



**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 Agriculture Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 31, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.20 inches of rain up to 0.86 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures were in the mid 60s.

## County Extension Comments

“Dry weather and heat did significant damage to dry land corn last week. Some cotton and peanut emergence delayed as well as some final planting.”

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District 50**

“Some areas of the county received rainfall in the form of heavy thunderstorms on Sunday (May 31).”

**Powell Smith, Lexington County, District 50**

“Hot, dry conditions have slowed down crop progress, with many corn fields showing signs of drought stress. Some farmers have stopped planting operations due to low soil moisture. Vegetables under irrigation are progressing at a steady pace. Some areas have had rain events, and crops located there are doing well.”

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

“Another week of warm temperatures, lots of sunshine and no measurable rain in most areas has crops suffering. Growers are dusting in cotton and soybeans hoping for a quick rain to bring them up. The eastern end of Hampton County got rain this week but other areas got none. Small grain harvest is continuing. No insects or disease problems reported this week. Peach harvest is continuing but with the shortage of soil moisture, fruit sizing is a concern. Adequate rainfall is desperately needed soon.”

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

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/31/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	99	96	99	100
Corn - Emerged .....	99	95	98	100
Cotton - Planted.....	81	75	93	87
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	40	36	NA	NA
Oats - Headed .....	97	90	98	100
Oats - Harvested.....	3	NA	20	22
Peaches - Harvested.....	8	1	1	11
Peanuts - Planted.....	84	78	96	85
Rye - Headed.....	83	70	95	99
Rye - Harvested.....	8	NA	9	13
Soybeans - Planted.....	44	41	52	56
Soybeans - Emerged .....	33	25	37	41
Tobacco - Transplanted .....	95	94	53	91
Winter Wheat - Headed.....	89	89	98	100
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	2	NA	3	12

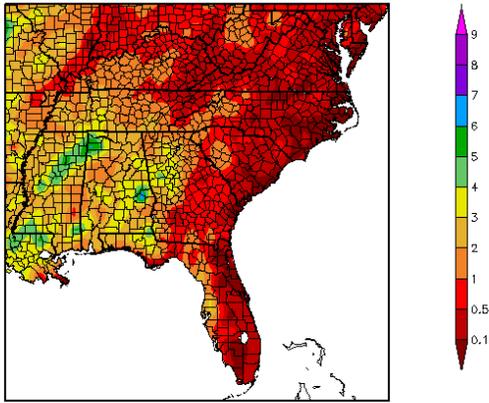
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/31/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	8	89	3
Corn.....	0	2	35	59	4
Hay.....	0	1	21	76	2
Oats.....	0	0	23	70	7
Pasture and range .....	0	8	40	49	3
Peaches.....	0	0	1	98	1
Rye.....	0	0	47	53	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	31	69	0
Winter Wheat.....	1	2	52	42	3

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/31/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	9	9	7
Short.....	18	17	28
Adequate .....	55	55	60
Surplus .....	18	19	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	4	3	NA
Short.....	19	16	NA
Adequate .....	52	55	NA
Surplus .....	25	26	NA

Precipitation (in)  
5/25/2015 – 5/31/2015

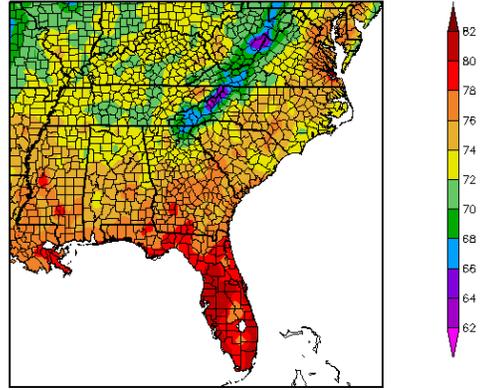


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Temperature (F)  
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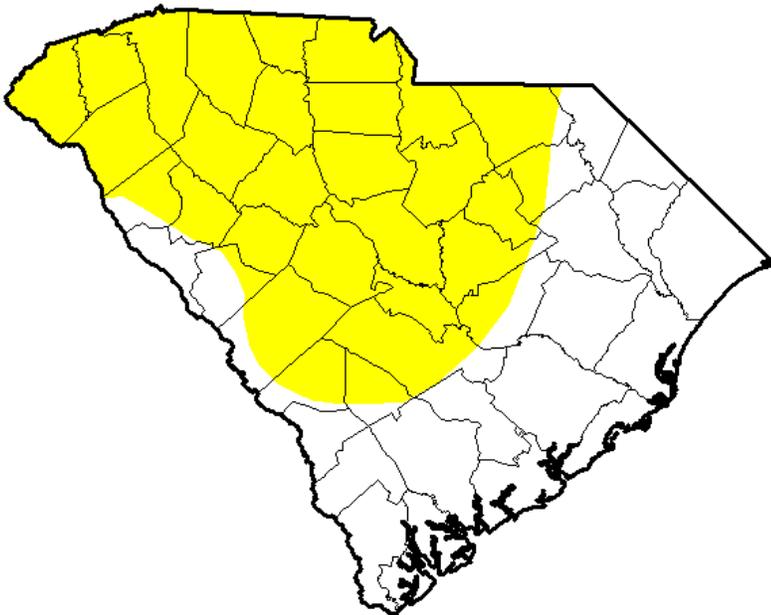
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2015.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**May 26, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, May 28, 2015)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	43.86	56.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>5/19/2015</i>	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>2/24/2015</i>	98.55	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/31/2014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>8/30/2014</i>	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>5/27/2014</i>	100.00	0.00	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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