General
According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 05, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.0 inches of rain up to 0.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

County Extension Comments

“Corn acres planted increased significantly last week as a lot of growers were operating planting operations at full capacity.”
Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County, District # 50

“Good weather conditions allowed farmers to work in fields, and complete some operations. Some corn was planted, and burn down operations were done in areas were soil moisture was not excessive. Vegetable plantings have started, with some tomatoes being transplanted. Some spring greens were also direct seeded, and transplanted. Some wet areas in wheat fields prevented farmers from applying nitrogen in a timely fashion, so some areas of the wheat fields will not be as productive as planned.”
Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District # 50

“A week with no rain-out days has allowed growers to do considerable field work in land preparation and corn planting. Treatments to small grain have been completed and small grain is now looking better. Pesticide treatments are being routinely applied to peaches. Growers are hoping for another week of sunshine which would allow them to catch up on planting and field work.”
Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District # 80
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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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