



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 4, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 8.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

Six plus inches of rain fell on Horry County Friday. The rain was much needed for cotton, peanut, and soybean farmers that were seeing their crops suffer from the heat and drought-like conditions. Corn and tobacco harvest were brought to a halt but should resume mid-week, weather permitting.

Russell Skipper, Horry County

Heavy rains from Hurricane Hermine ended field work late in the week. Some peanut digging will begin in sandier fields this week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Hurricane Hermine passed by about 75 east of Lexington County bringing anywhere from 5 to 7 inches across the county, which was needed, just not so much at once. The rain effected dry down for some crops and may cause issues at harvest. Vegetable crops have begun to show some disease problems which growers are managing and re-fertilizing.

Powell Smith, Lexington County

Soil moisture was getting short and crops were hurting from heat and drought until the hurricane dropped a good amount of rain. Many collard producers are trying to set out more of the crop after the rains over the weekend.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/04/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	85	70	76	68
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	22	13	47	31
Hay - 2nd Cutting	98	95	96	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	96	88	94	93
Soybeans - Setting Pods	70	54	78	68
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	5	0	0	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	92	75	85	90

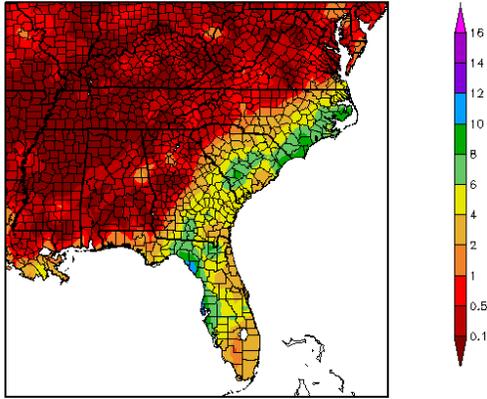
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/04/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	24	69	6
Cotton	0	1	57	37	5
Pasture and range.....	4	20	30	43	3
Peanuts.....	2	5	25	58	10
Soybeans.....	3	6	20	56	15

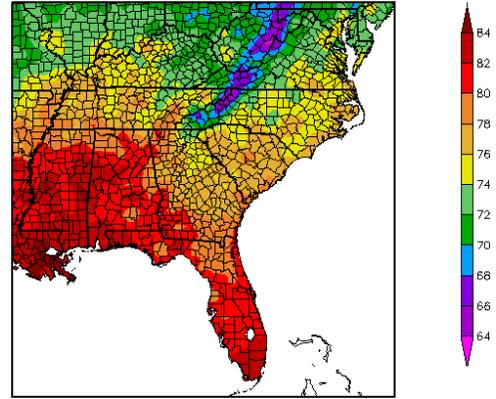
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/04/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	6	9
Short.....	20	33	30
Adequate.....	57	55	59
Surplus.....	18	6	2
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	7	NA
Short.....	17	24	NA
Adequate.....	61	65	NA
Surplus.....	16	4	NA

Precipitation (in)
8/30/2016 - 9/5/2016



Temperature (F)
8/30/2016 - 9/5/2016



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

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 30, 2016

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.96	60.04	17.69	2.12	0.58	0.00
Last Week 8/23/2016	61.77	38.23	16.89	2.12	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/31/2016	81.49	18.51	9.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/22/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 8/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 9/1/2015	8.39	91.61	63.98	26.73	0.00	0.00

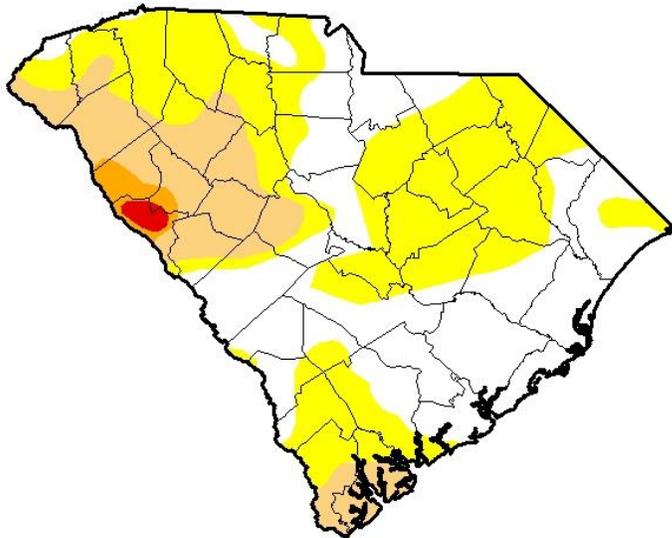
Intensity:

- 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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