



**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's South Carolina Field Office, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 15, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.71 inches of rain up to 1.94 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the high 40s.

**County Extension Comments**

“Some fieldwork (harvesting damaged soybeans and cotton) was done on Sunday although the conditions were not ideal with machines getting stuck and damaging fields in the process.”

**Jacob Stokes, Florence County, District 30**

“Wet conditions continue to limit access to fields for peanut, cotton, and soybean harvest in Horry County. Hopefully, the area can start to dry out so farmers can begin to assess crop damage as a result of the floods.”

**Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30**

“Weather conditions have cleared up, but soil conditions in many areas are still too wet for field operations. Some cotton has been harvested in the area, but there are a lot of acres of cotton and peanuts to be harvested yet. Fall vegetables that survived are progressing well. There were some areas that had a light frost. Pecan harvest is under way, but there are reports that the nuts have not dried down yet.”

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50**

“Sunshine returned this week and growers were able to access dryer fields again on Thursday to resume crop harvesting. Growers had to carefully pick fields that could be accessed with harvesting equipment. Small grain planting resumed. Growers need several weeks of sunshine to harvest crops. Peanut growers are reported terrible grades. Cotton harvesters are also expecting lower grades due to weathering of their crops by rain.”

**Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/15/15**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	54	46	87	75
Oats - Planted.....	26	12	57	54
Peanuts - Harvested.....	59	56	98	97
Soybeans - Leaves Dropped.....	96	95	99	92
Soybeans - Mature.....	90	83	96	86
Soybeans - Harvested....	25	18	67	49
Winter Wheat - Planted..	40	32	66	50
Winter Wheat - Emerged	26	19	35	24

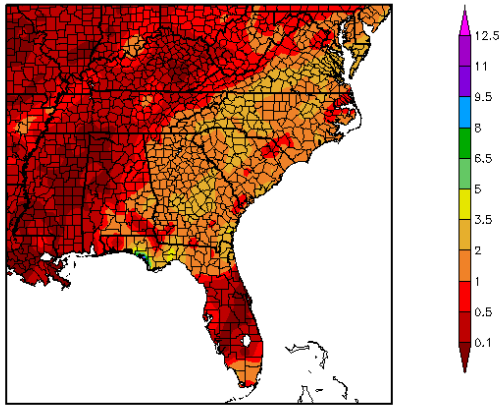
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/15/15**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	17	77	5
Cotton.....	18	17	40	23	2
Pasture and range.....	1	5	47	44	3
Soybeans.....	18	24	30	26	2

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/15/15**

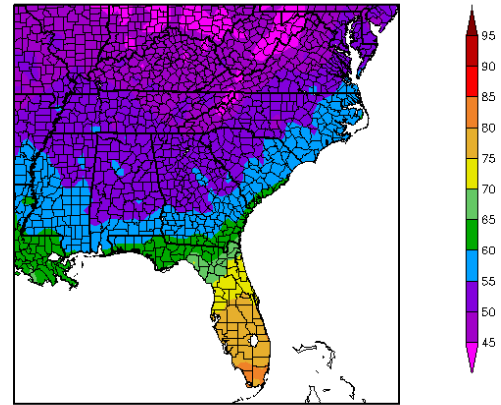
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	10
Short.....	0	0	43
Adequate.....	78	41	47
Surplus.....	22	59	0
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	0	NA
Adequate.....	75	35	NA
Surplus.....	25	65	NA

Precipitation (in)  
11/9/2015 - 11/15/2015



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Temperature (F)  
11/9/2015 - 11/15/2015

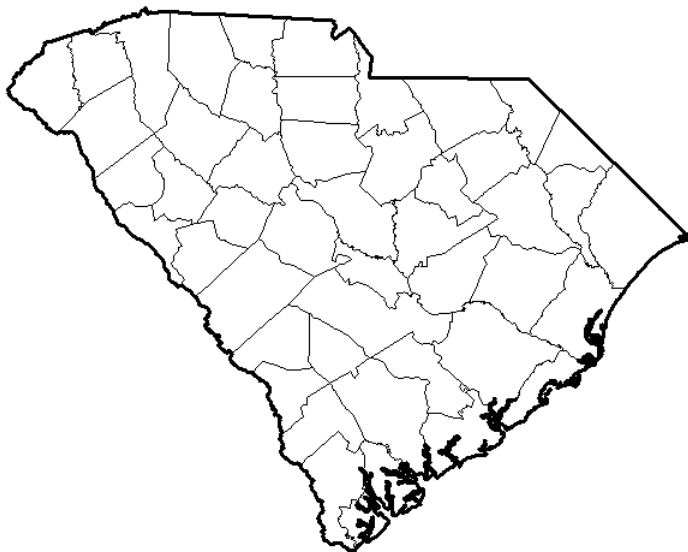


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[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2015.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**November 10, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 11/3/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 8/11/2015	7.16	92.84	63.79	23.48	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/02/014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11/11/2014	31.35	68.65	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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