



**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 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 12, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.13 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

## County Extension Comments

“Weather has been great for field work. Some Powdery mildew found on wheat. Wheat should be starting to head soon. Tobacco transplanting is in full swing. Corn planting is as well.”

### William Hardee, Horry County, District # 30

“Serious thunderstorms swept through the county on Tuesday bringing hard rains throughout. Amounts ranged from around 0.5 in. to over 3 in. coming down in less than one hour. Some local erosion occurred affecting planted crop emergence and subsequent field preparation.”

### Powell Smith, Lexington County, District # 50

“Good weather conditions allowed farmers to work fields, and get some crops planted. Some corn is up, and doing well. Vegetables depending on drip system to supply fertilizer needs, but farmers may not be able to supply crops needs due to ample rain events. Overall, crops are progressing well, but it appears that some areas have excessive soil moisture for field operations, therefore shortening the planting windows for crops.”

### Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District # 50

“A week of unseasonably warm weather and lots of sunshine allowed growers to make good progress in land preparation and corn planting. Some small grain is beginning to head out. No disease or insect problems reported in small grain. Some areas are getting a little dry and rainfall would be welcomed. The peach crop is very promising at this point in time. Watermelon, cantaloupe, and tomato crops are looking good and progressing well.”

### Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District # 80

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/12/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	28	2	31	60
Corn - Emerged.....	17	0	22	35
Oats - Headed.....	0	0	13	28
Rye - Headed.....	11	0	19	36
Tobacco - Transplanted ...	1	0	0	9
Winter Wheat - Headed....	6	0	4	25

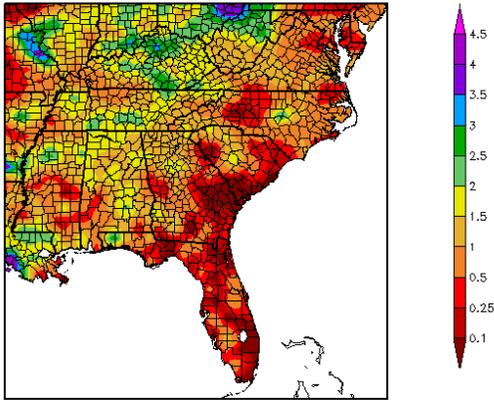
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/12/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	5	93	2
Oats .....	0	1	25	74	0
Pasture and range.....	0	3	44	49	4
Peaches.....	0	15	29	56	0
Rye .....	0	2	14	84	0
Winter Wheat .....	0	2	9	86	3

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/12/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	3
Short.....	6	4	16
Adequate.....	77	76	73
Surplus.....	17	20	8
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	NA
Short.....	7	9	NA
Adequate.....	65	59	NA
Surplus.....	28	31	NA

Precipitation (in)  
4/6/2015 - 4/12/2015

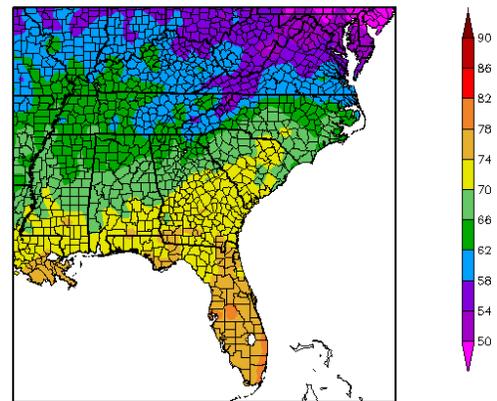


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Temperature (F)  
4/6/2015 - 4/12/2015



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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

**April 7, 2015**

(Released Thursday, Apr. 9, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	79.13	20.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>3/31/2015</i>	81.86	18.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>1/8/2015</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/02/2014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/30/2014</i>	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>4/8/2014</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

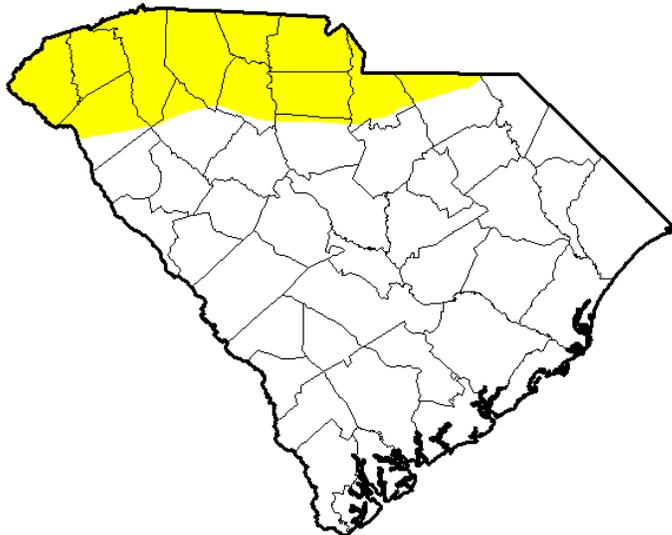
*Intensity:*

- 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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