



**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 in South Carolina, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 24, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.02 inches of rain up to 2.66 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Extension Comments**

Tobacco harvest is well underway and the quality and weight appears to be good. Cotton, peanuts and soybeans are looking good and now starting to bloom, some rain at this stage could be very beneficial. For the most part, our 2016 crop year is shaping up to be a good one.

**Hilda Shelly, Horry County**

Scattered showers helped some this past week. High heat indexes are causing some crop stress.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Crops are doing well, but timely rain events are needed. Hot conditions are stressing crops.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

Several scattered afternoon thunderstorms brought relief to many areas desperately needing rain. The rain has improved the condition and yield potential of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans but no help for dryland corn. Harvest of some dryland corn may begin next week. Yields will be disappointing. Harvest of tomatoes and watermelons has wrapped up also. More rain is needed to maintain condition of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Blistering temperatures during the week coupled with growing crops is fast using up soil moisture from rain this week. Fungicides are being routinely applied to peanuts.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/24/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	56	30	33	33
Cotton - Squaring.....	85	75	90	85
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	40	24	59	47
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	60	55	41	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	82	74	78	75
Peanuts - Pegging.....	90	84	94	84
Soybeans - Blooming.....	31	24	21	33
Tobacco - Topped.....	91	83	88	94
Tobacco - Harvested.....	25	18	19	31

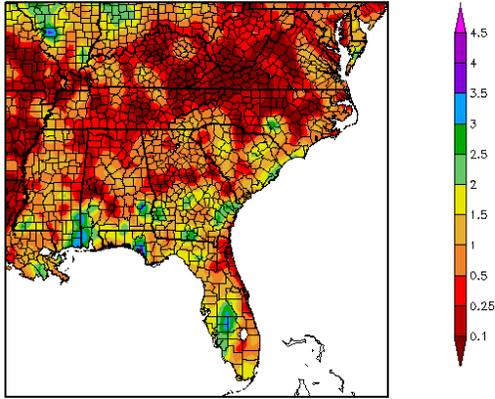
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/24/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	22	69	7
Corn.....	2	7	30	43	18
Cotton.....	0	1	53	40	6
Pasture and range.....	10	21	22	43	4
Peanuts.....	0	0	16	66	18
Soybeans.....	0	4	12	61	23
Tobacco.....	0	5	23	43	29

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/24/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	9	12	15
Short.....	31	34	37
Adequate.....	54	51	42
Surplus.....	6	3	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	11	NA
Short.....	22	25	NA
Adequate.....	67	61	NA
Surplus.....	5	3	NA

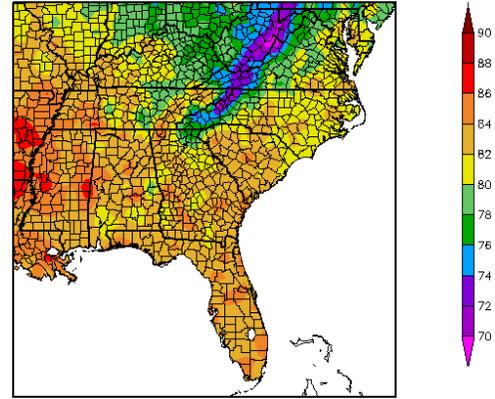
Precipitation (in)  
7/18/2016 – 7/24/2016



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Temperature (F)  
7/18/2016 – 7/24/2016



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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 19, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 21, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	85.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.70	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 7/12/2016	65.36	34.64	24.79	10.62	2.70	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 4/19/2016	55.09	44.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/20/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 8/28/2015	26.80	73.20	31.75	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 7/21/2015	32.48	67.52	46.24	0.00	0.00	0.00

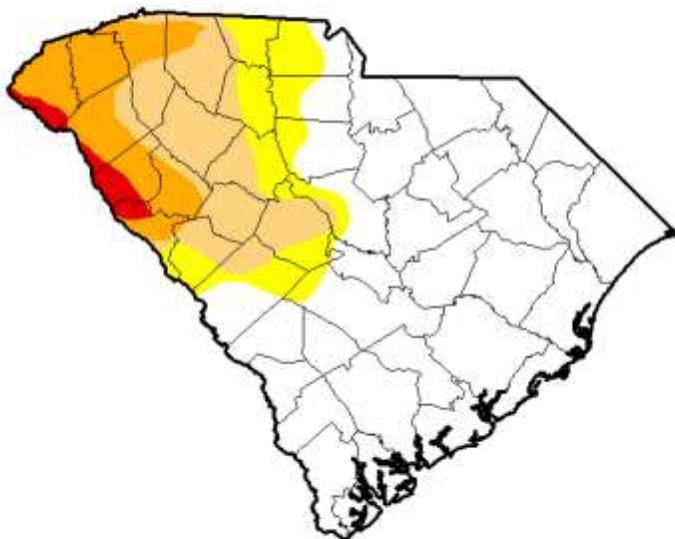
**Intensity:**

- 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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