



**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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 24, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.03 inches of rain up to 2.56 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 50s.

County Comments

Producers are reporting that the spring hay crop is short due to the lack of rainfall. There will be producers who will have to purchase hay. This loss is on top of the losses suffered in 2015 due to drought and then excessive rainfall later in the year.

Glenn Thomas, Greenville County

Weather conditions have been favorable most of the week. Most of the corn is planted and most has emerged. Tobacco farmers are continuing to set plants, however cooler than normal nights are slowing plant growth. Our area farmers got a short break Friday as a cold front passed through dropping some much needed rainfall.

Hilda Shelley, Horry County

Some rains events helped soil moisture conditions for some areas. Noticed some corn on sandy sites showing signs of drought stress late in the afternoon, but was recovered overnight. Farmers are getting land ready for soybean planting, as well as other crops. Vegetables are progressing well due to warmer temperatures.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Corn planting is complete. Lots of sunshine this week with several windy days has helped to dry out soils. A light rain passed through the area on Friday morning. More rain would be welcome. All small grain crops have headed out but none has begun to change color yet. Peach orchards are receiving routine pest control applications. Watermelon crops are progressing well. No crop insect or disease problems reported.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/24/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	88	77	76	86
Corn - Emerged.....	80	59	62	67
Cotton - Planted.....	8	2	3	7
Hay - 1st Cutting	11	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	0	1	3
Tobacco - Transplanted .	34	19	68	65
Winter Wheat - Headed..	57	32	51	67

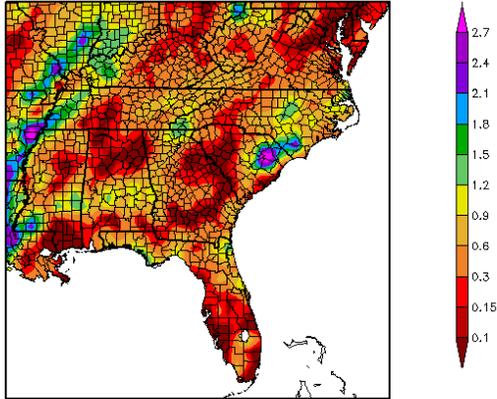
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/24/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	10	81	9
Corn	0	4	38	51	7
Oats	7	11	39	41	2
Pasture and range.....	0	2	20	71	7
Peaches.....	0	0	7	75	18
Rye	0	4	28	63	5
Winter Wheat	5	7	36	44	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/24/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	3
Short.....	24	7	14
Adequate.....	69	78	72
Surplus.....	6	15	11
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	NA
Short.....	10	3	NA
Adequate.....	82	80	NA
Surplus.....	7	17	NA

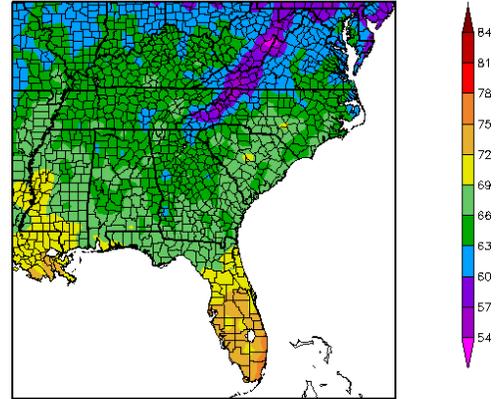
Precipitation (in)
4/18/2016 - 4/24/2016



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

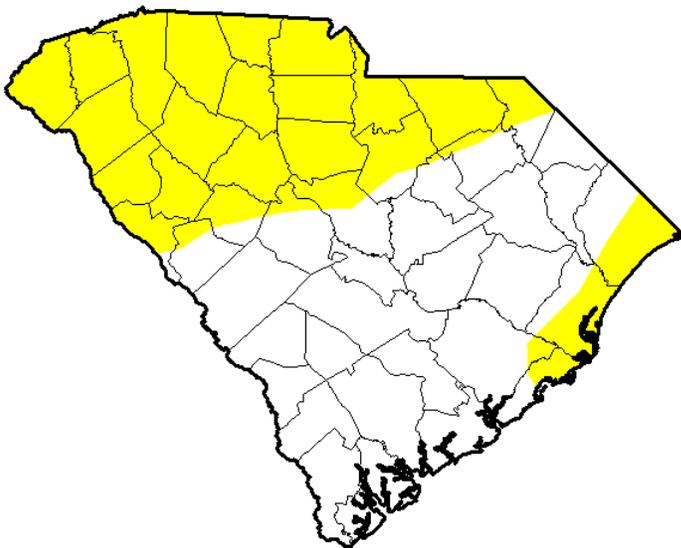
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.09	44.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/12/2016	59.82	40.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/19/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/21/2015	99.72	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

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

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

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