



**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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 7, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 3.19 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to mid 70s.

County Extension Comments

Tobacco harvest is starting to wind down and the quality and quantity appear very good. Some corn growers in our area are beginning their harvest and yields are pointing towards a bumper crop. Cotton, peanut, and soybean crops are doing well as a result of cooler temperatures and late afternoon showers. If these patterns continue for the remaining growing season, 2016 should be a good rebound from last year.

Russell Skipper, Horry County

Widespread rain fell for the first time in weeks across the county. Some areas received more than 3 inches with cotton and peanuts benefitting the most.

Powell Smith, Lexington County

Week ending rain events have helped areas that received them. High heat, and humidity are still stressing crops and livestock. Some farmers have reported that they have started transplanting fall collards where they have irrigation, and have reports that at weeks end, they were able to keep transplant loss under 10 percent.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Most areas received rainfall from several afternoon thunder showers which revived drought-stressed crops. Several more growers began corn harvest. No crop insect or disease problems reported. Following the rains, crops appear to be progressing normally. But, more rain is needed each week to ensure that cotton, peanuts, and soybeans continue fruiting well.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/07/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature.....	81	65	79	71
Corn - Harvested.....	5	0	5	10
Cotton - Squaring.....	95	90	100	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	80	56	90	71
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	0	NA	0	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	80	65	69	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	92	88	86	88
Peanuts - Pegging.....	96	94	99	95
Soybeans - Blooming.....	52	47	50	61
Soybeans - Setting Pods	5	1	12	16
Tobacco - Harvested.....	49	37	51	55

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/07/16

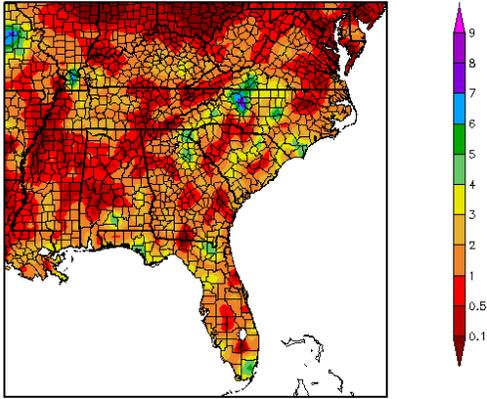
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	24	68	6
Corn.....	2	7	30	40	21
Cotton.....	0	1	52	41	6
Pasture and range.....	10	25	21	40	4
Peanuts.....	0	1	18	64	17
Soybeans.....	0	4	13	60	23
Tobacco.....	2	8	23	43	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/07/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	11	7
Short.....	25	39	30
Adequate.....	67	50	58
Surplus.....	1	0	5

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	11	NA
Short.....	21	33	NA
Adequate.....	72	56	NA
Surplus.....	1	0	NA

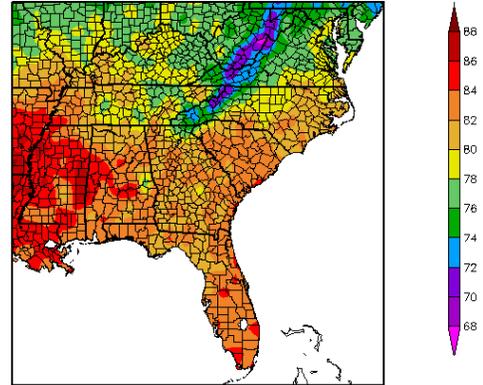
Precipitation (in)
8/1/2016 - 8/7/2016



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Temperature (F)
8/1/2016 - 8/7/2016



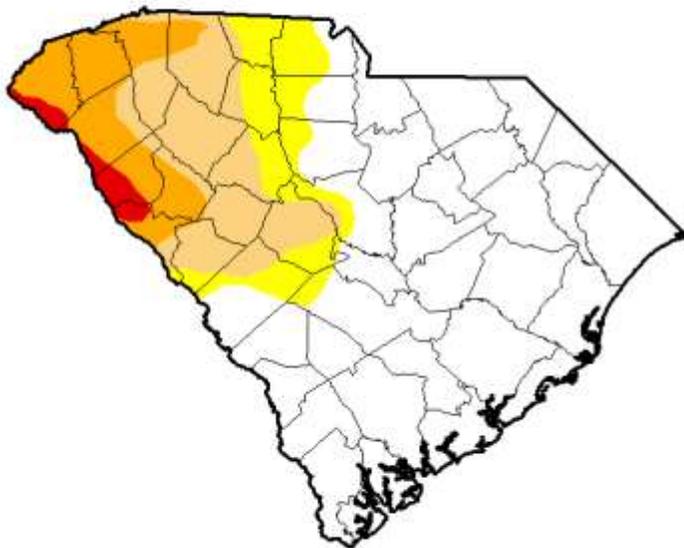
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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 2, 2016
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.16	34.84	25.32	11.00	1.69	0.00
Last Week 20160714	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.69	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/9/2016	43.68	56.32	7.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/25/2015	59.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/26/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/2/2015	7.16	92.84	63.60	23.46	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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