



**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 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 8, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.31 inches of rain up to 5.75 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

County Extension Comments

“Excessive moisture is causing major problems for Horry County farmers. Fields standing in water are too wet for equipment when soybean, peanut, and cotton harvest should be in full swing.”

Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30

“Rain, rain, rain. Field conditions are terrible. No field activities performed last week. Cotton and peanut quality in the field continues to decline. Additional rain over the weekend will continue this decline.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“The area received only one day of sunshine this week along with six inches of rain during the week. Very little if any fieldwork or harvesting was done. Six of the seven days this week were heavily overcast or raining. Cotton and peanuts that have been dug up are rapidly losing condition and grade. Cotton seed are sprouting on the stalk due to warm conditions and excess moisture. Our growers are in desperate straits for completing a timely harvest and maintaining a quality yield.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

“Last week another 4 to 6.5 inches of rainfall was received in Colleton and surrounding counties. Field conditions are saturated. Soil will not support equipment and drying conditions are poor.”

Marion Barnes, Colleton County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/08/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	46	42	76	63
Oats - Planted	12	NA	48	44
Peanuts - Harvested.....	56	51	95	93
Soybeans - Leaves Dropped	95	85	91	80
Soybeans - Mature.....	83	57	87	73
Soybeans - Harvested....	18	9	56	38
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	32	28	53	39
Winter Wheat - Emerged	19	5	21	16

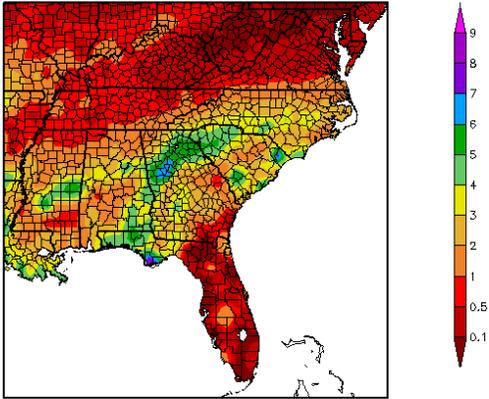
Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/08/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	17	80	3
Cotton	8	22	46	23	1
Pasture and range.....	1	4	33	60	2
Soybeans.....	11	23	32	31	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/08/15

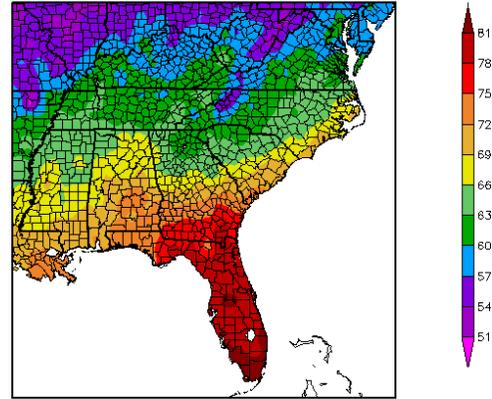
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	9
Short.....	0	2	41
Adequate.....	41	71	49
Surplus.....	59	27	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	0	NA
Adequate.....	35	80	NA
Surplus.....	65	20	NA

Precipitation (in)
11/2/2015 – 11/8/2015



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Temperature (F)
11/2/2015 – 11/8/2015



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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

November 3, 2015
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10/27/2015</i>	97.09	2.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>8/4/2015</i>	7.16	92.84	63.60	23.48	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/26/2014</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>11/4/2014</i>	45.00	55.00	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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