



**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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 21, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 70s.

**County Extension Comments**

Recent rains have been welcome relief to pastures as grass is growing rapidly in most areas. It will take several weeks for pastures to recover. Some stands may have to be renovated this fall. Corn crop will not recover. Soybeans will likely suffer greatly because many of them were early season varieties.

**Morris Warner, Oconee County**

A cold front came through on Thursday bringing some much needed rain. This front slowed corn and tobacco harvest, but the cooler temperatures and generous supply of moisture will be a big boost for cotton, peanut, and soybean production in our area.

**Hilda Shelley, Horry County**

Corn harvest has begun at full speed. Scattered storms have brought rainfall to some locations but others remain dry. Spider mites in peanuts are increasing on dryland acres.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

It is drying out very quickly here in Hampton and Allendale Counties, but for the most part crops look good. Soybeans are in bloom with some fields setting pods. Soybean rust has been found in the state. Cotton looks goods but stink bug damage has been showing up. Peanuts are looking great but I have been seeing some with manganese deficiency.

**Andrew Warner, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/21/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	90	85	95	92
Corn - Harvested .....	37	21	38	34
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	92	87	98	87
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	2	1	9	6
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	88	83	84	NA
Soybeans - Blooming .....	83	67	80	83
Soybeans - Setting Pods	40	28	36	39
Tobacco - Harvested .....	58	55	76	76

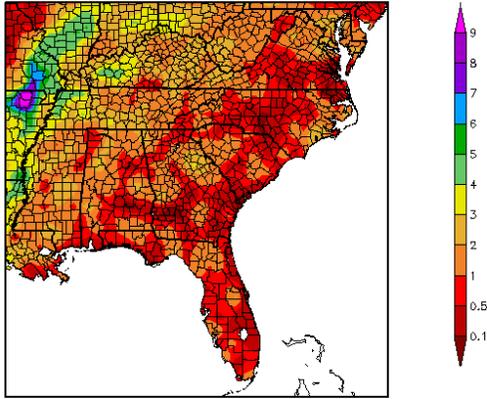
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/21/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	24	69	6
Corn .....	2	7	30	43	18
Cotton .....	0	1	55	39	5
Pasture and range.....	4	20	30	43	3
Peanuts.....	0	2	19	65	14
Soybeans.....	0	4	14	61	21

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/21/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	8	7
Short.....	28	23	26
Adequate.....	60	64	58
Surplus.....	8	5	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	6	NA
Short.....	20	19	NA
Adequate.....	70	70	NA
Surplus.....	6	5	NA

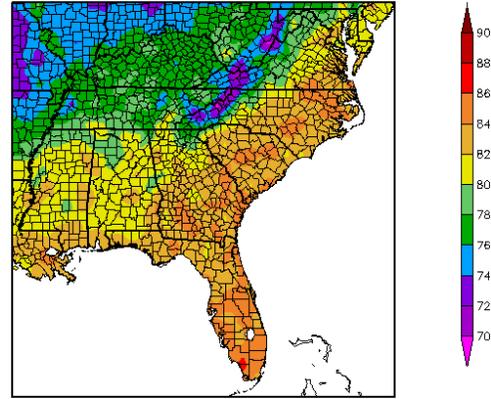
Precipitation (in)  
8/15/2016 – 8/21/2016



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Temperature (F)  
8/15/2016 – 8/21/2016



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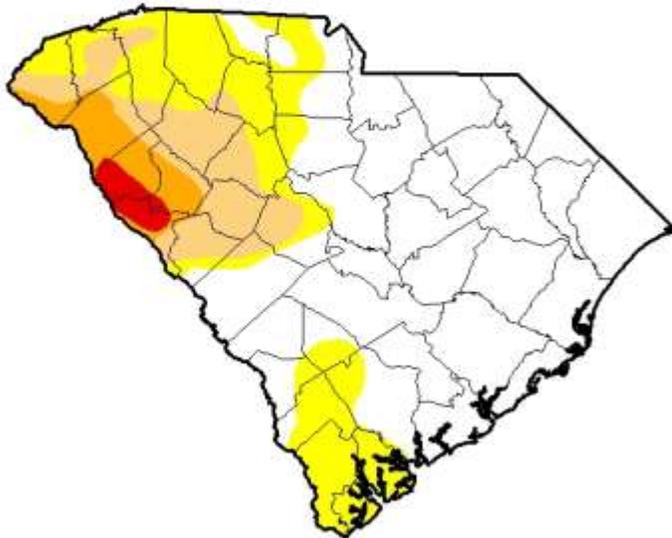
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2016.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**August 16, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	62.11	37.89	17.06	5.98	1.55	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 8/9/2016	62.06	37.94	19.69	7.17	1.55	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 5/17/2016	59.55	40.45	9.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/28/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 8/16/2015	6.85	93.15	63.79	27.73	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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