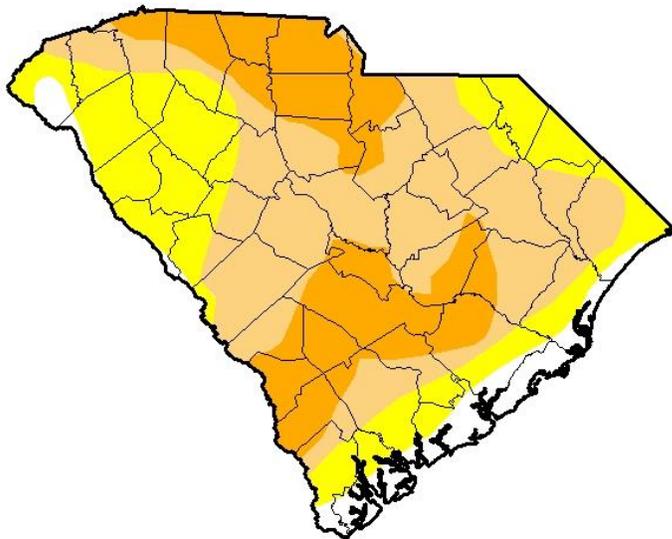
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

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	7.24	92.76	65.81	25.60	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/15/2015	7.24	92.76	65.81	33.49	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/23/2015	48.01	51.99	19.64	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 9/23/2014	48.50	51.50	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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