



**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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 11, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Tobacco and corn harvest is almost over and this year's crop looks to be a good one. Cotton, peanuts, and soybeans are in their late stages of production and also appear to be a significant improvement over last year's crop.

Russell Skipper, Horry County

Fieldwork resumed in most areas by mid-week. Some peanuts dug due to age and some dug due to spider mite or drought issues. A small amount of cotton defoliated but focus will now be on peanuts.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Some peanuts were harvested last week and more were flipped. Fall vegetables are progressing, but need a timely rain to ensure a good crop.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

The rain received from Hurricane Hermine was quickly absorbed into the soil and helped revive drought stressed crops. For the most part all corn was harvested prior to the storm. Peanuts, soybeans, and cotton look great since receiving the needed rain. Peanut harvest has begun and diggers are entering the field. Combining should start in the coming week. Early planted cotton defoliation should start in the next week with most of the bolls starting to open in the lower and mid canopy. Soybeans for the most part are still in the R3 (beginning to pod) to R5 (beginning to seed) growth stages so we have a ways to go until harvest.

Andrew Warner, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/11/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	88	85	87	80
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	43	22	66	47
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	0
Peanuts - Harvested.....	4	NA	NA	4
Soybeans - Setting Pods	84	70	88	78
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	7	5	NA	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	93	92	87	94

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/11/16

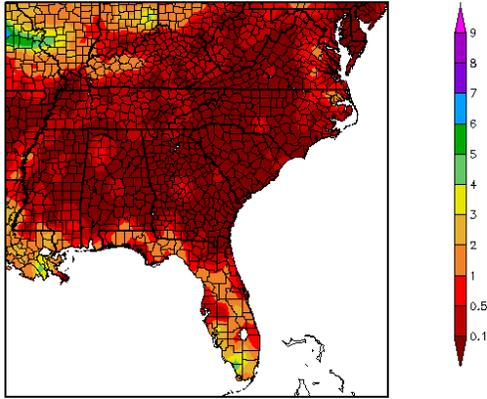
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	24	69	6
Cotton	0	1	57	39	3
Pasture and range.....	4	21	35	37	3
Peanuts.....	0	5	22	65	8
Soybeans.....	0	4	17	61	18

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/11/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	5	9
Short.....	16	20	33
Adequate.....	65	57	57
Surplus.....	16	18	1

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	6	NA
Short.....	16	17	NA
Adequate.....	67	61	NA
Surplus.....	15	16	NA

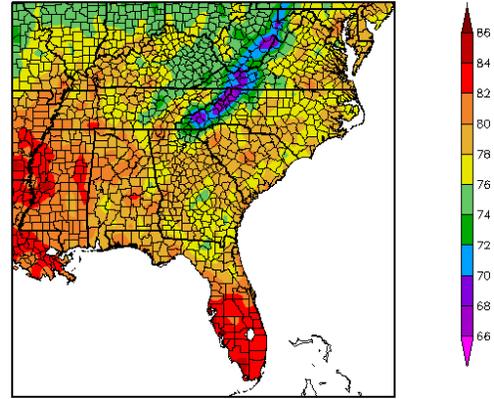
Precipitation (in)
9/5/2016 - 9/11/2016



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Temperature (F)
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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

September 6, 2016

(Released Thursday, Sep. 8, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.65	28.35	7.90	1.45	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/30/2016	39.96	60.04	17.69	2.12	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/7/2016	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 9/9/2015	7.82	92.18	65.93	33.49	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

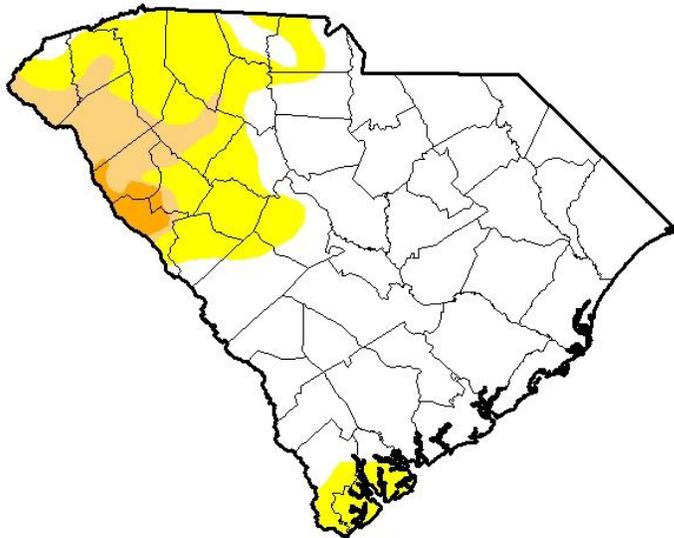
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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