



**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 Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 0.46 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 50s.

County Comments

Farmers had a great week to get into the field. Windy conditions made some farming applications harder to complete but in general most farmers were in the field planting or checking on wheat and pastures. Cattle are looking good. We had a late frost with 6 to 8 hours of freezing or below freezing temperatures on Sunday the 10th. This caused issues with early planted produce.

Brandon Lambert, Chester County

Some tobacco was damaged or destroyed from the freeze on the 10th, and will have to be completely reset or re-pegged. Corn (V1-V3) suffered minimal freeze injury but will be okay. Soils are beginning to dry out a little more, but soil temperature is still relatively low. The lingering cold weather is causing crop growth to stunt a little. However, the nights are supposed to be getting warmer this coming week.

William Hardee, Horry County

Strong winds and low humidity have begun to dry out topsoil moisture. Planting conditions are still good, but could change rapidly with hot temperatures and limited rainfall chances predicted the coming week.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Cooler, cloudy and overcast skies prevailed during several days during the week but deposited only a trace of rain. All small grain crops have headed out. No insect or disease problems reported. Corn planting is about complete with the emerged crop looking good. Growers will be shifting to cotton and peanut planting next week. Watermelon crop is doing satisfactory. But, cooler weather had all crops progressing more slowly this week. Peaches are progressing well and growers are routinely applying insect and disease controls.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/17/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	77	62	51	70
Corn - Emerged	59	27	38	47
Cotton - Planted.....	2	0	1	3
Peanuts - Planted	0	NA	0	0
Tobacco - Transplanted ..	19	6	33	39
Winter Wheat - Headed ..	32	8	16	39

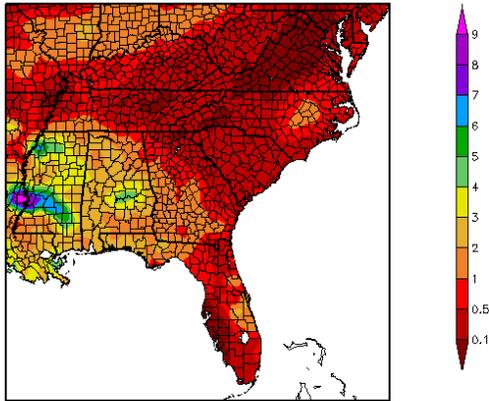
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/17/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	11	80	9
Oats.....	6	12	31	49	2
Pasture and range	0	0	16	76	8
Peaches	0	0	7	75	18
Rye.....	0	4	28	64	4
Winter Wheat.....	2	5	35	50	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/17/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short.....	7	6	14
Adequate	78	76	70
Surplus	15	18	14
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	NA
Short.....	3	0	NA
Adequate	80	80	NA
Surplus	17	20	NA

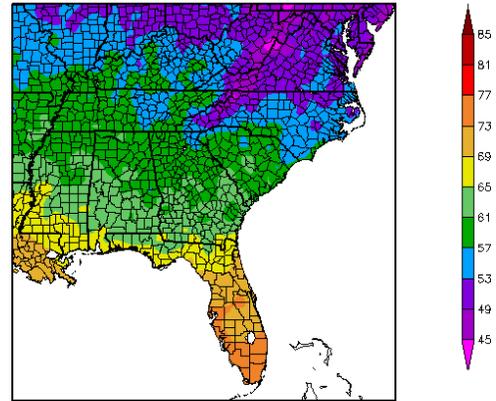
Precipitation (in)
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Temperature (F)
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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

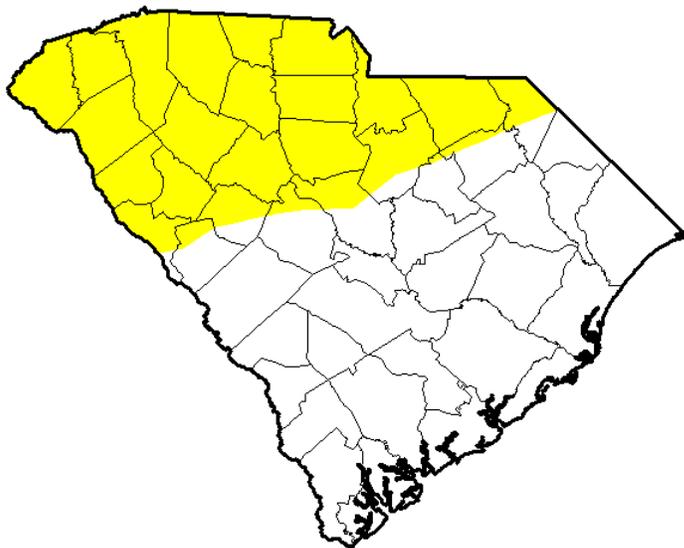
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.82	40.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/5/2016	59.82	40.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/12/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/14/2015	79.13	20.87	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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