



**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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 50s.

## County Comments

About half of the cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were damaged in varying degree from Hurricane Matthew. Mostly minor quality damage, but also some total losses around river basins and swamps. There was a decent amount of structural damage to farm buildings.

### William Hardee, Horry County

Everyone is still cleaning up from Hurricane Matthew. As fields are starting to dry out, peanuts are being dug and soybeans and cotton are being harvested.

### Wes Daniels, Dillon County

Farmers are harvesting Group V and VI soybeans and the yields are good. There was some damage from Hurricane Matthew on soybeans but not extensive. Cotton bore the brunt of the damage as yield potential has been reduced greatly from the storm. Peanuts faired okay with some yield reduction but not significant.

### Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Some cotton was dislodged as a result of Hurricane Matthew with farmers reporting significantly lower yields. Soils were water logged on same fall greens, and the full extent of damage to the crop will take a few weeks before total losses can be estimated.

### Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/23/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	95	92	97	92
Cotton - Harvested .....	19	16	20	29
Oats - Planted .....	4	2	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	40	35	32	59
Rye - Planted .....	5	2	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	62	46	43	45
Soybeans - Harvested .....	5	1	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	6	4	14	25

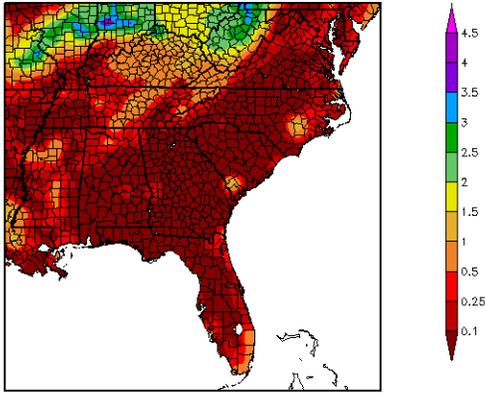
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/23/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	28	65	5
Cotton .....	0	5	57	37	1
Pasture and range .....	9	36	24	29	2
Peanuts .....	1	15	29	50	5
Soybeans .....	1	13	36	47	3

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/23/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	4	3	6
Short .....	19	17	34
Adequate .....	57	58	56
Surplus .....	20	22	4
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	3	NA
Short .....	15	15	NA
Adequate .....	61	59	NA
Surplus .....	21	23	NA

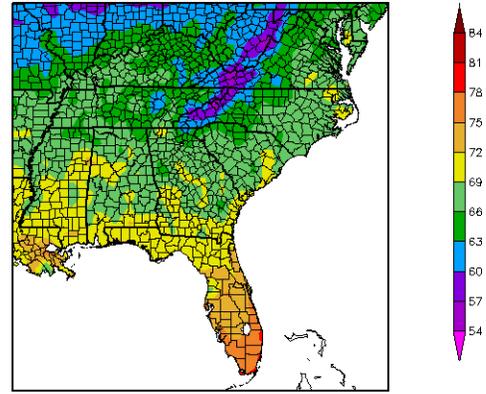
Precipitation (in)  
10/17/2016 - 10/23/2016



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Temperature (F)  
10/17/2016 - 10/23/2016



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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

**October 18, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	73.78	26.22	17.94	13.41	2.10	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10/11/2016	74.53	25.47	16.36	5.30	0.74	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 7/19/2016	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.70	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/29/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/27/2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10/20/2015	97.09	2.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

*Intensity:*

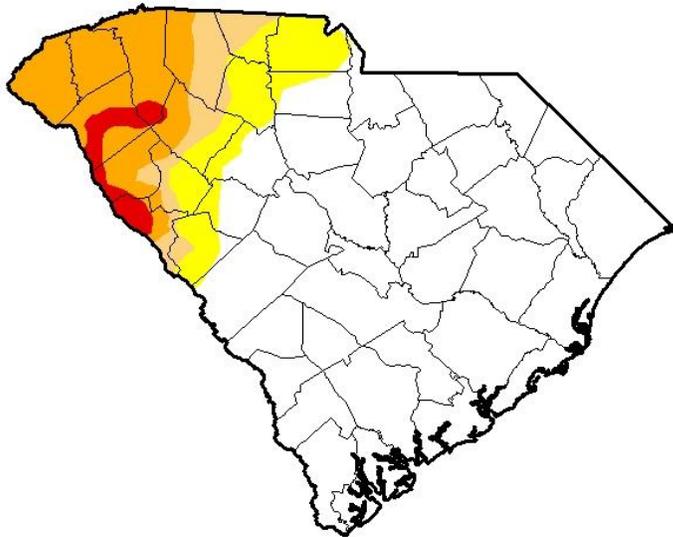
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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

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