



**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 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 22, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.9 inches of rain up to 4.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Extension Comments**

So far, so good. Moderate temperatures and adequate moisture has been good for the majority of our crops excluding tobacco. Tobacco for the most part looks good but needs higher temperatures and sunshine than we had this past week. Some tomato spotted wilt virus, target spot, and some very early black shank observed in tobacco.

**William Hardee, Horry County**

Little to no rain last week was somewhat of a disappointment for local growers as they were hoping for a refreshing rain as temperature are expected to climb this week. Forecast is for high 80s later in the week so concerns are mounting for the corn crop. As for now crops are doing okay with good subsoil moisture so we will monitor how the week goes weather wise.

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County**

Rain events across the area have crops off to a good start. Some farmers are picking squash and string beans. Okra is up and doing well. Some farmers who planted early okra reported that the early plantings did not grow much and got a slow start. Tomatoes are doing well. Some southern peas have been planted and are coming up.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/22/16**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	63	52	73	68
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	67	60	29	NA
Oats - Harvested .....	20	0	NA	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	5	NA	1	5
Peanuts - Planted.....	56	36	75	67
Soybeans - Planted.....	30	11	39	43
Soybeans - Emerged.....	14	0	23	25
Tobacco - Transplanted ..	96	93	94	89
Winter Wheat - Headed..	95	94	89	97
Winter Wheat - Harvested	3	0	NA	NA

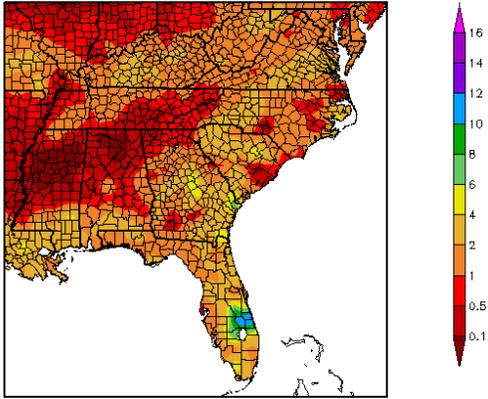
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/22/16**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	11	80	8
Corn .....	0	3	35	50	12
Cotton .....	0	0	56	44	0
Oats .....	7	11	40	40	2
Pasture and range.....	0	5	23	66	6
Peaches.....	0	0	9	76	15
Rye .....	0	5	29	62	4
Tobacco.....	0	0	21	42	37
Winter Wheat .....	4	7	35	45	9

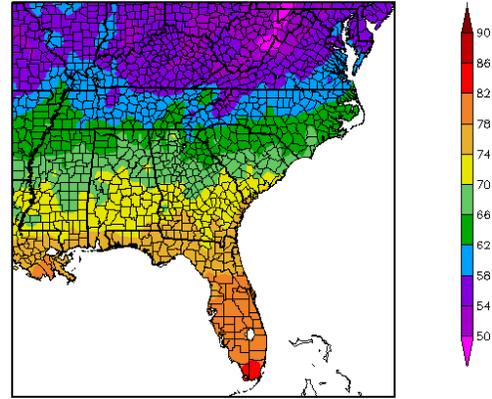
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/22/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	6
Short.....	13	23	23
Adequate.....	72	63	63
Surplus.....	14	12	8
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	8	10	NA
Adequate.....	77	76	NA
Surplus.....	14	13	NA

Precipitation (in)  
5/16/2016 – 5/22/2016



Temperature (F)  
5/16/2016 – 5/22/2016



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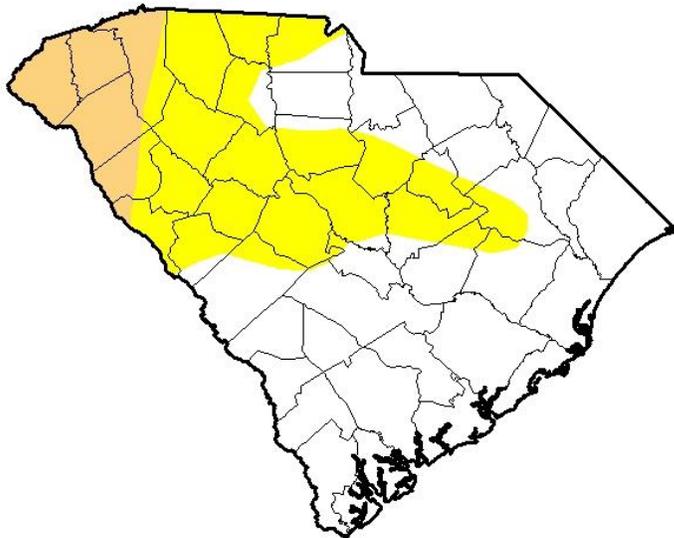
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2016.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



**May 17, 2016**

(Released Thursday, May 19, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	59.55	40.45	9.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 5/16/2016	59.99	40.01	9.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/16/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 8/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/19/2015	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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