



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 17, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 2.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

**County Extension Comments**

Dry conditions persist throughout the area. Many producers are expected to reduce inventory due to poor pasture conditions and the lack of available hay.

**J. Blake Badger, Anderson County**

Most of Horry County received much needed rain over the weekend. Tobacco harvest is well underway and going very well. Cotton, peanuts, and soybean crops look very good, with soybeans starting to bloom.

**Hilda Shelly, Horry County**

Localized rainfall has relieved some crop stress. Dryland corn has lost some value due to weeks of heat and draught. Irrigated corn crop continues to look fairly good. Showers have kicked cotton and peanuts into a faster growth mode.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Rain events have helped crops recover from the heat and drought. Vegetables were suffering from dry conditions in sandy areas of the county. Some fall vegetables have been planted where irrigation was available.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

Another week of scorching temperatures and little or no rain in most areas. All dryland crops are struggling to maintain condition and yield potential. Harvest of peaches, watermelons, and tomatoes is complete.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/17/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	30	2	18	19
Cotton - Squaring.....	75	60	68	73
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	24	12	29	31
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	55	50	15	NA
Oats - Harvested.....	97	94	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	74	68	71	67
Peanuts - Pegging.....	84	80	81	74
Soybeans - Blooming.....	24	11	10	20
Tobacco - Topped.....	83	75	63	83
Tobacco - Harvested.....	18	1	NA	NA

**Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/17/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	22	69	6
Corn .....	2	9	33	40	16
Cotton .....	0	1	59	34	6
Pasture and range.....	10	24	20	42	4
Peanuts.....	0	0	16	66	18
Soybeans.....	0	4	18	60	18
Tobacco.....	0	6	19	43	32

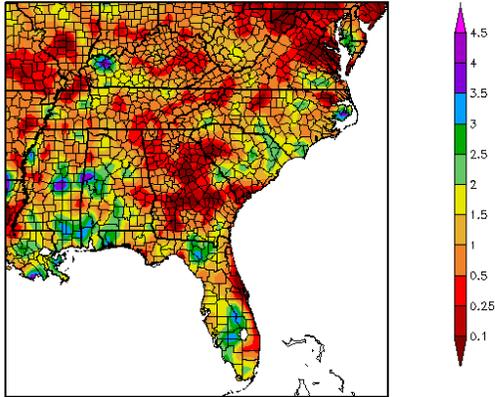
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/17/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	12	14	12
Short.....	34	33	33
Adequate.....	51	50	43
Surplus.....	3	3	12

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	11	10	NA
Short.....	25	27	NA
Adequate.....	61	58	NA
Surplus.....	3	5	NA

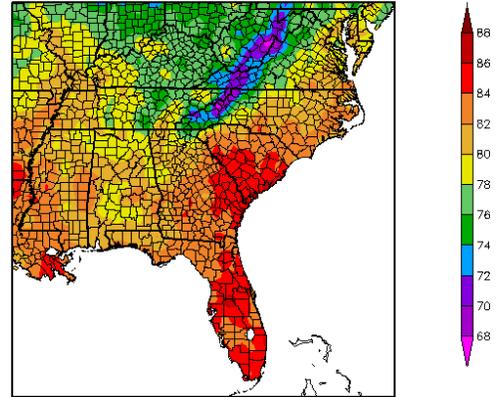
Precipitation (in)  
7/11/2016 – 7/17/2016



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Temperature (F)  
7/11/2016 – 7/17/2016



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2016.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 12, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 14, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	65.36	34.64	24.79	10.62	2.70	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 7/5/2016	67.10	32.90	16.22	4.78	0.51	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 4/12/2016	59.82	40.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 8/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 7/14/2015	33.06	66.94	38.43	0.00	0.00	0.00

*Intensity:*

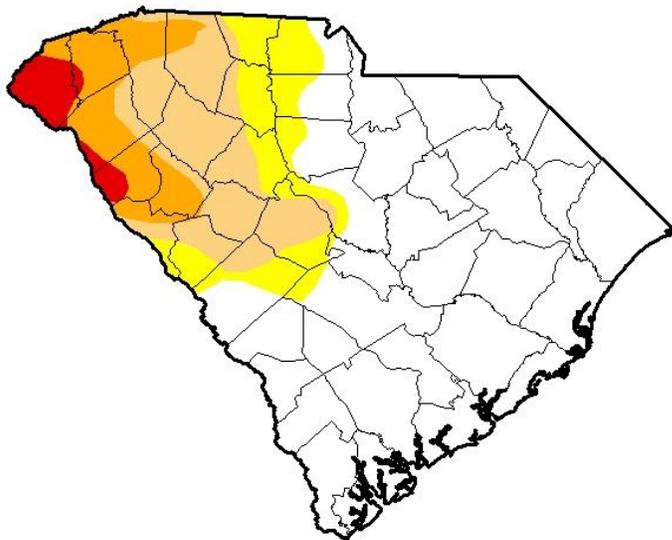
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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