



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 1, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

County Extension Comments

Tobacco transplanting is completed. Producers are now concentrating on planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Corn is growing well with the warm temperatures.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

After several weeks of extremely dry weather, rain fell throughout the county on Saturday and Sunday. More is predicted for the coming week. Emerging field crops on sandy soils had been suffering. Vegetable crops had been irrigated already in response to the dry weather.

Powell Smith, Lexington County

Spring vegetables are progressing well. Thunder showers on Sunday May 1, gave dry soils much needed moisture. Corn is progressing at a good pace. Some livestock farmers were able to bale oats before any rain events.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

This was a week with plenty of sunshine and little, if any rain. Corn responded well to the sunshine and is progressing well. With the high temperatures, sunshine, and rain, the small grain crop is progressing quickly to maturation. Small grains have changed color from green to brown. Peaches are progressing well and pest controls are being applied routinely. Watermelons are progressing well. No crop of disease problems reported. Soils are getting dry and rainfall is needed.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/01/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	95	88	89	93
Corn - Emerged.....	88	80	76	81
Cotton - Planted.....	16	8	7	14
Hay - 1st Cutting	32	11	1	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	4	0	10	10
Soybeans - Planted.....	1	NA	1	8
Tobacco - Transplanted .	79	34	78	83
Winter Wheat - Headed..	64	57	66	84

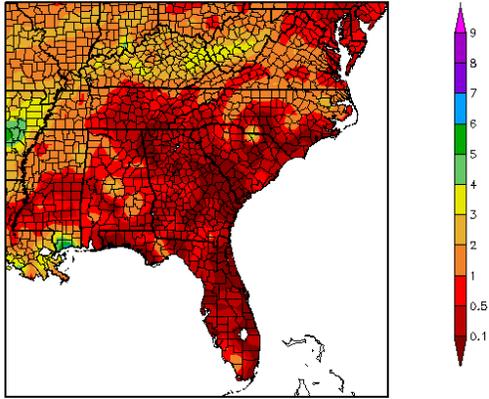
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/01/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	10	80	9
Corn	0	4	35	53	8
Oats	7	12	40	39	2
Pasture and range.....	0	3	25	66	6
Peaches.....	0	0	11	74	15
Rye	0	4	30	62	4
Winter Wheat	5	8	36	43	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/01/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	1	4
Short.....	19	24	16
Adequate.....	74	69	67
Surplus.....	5	6	13
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	14	10	NA
Adequate.....	80	82	NA
Surplus.....	5	7	NA

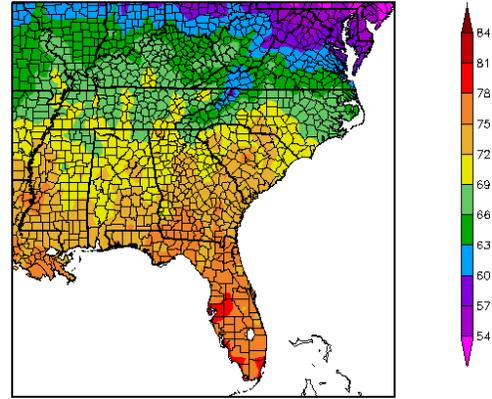
Precipitation (in)
4/25/2016 - 5/1/2016



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Temperature (F)
4/25/2016 - 5/1/2016



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

April 26, 2016

(Released Thursday, Apr. 28, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.09	44.91	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>4/19/2016</i>	55.09	44.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>1/26/2016</i>	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/22/2015</i>	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>4/26/2015</i>	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

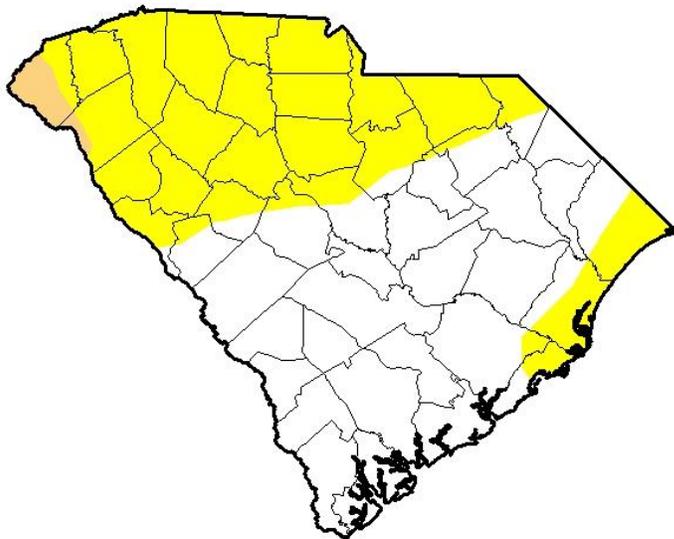
Intensity:

- 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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