



**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 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 4, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.97 inches of rain up to 17.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from low to high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from low to high 60s.

County Extension Comment

“Around of 10 inches of rain have fallen in areas.”

Jeffrey Fellers, Union County, District 10

“Lexington County received from 10-18+ inches of rain over the weekend of 3-4 Oct. During the previous week, from 2.5 – 5 in. fell throughout the county. Many roads are washed out, bridges are compromised, and serious ditch and sheet erosion has occurred in fields, waterways, and roadside ditches. It will take several weeks to accurately assess the agricultural damage. Survey efforts will start this week as soon as the officials allow that type of travel.”

Powell Smith, Lexington County, District 50

“Excessive amounts of rain has most fields too wet to work. Most row crops not harvested will most likely be negatively impacted by the rains that happened during this week reporting period. I expect fall vegetables to be affected also.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Very little field work and harvesting done this week due to rainy weather most of the week. Peanut and cotton harvesting are behind schedule. Several weeks of sunshine is needed. The quality of dug peanuts and opened cotton is at risk.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	96	96	97	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	88	84	82	79
Cotton - Harvested.....	12	11	12	12
Peanuts - Harvested.....	15	13	33	35
Soybeans - Setting Pods	98	97	97	96
Soybeans – Turning				
Color	32	30	58	42
Soybeans – Leaves				
Dropped	7	6	22	16
Soybeans - Mature	1	1	9	8
Tobacco - Harvested	92	92	100	100
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	4	0	18	15

Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/04/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	15	83	1
Cotton	2	10	50	37	1
Pasture and range.....	2	13	46	38	1
Peanuts.....	2	6	38	51	3
Soybeans.....	5	18	37	38	2

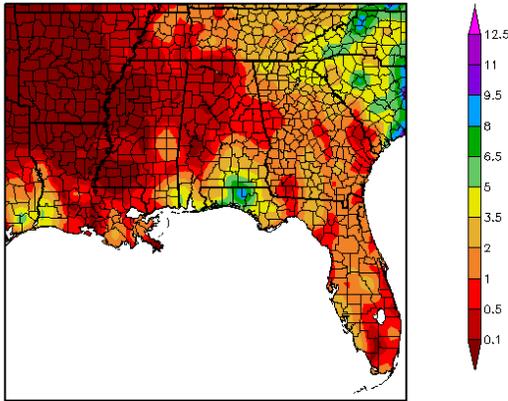
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	4	5
Short	0	34	25
Adequate.....	31	59	66
Surplus.....	69	3	4

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	5	NA
Short	1	44	NA
Adequate.....	41	50	NA
Surplus.....	58	1	NA

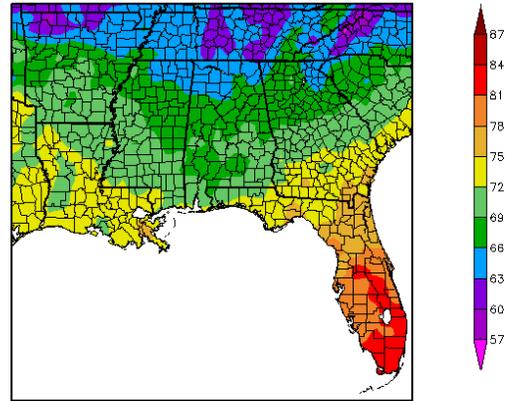
Adverse weather conditions experienced in South Carolina in the last several days may not be fully reflected because of reporting difficulties.

Precipitation (in)
9/28/2015 – 10/4/2015



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Temperature (F)
9/28/2015 – 10/4/2015

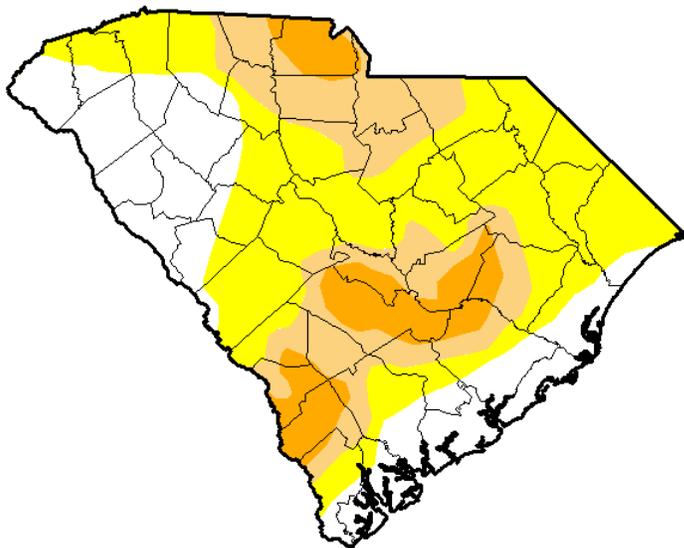


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

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	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/22/2015	7.24	92.76	65.81	25.60	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/30/2015	32.80	67.20	27.30	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 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	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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