



**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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 16, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee Counties have been in a deficit of normal rain fall. There has been very little relief this year. When Hurricane Matthew came through, the most rainfall reported was just over an inch with the majority of the areas receiving less than half an inch. The pastures are in poor shape as many producers began to feed their winter hay during the summer.

**Glenn Thomas, Cherokee County**

Early damage assessments from Hurricane Matthew show damage throughout the county and in the areas close to rivers being under water. The level of crop damage varies by location ranging from minor to catastrophic.

**Russell Skipper, Horry County**

Cotton took the brunt of damage from Hurricane Matthew with defoliated cotton showing the most damage. Peanuts seem to have weathered the storm fairly well. Soybeans saw little damage.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

The small amount of crops I have observed, seem to have weathered the storm and are in fair to good shape. The wind brought down pecans, the crop appears to be a good to excellent crop.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

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

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	92	90	95	87
Cotton - Harvested .....	16	15	18	19
Oats - Planted .....	2	1	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	35	24	22	45
Rye - Planted .....	2	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	46	35	20	27
Soybeans - Harvested .....	1	0	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	4	1	12	21

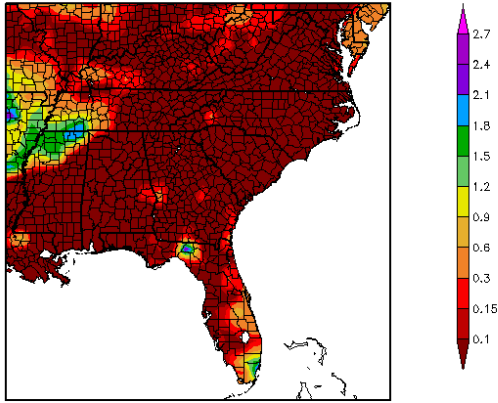
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/16/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	33	60	5
Cotton .....	0	6	55	36	3
Pasture and range .....	6	32	34	27	1
Peanuts .....	3	13	35	48	1
Soybeans .....	2	24	45	26	3

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

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	3	1	6
Short .....	17	7	27
Adequate .....	58	44	60
Surplus .....	22	48	7
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	3	2	NA
Short .....	15	10	NA
Adequate .....	59	55	NA
Surplus .....	23	33	NA

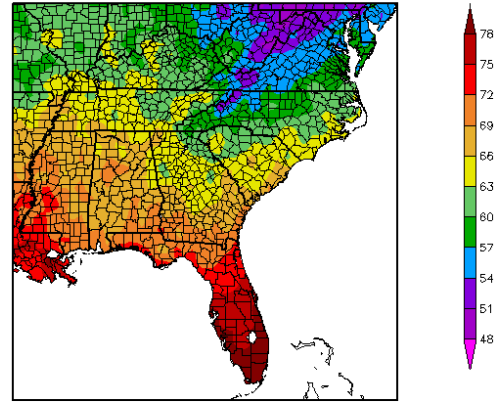
Precipitation (in)  
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Temperature (F)  
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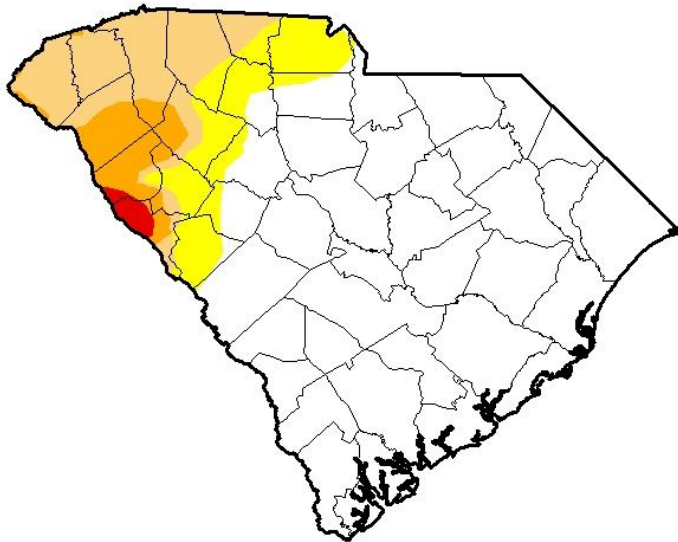
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[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2016.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



**October 11, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.53	25.47	16.36	5.30	0.74	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10/4/2016	73.58	26.42	16.00	5.12	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 7/12/2016	65.36	34.64	24.79	10.62	2.70	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> 10/13/2015	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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