



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, October 25, 2015. No precipitation was registered. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

County Extension Comments

“Soybean and peanut harvest is underway and due to the excess moisture, the yield and quality is expected to be substandard at best. Cotton yield has suffered significant damage due to untimely moisture resulting in rotten bolls and cotton seed sprouting in the bolls. Grazing and hay production suffered significant damage in low-lying areas due to flooding.”

Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30

“Peanut harvest got back on track this week. Some cotton harvested but most focus on peanut harvest. Most fields have dried enough to support machinery.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Fall vegetables that survived the flood are recovering, as a result of fields drying up where farmers could work crops. Harvesting of peanuts and cotton is progressing. Farmers in my area seem to be putting more effort into peanut harvesting and holding cotton in the field.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“A week of sunshine and favorable weather enabled peanut and cotton harvesting to continue at a rapid pace. No rainfall recorded this week. Defoliants are continuing to be applied to cotton and peanut digging and harvesting is continuing with minor problems. Soybean harvest should begin next week if favorable weather permits. Small grain planting is progressing slowly because growers are focused on harvesting crops while favorable weather exists.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/25/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	97	96	96	93
Cotton - Harvested	21	19	47	40
Peanuts - Harvested.....	35	24	69	75
Soybeans - Turning Color	80	61	94	85
Soybeans - Leaves Dropped	51	24	77	52
Soybeans - Mature	28	10	56	40
Tobacco - Harvested	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	15	13	38	28

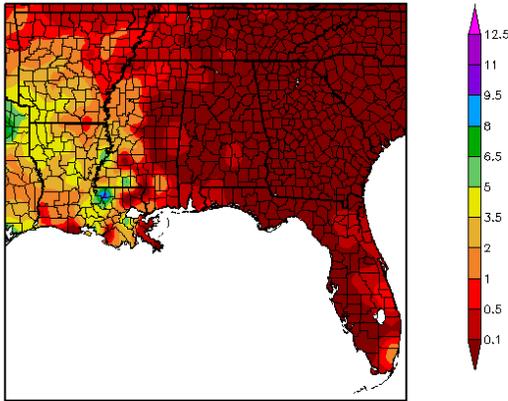
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/25/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	15	80	3
Cotton	9	25	40	24	2
Pasture and range.....	1	6	38	52	3
Peanuts.....	15	20	36	26	3
Soybeans.....	11	10	43	33	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/25/15

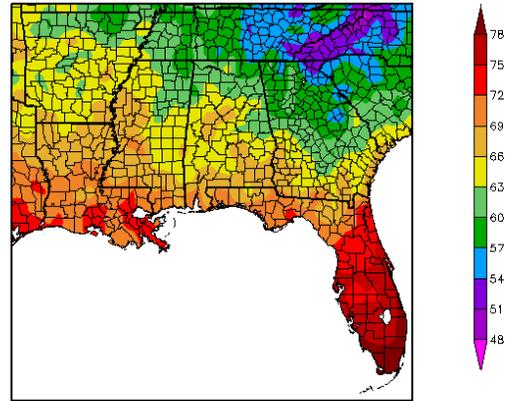
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	10
Short.....	12	0	40
Adequate.....	77	68	49
Surplus.....	11	32	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	1	2	NA
Adequate.....	76	66	NA
Surplus.....	23	32	NA

Precipitation (in)
10/19/2015 – 10/25/2015



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Temperature (F)
10/19/2015 – 10/25/2015

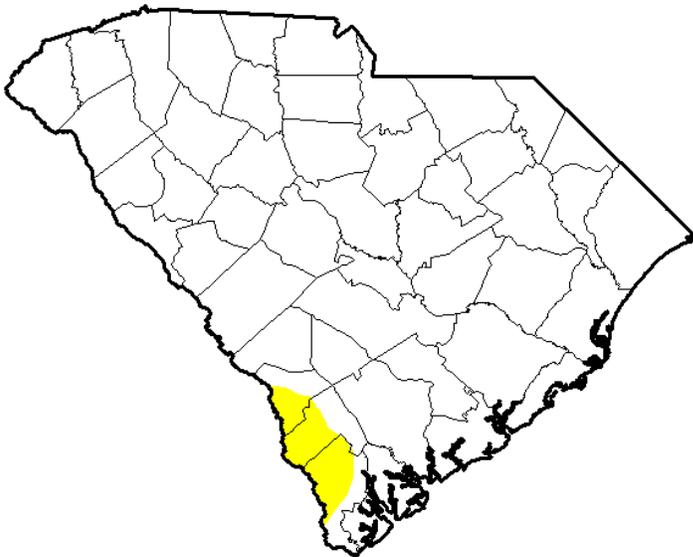


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 20, 2015
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.09	2.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10/13/2015</i>	95.93	4.07	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>7/21/2015</i>	32.48	67.52	46.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/02/2014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10/21/2014</i>	69.21	30.79	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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