



**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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.2 inches of rain up to 1.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to the mid 60s.

**County Extension Comments**

“Warmer, drier weather allowed for a great week of field activity. We avoided those huge rains last Monday so farmers were able to get into the fields all week to plant peanuts, cotton, and soybeans. Tobacco is beginning to grow off real well with these warmer temperatures. Moisture is adequate at this time. Corn is looking really good and farmers are preparing to put the final applications of nitrogen out this week.”

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County, District 30**

“Planting of cotton, peanut, and soybeans continue. Topdress of corn continue this week. With soil moisture dropping, more pivots are running across the county. Expect planting to slow or stop in some areas if rainfall does happen this week. Expect wheat harvest to start in a few fields by the end of the week if conditions continue to be hot and dry.”

**Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County, District 50**

“Another week of warm temperatures, lots of sunshine and no rain is taking a toll on pastures, older corn and is stalling planting in most areas. Leaves of older corn are rolling by noon each day. Peach condition has slipped as growers are concerned about small sizing of the fruit. Dry weather and soils has stalled planting of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts in many areas, specially in Allendale County, as growers await rain. Small grain has progressed toward maturity more rapidly due to weather and harvesting will probably begin next week. The weather has prompted good progress in cucurbit growth and tomato growth, and these crops are fairing much better. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week. Adequate rain is desperately needed in Allendale and Hampton County to prevent continued stress on crops and worsening effect.”

**Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/17/15**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	93	92	98	99
Corn - Emerged.....	89	83	95	97
Cotton - Planted.....	67	28	60	55
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	12	3	NA	NA
Oats - Headed.....	85	82	97	99
Peanuts - Planted.....	66	27	68	49
Rye - Headed.....	68	65	95	98
Soybeans - Planted.....	34	5	33	35
Soybeans - Emerged.....	19	0	14	19
Tobacco - Transplanted ...	93	82	51	90
Winter Wheat - Headed....	88	70	97	98

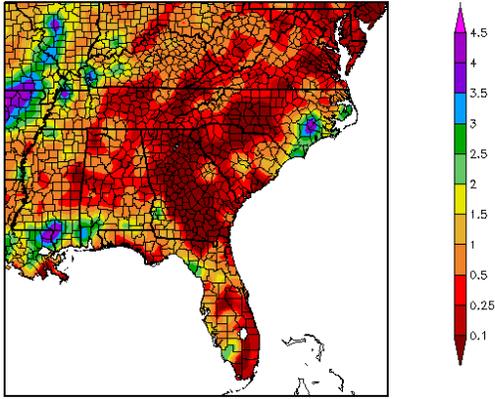
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/17/15**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	9	89	2
Corn .....	0	0	29	67	4
Hay .....	0	0	15	82	3
Oats .....	0	0	23	70	7
Pasture and range.....	0	4	38	54	4
Peaches.....	0	0	1	98	1
Rye .....	0	0	47	53	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	31	69	0
Winter Wheat .....	1	2	52	42	3

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/17/15**

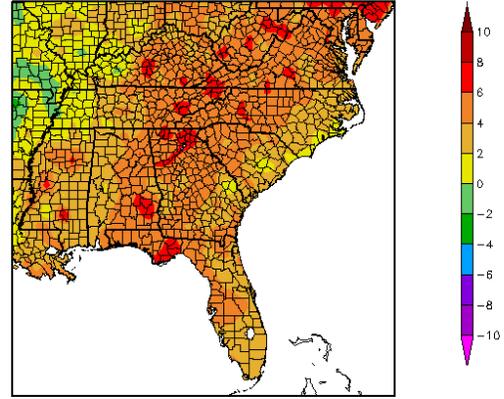
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	1	7
Short.....	12	12	26
Adequate.....	65	67	62
Surplus.....	19	20	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	11	7	NA
Adequate.....	63	66	NA
Surplus.....	26	27	NA

Precipitation (in)  
5/11/2015 – 5/17/2015



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Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
5/11/2015 – 5/17/2015



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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

**May 12, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, May. 14, 2015)  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 5/5/2015	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/10/2015	98.96	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/25/2015	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/20/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/13/2014	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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