



**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, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 14, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.16 inches of rain up to 3.25 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s.

County Extension Comments

Corn harvest is underway with fair to good yields being reported. Soybeans, cotton, and peanuts have prospects for great yields. We have been receiving beneficial rains and look for that to continue to finish out the crops.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Corn harvest will start ramping up in the next couple of weeks and much higher yields are expected over last year. Cotton, peanut, and soybean crops appear to be doing well at this point in the growing season, but excessive heat with limited moisture could play a role as these crops to mature.

Russell Skipper, Horry County

Some pastures have yet to fully recover from last year's drought and grazing pressure. Farmers with irrigation are transplanting fall collards. Farmers have reported that they have transplanted about 80 percent of the early fall collards. Rain events have helped crop conditions, but high temperatures and humidity are stressing crops.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Several widely scattered afternoon thundershowers this week and last week coupled with slightly cooler temperatures this week have allowed growing crops to maintain condition and yield potential or make some improvement. Corn harvest is underway now by all growers but has slowed a little due to the rains.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/14/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	85	81	90	85
Corn - Harvested	21	5	17	21
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	87	80	96	82
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	1	0	0	2
Hay - 2nd Cutting	83	80	78	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	96	92	92	92
Soybeans - Blooming	67	52	66	74
Soybeans - Setting Pods	28	5	21	26
Tobacco - Harvested.....	55	49	67	68

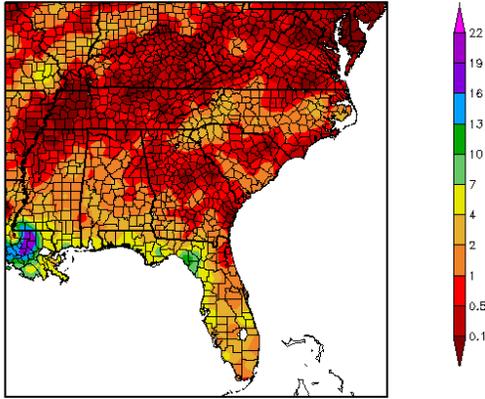
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/14/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	24	68	6
Corn	2	7	30	42	19
Cotton	0	1	55	39	5
Pasture and range.....	8	22	25	42	3
Peanuts.....	0	2	19	64	15
Soybeans.....	0	4	14	60	22
Tobacco.....	2	8	22	43	25

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/14/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	7	7
Short.....	23	25	25
Adequate.....	64	67	56
Surplus.....	5	1	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	6	NA
Short.....	19	21	NA
Adequate.....	70	72	NA
Surplus.....	5	1	NA

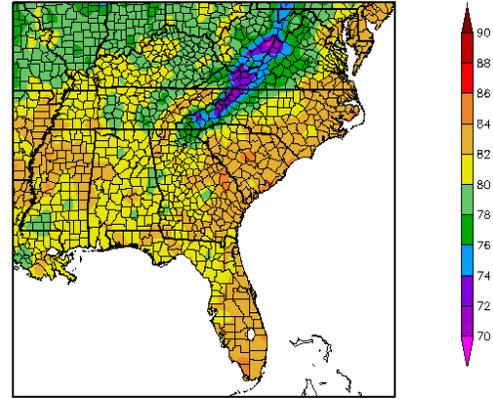
Precipitation (in)
8/8/2016 - 8/14/2016



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Temperature (F)
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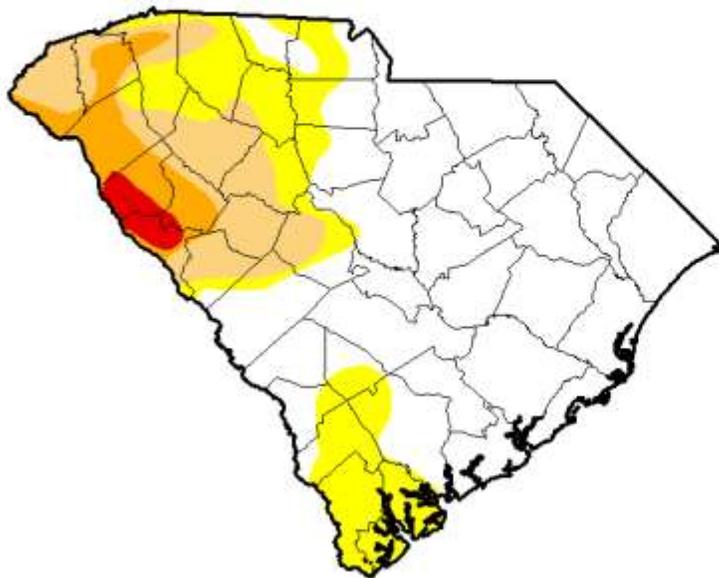
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.06	37.94	19.89	7.17	1.55	0.00
Last Week 8/2/2016	65.16	34.84	25.32	11.00	1.69	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/10/2016	59.99	40.01	9.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Winter Year 8/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/11/2015	7.16	92.84	63.79	23.48	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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