



**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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 24, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.67 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

## County Extension Comments

“Conditions are dry and need rain. Hot weather with some light breezes.”

### Danny Howard, Greenville County, District 10

“The past few weeks have been very dry. The pastures are starting to turn brown. Some farmers are reporting that seeds are not germinating after planting. Corn crop is starting to twist up. Rain is needed very soon.”

### Brandon Lambert, Chester County, District 20

“Farmers were able to conduct fieldwork at full speed. Some corn was showing signs of moisture stress, with many farms cutting on irrigation systems. Weather conditions have allowed vegetables with irrigation to progress at a steady pace. Some of the tomato crop is golf ball sized and looking good for the most part.”

### Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Another week of warm temperatures and lots of sunshine has further reduced the soil moisture availability. Older dryland corn leaves are rolling before noon. Planting is continuing in many areas in hopes of getting rain to bring up the crop. Small grain harvesting began this week with yields being satisfactory in most areas. All dryland crops are being stressed due to a lack of soil moisture. No insect or disease problems reported in crops. Peach harvest is continuing. Tomato and cucurbit crops are progressing well. Adequate rainfall is desperately needed soon.”

### Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	96	93	99	100
Corn - Emerged.....	95	89	98	99
Cotton - Planted.....	75	67	78	74
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	36	12	NA	NA
Oats - Headed.....	90	85	98	100
Peaches - Harvested.....	1	NA	1	7
Peanuts - Planted.....	78	66	87	70
Rye - Headed.....	70	68	95	99
Soybeans - Planted.....	41	34	43	46
Soybeans - Emerged.....	25	19	22	28
Tobacco - Transplanted ...	94	93	53	91
Winter Wheat - Headed....	89	88	98	99

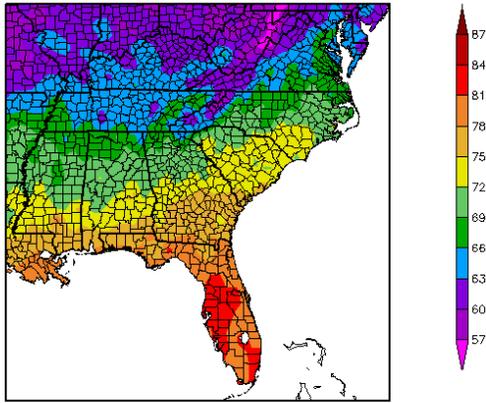
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	8	90	2
Corn.....	0	1	32	63	4
Hay.....	0	1	19	78	2
Oats.....	0	0	23	70	7
Pasture and range.....	0	7	41	49	3
Peaches.....	0	0	1	98	1
Rye.....	0	0	46	54	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	31	69	0
Winter Wheat.....	1	2	52	42	3

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/24/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	9	4	7
Short.....	17	12	27
Adequate.....	55	65	61
Surplus.....	19	19	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	0	NA
Short.....	16	11	NA
Adequate.....	55	63	NA
Surplus.....	26	26	NA

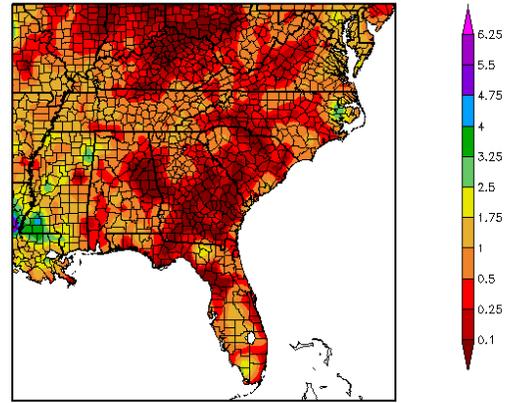
Temperature (F)  
5/19/2015 - 5/25/2015



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Precipitation (in)  
5/19/2015 - 5/25/2015



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Regional Climate Centers

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 19, 2015

(Released Thursday, May 21, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

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> 5/12/2015	99.71	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/17/2015	98.55	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/02/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/20/2014	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



### Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought
D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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