



**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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 9, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.2 inches of rain up to 11.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Comments**

Rain from Hurricane Matthew was variable across the county ranging from .25 to 1.5 inches. Pasture condition is very poor. Fall accumulations are very low. Most cattle producers are planning to feed hay most of the winter due to lack of grazing forage. Row crops are beyond developmental stage where rain would be a benefit. Winter wheat planting has not yet begun.

**Morris Warner, Oconee County**

Still feeling the effects of Hurricane Matthew with lots of power lines and trees down and major flooding throughout the county. Cotton, peanut, and soybean crops in our area have suffered significant damage from both wind and water.

**Russell Skipper, Horry County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/09/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	90	78	92	83
Cotton - Harvested .....	15	9	15	14
Oats - Planted .....	1	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	24	18	16	35
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	35	27	9	17
Soybeans - Harvested....	0	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Planted..	1	0	8	16

**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/09/16**

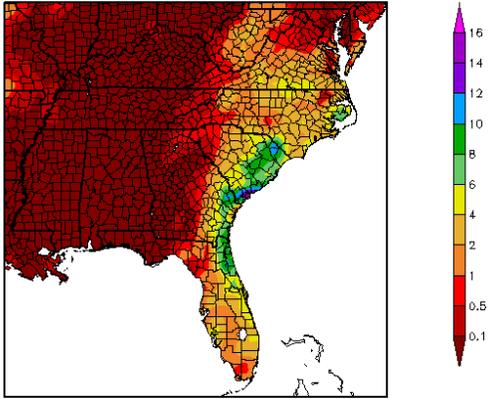
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	24	69	6
Cotton .....	2	15	50	30	3
Pasture and range.....	4	23	41	30	2
Peanuts.....	5	16	37	40	2
Soybeans.....	1	30	36	30	3

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/09/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	3	6
Short.....	7	12	26
Adequate.....	44	63	54
Surplus.....	48	22	14
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	NA
Short.....	10	13	NA
Adequate.....	55	62	NA
Surplus.....	33	23	NA

Adverse weather conditions experienced in South Carolina in the last several days may not be fully reflected because of reporting difficulties.

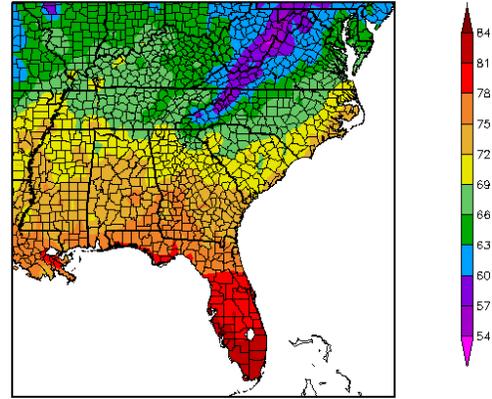
Precipitation (in)  
10/3/2016 – 10/9/2016



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Temperature (F)  
10/3/2016 – 10/9/2016



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Regional Climate Centers

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

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

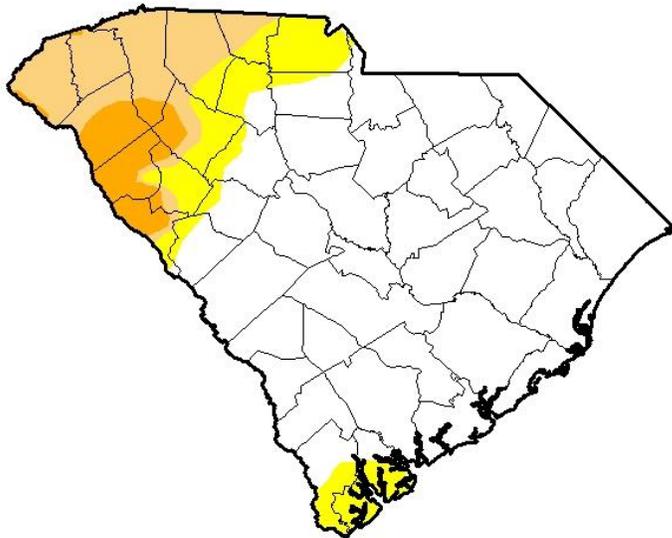
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	73.58	26.42	16.00	5.12	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 9/27/2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 7/5/2016	67.10	32.90	16.22	4.78	0.51	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/27/2015	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10/6/2015	95.93	4.07	1.72	0.00	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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