



**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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 03, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.04 inches of rain up to 1.47 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid-70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid-40s to the mid-50s.

County Extension Comments

"Mostly fair weather progressed peanut planting. Cotton planting delayed further by cool temperatures. Cotton planting will hit full swing this week with warmer weather and fair skies."

Charles Davis, Calhoun County, District #50

"Unusually low temperatures (43 – 45 °F) two days last week slowed the growth of many crops including early squash, cucumber, tomato, pepper, and field and sweet corn."

Powell Smith, Lexington County, District #50

"Good weather conditions allowed farmers to work in fields and conduct burn down operations. Planting of crops is progressing at a steady pace. Some tomatoes have been staked and are in need of a second tie. Other vegetables are progressing at a slow pace, as the cool nights are holding up crop progress."

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District #50

"Rainfall from last week and another 1 to 2 inches on Wednesday has provided adequate moisture in all areas of Allendale and Hampton Counties. Peaches in Allendale are in excellent condition and pest control sprays are being applied on a routine schedule. Watermelon and cantaloupe are progressing well in both counties. No disease or insect problems reported in small grain or any other crops. Cool nights and wet soils have stalled most planting of cotton and peanuts for a couple of days. Tomatoes in Hampton County are progressing well with no insect or disease problem reported."

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District #80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/03/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	91	83	92	96
Corn - Emerged.....	79	68	79	85
Cotton - Planted.....	8	4	21	19
Oats - Headed.....	79	77	96	93
Peanuts - Planted.....	13	2	21	12
Rye - Headed.....	59	59	91	95
Soybeans - Planted.....	1	1	5	12
Tobacco - Transplanted ...	79	77	NA	94
Winter Wheat - Headed....	67	63	91	92

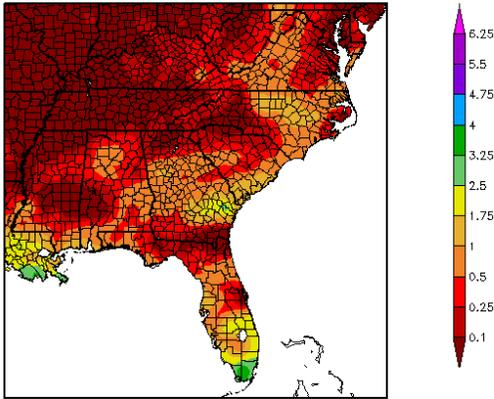
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/03/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	8	90	2
Corn	0	0	30	66	4
Hay	0	0	14	83	3
Oats	0	0	24	69	7
Pasture and range.....	0	3	36	56	5
Peaches.....	0	0	1	95	4
Rye	0	0	47	53	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	31	69	0
Winter Wheat	1	2	50	43	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/03/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	5
Short.....	3	3	24
Adequate.....	76	69	64
Surplus.....	21	28	7
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	4	4	NA
Adequate.....	69	63	NA
Surplus.....	27	33	NA

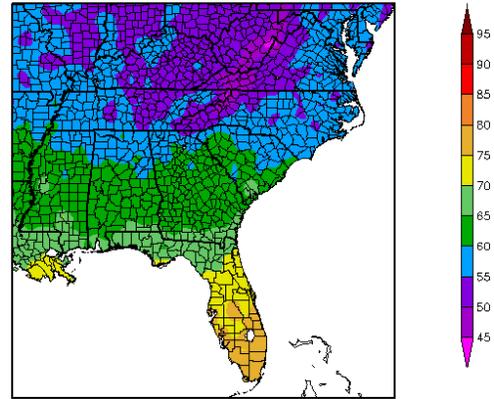
Precipitation (in)
4/27/2015 - 5/3/2015



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Temperature (F)
4/27/2015 - 5/3/2015



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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

April 28, 2015
(Released Thursday, Apr. 30, 2015)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/21/2015	99.72	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/27/2015	98.96	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/30/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/29/2014	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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