



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 31, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.03 inches of rain up to 1.97 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 90s to low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s.

County Extension Comments

Spotty rains have helped in some areas of the county, while other areas are still under severe drought.

Morris Warner, Oconee County

Oppressive heat was the story last week and high pressure dominated our weather with extremely hot temperatures and no rain. Heat index values ranged from 100 to 107 all week as farmers continued to harvest the best tobacco crop they have produced in ten years. The crop is curing out well with good weight so if prices are strong it should be a good year for the tobacco farmers. Corn is drying down and harvest will begin soon. Most producers got the rain they needed last night to help the soybean, cotton, and peanut crop.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

A week of blistering temperatures and no rain is beginning to take a toll on crop condition and yield potential. Some cotton fields are blooming out of the top of the plant which usually limits yield potential. Crops are desperately in need of rain. A couple of corn growers began harvest of dryland corn with disappointing yields. No crop insect or disease problems reported.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Little to no rainfall last week along with high temperatures has caused a decline in crop health. Dryland peanuts have been damaged to some degree. Cotton appears to be holding its own, but increased square shed was noted.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/31/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	65	56	58	51
Corn - Harvested.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	90	85	98	94
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	56	40	74	61
Hay - 2nd Cutting	65	60	58	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	88	82	84	82
Peanuts - Pegging.....	94	90	98	92
Soybeans - Blooming	47	31	34	47
Soybeans - Setting Pods	1	NA	6	9
Tobacco - Topped	95	91	99	98
Tobacco - Harvested.....	37	25	27	43

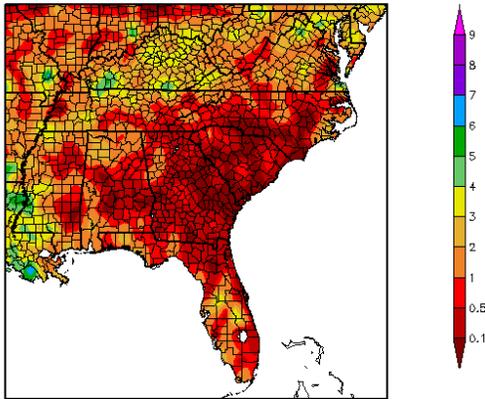
Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/31/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	21	70	7
Corn	2	7	30	40	21
Cotton	0	1	54	39	6
Pasture and range.....	13	24	21	40	2
Peanuts.....	0	1	18	63	18
Soybeans	2	4	20	56	18
Tobacco	2	8	23	43	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/31/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	11	9	10
Short	39	31	36
Adequate.....	50	54	49
Surplus.....	0	6	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	11	6	NA
Short	33	22	NA
Adequate.....	56	67	NA
Surplus.....	0	5	NA

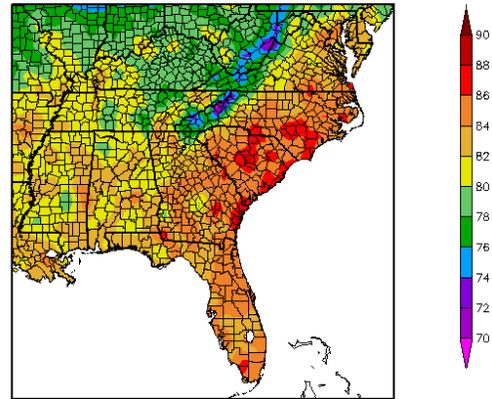
Precipitation (in)
7/25/2016 - 7/31/2016



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Temperature (F)
7/25/2016 - 7/31/2016

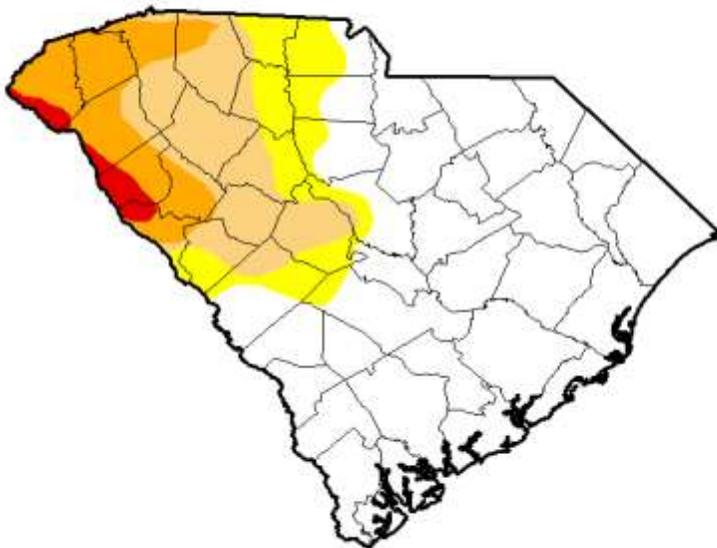


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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



July 26, 2016

(Released Thursday, Jul. 28, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.69	0.00
Last Week 7/19/2016	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.70	0.00
3 Months Ago 4/26/2016	55.09	44.91	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	59.56	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 7/26/2015	14.26	85.74	47.53	0.03	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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