



**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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 29, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged up to 0.37 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 40s.

County Extension Comments

“Some of the crops still in the field may be in such bad shape that they aren’t harvested at all due to excess water damage, molding, overall loss in quality, etc.”

William Hardee, Horry County, District 30

“Dryer conditions are allowing Horry County farmers to start harvesting peanuts, soybeans, and cotton again and the quality for these commodities is expected to be mixed, ranging for poor to average. Winter grain planting which is usually well underway has been slowed due to poor field conditions and with more rain possible later this week, planting may be postponed even further.”

Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30

“Farmers made some progress in harvesting cotton and soybeans in dryer fields.”

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50

“Farmers are harvesting crops where the crops are worth harvesting, and where soil conditions will support equipment. Some farmers have planted fall grazing.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Rain on Sunday and cold temperatures stalled all fieldwork and harvesting for a couple of days. But, brilliant sunshine and warmer temperatures the rest of the week allowed growers to resume harvesting and fieldwork at a rapid pace. Small grain planting is about complete. Another week of sunshine and favorable temperatures will put harvesting operations close to completion for most growers.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/29/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	64	58	98	89
Oats - Planted	64	58	79	74
Peanuts - Harvested.....	74	65	100	99
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	100	97	100	100
Soybeans - Mature.....	96	94	100	99
Soybeans - Harvested....	51	36	77	67
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	55	49	77	73
Winter Wheat - Emerged	49	34	49	43

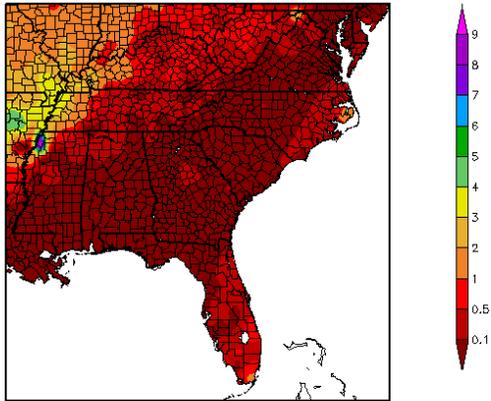
Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/29/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	10	88	2
Pasture and range.....	1	6	44	48	1
Soybeans.....	10	19	39	30	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/29/15

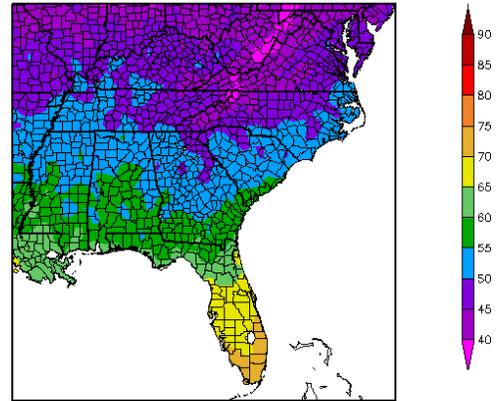
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	9
Short.....	1	0	43
Adequate.....	57	51	47
Surplus.....	42	49	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	0	NA
Adequate.....	58	53	NA
Surplus.....	42	47	NA

Precipitation (in)
11/23/2015 – 11/29/2015



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Temperature (F)
11/23/2015 – 11/29/2015

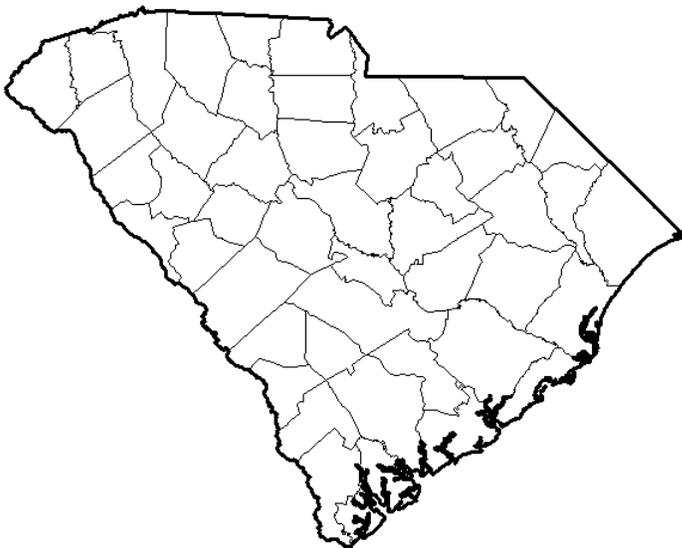


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

November 24, 2015
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Valid 7 a.m. EST



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>11/17/2015</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>8/25/2015</i>	8.34	91.66	63.79	26.73	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/23/2014</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>11/25/2014</i>	79.07	20.93	0.34	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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