



**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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 30, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Very good harvest conditions. Cotton has turned out to be more damaged than it appeared to be right after Hurricane Matthew and farmers are having difficulties harvesting it. Peanut grades have been good so far, due to the bad nuts falling off, consequently yields have decreased. Soybeans are all over the board.

William Hardee, Horry County

Extremely dry weather has accelerated the pace of cotton and peanut harvest but slowed planting of winter grain and forages. Vegetables are being irrigated. Strawberry planting is completed with most “watering-in” of transplants being stopped with occasional sprinkling still occurring.

Powell Smith, Lexington County

Good weather conditions have allowed farmers to harvest crops at a good pace. There is much cotton that still has it leaves. Sweet potato harvest is progressing, with a fair crop being reported so far. Fall greens are progressing well.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Sunny warm conditions for the week enhanced harvest of cotton and peanuts. All farms are making the most of the excellent field conditions. Dry soils are of future concern for planting of fall wheat.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/30/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested	30	19	36	43
Oats - Planted	5	4	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	55	40	46	73
Rye - Planted	6	5	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	73	62	75	65
Soybeans - Harvested....	25	5	6	19
Winter Wheat - Planted..	10	6	24	31

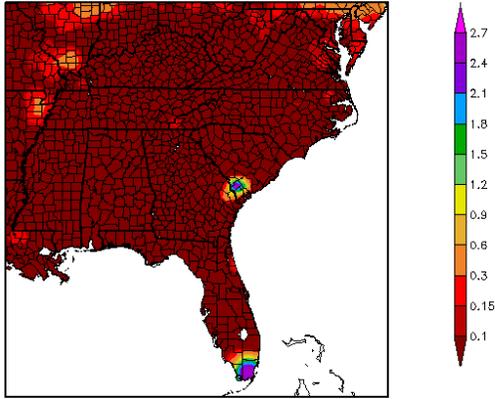
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/30/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	28	65	5
Cotton	0	5	58	36	1
Pasture and range.....	7	24	27	41	1
Peanuts.....	1	12	29	54	5
Soybeans.....	1	10	36	50	3

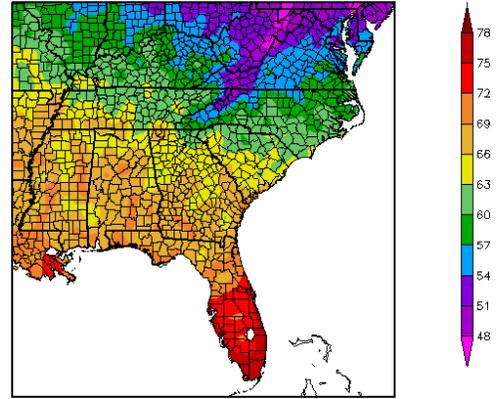
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/30/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	4	6
Short.....	23	19	30
Adequate.....	54	57	59
Surplus.....	18	20	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	3	NA
Short.....	16	15	NA
Adequate.....	61	61	NA
Surplus.....	19	21	NA

Precipitation (in)
10/24/2016 – 10/30/2016



Temperature (F)
10/24/2016 – 10/30/2016



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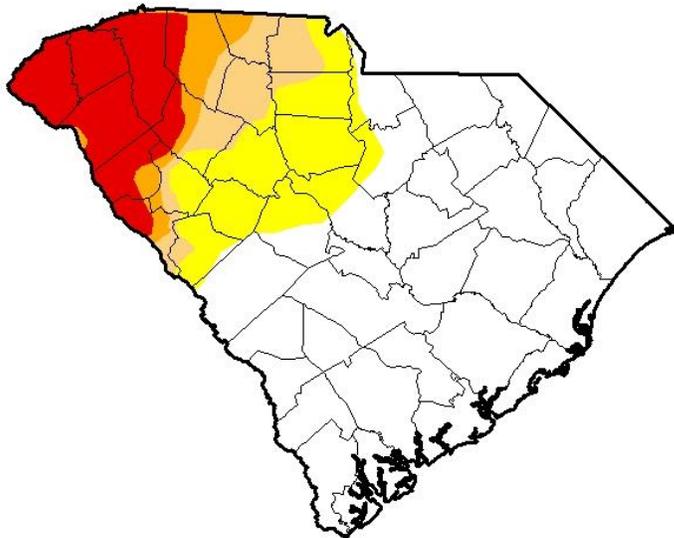
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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 25, 2016

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.94	36.06	22.02	15.50	11.95	0.00
Last Week 10/18/2016	73.78	26.22	17.94	13.41	2.10	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/26/2016	65.16	34.84	24.76	11.04	1.69	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/27/2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/27/2015	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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