



**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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 26, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.21 inches of rain up to 1.02 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 50s.

County Extension Comments

“A cooler and dryer week allowed farmers to get into the field and get some much needed work accomplished. Had reports of a great wheat crop. Corn has had much better growing conditions this past week. Pastures are starting to look much better.”

Brandon Lambert, Chester County, District # 20

“Drier field conditions allowed producers to complete corn plantings. Cooperating weather also allowed tobacco farmers to wind up the transplanting process as well. Tobacco will be 100% transplanted this week. Preparations are being made now for cotton, peanut, and early soybean plantings. It is still wet in spots but the county pretty much avoided the rain on Saturday.”

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District # 30

“Good weather conditions allowed field operations to progress. Burn down operations and planting operations were conducted where ever soil conditions allowed. Spring cabbage is progressing, as well as other spring vegetables. Farmers were conducting staking and tying operations in tomato fields, and the crop is looking good as of weeks end.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District # 50

“A thunderstorm dumped two inches of rain on Hampton and Allendale counties last weekend which stalled all field work for a couple of days. Planting resumed and corn planting was completed this week. Cotton and peanut planting began. The thunderstorm of last weekend had heavy wind which cause lodging in small areas of small grain crops. No insects or disease problems reported. Another rain of about an inch fell on Saturday.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District # 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/26/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	83	60	83	92
Corn - Emerged.....	68	46	60	76
Cotton - Planted.....	4	2	5	9
Oats - Headed.....	77	44	89	82
Peanuts - Planted.....	2	0	5	4
Rye - Headed.....	59	36	81	87
Soybeans - Planted.....	1	0	3	5
Tobacco - Transplanted ...	77	46	53	76
Winter Wheat - Headed....	63	20	76	76

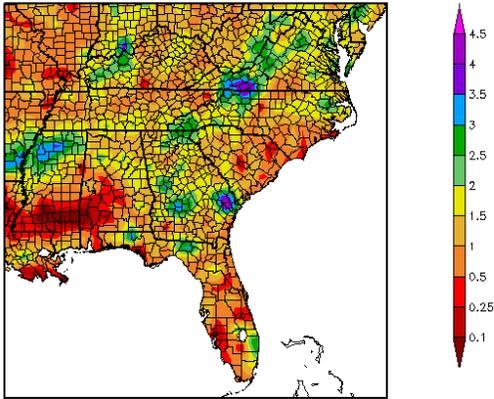
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/26/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	8	90	2
Corn	0	0	30	67	3
Hay	0	0	14	83	3
Oats	0	0	24	69	7
Pasture and range.....	0	3	37	55	5
Peaches.....	0	1	3	92	4
Rye	0	0	47	53	0
Tobacco.....	0	1	30	67	2
Winter Wheat	1	2	50	44	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/26/15

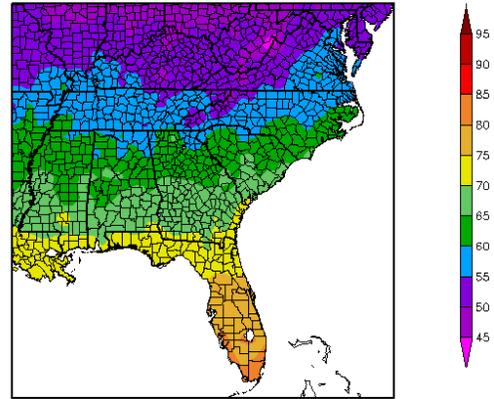
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	4
Short.....	3	4	20
Adequate.....	69	67	70
Surplus.....	28	29	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	4	4	NA
Adequate.....	63	63	NA
Surplus.....	33	33	NA

Precipitation (in)
4/20/2015 - 4/26/2015



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Temperature (F)
4/20/2015 - 4/26/2015



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

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	99.72	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>4/14/2015</i>	79.13	20.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>1/20/2015</i>	96.82	3.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/23/2014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/30/2014</i>	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>4/22/2014</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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