



**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's South Carolina Field Office, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 1.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 60s.

County Extension Comments

Corn showing some nutrient deficiency and have seen some nematode issues. Tobacco is taking off and doing well. Overall crop condition is off to a very good start.

William Hardee, Horry County

Warmer temperatures have allowed for good plant growth in the tobacco and corn crop. Tobacco is beginning to flatten out which is a good sign of accelerated growth about to begin. Corn has grown well and looks really good at this point. Some cotton is up and growing while most of the crop along with peanuts is just being planted. Good soil moisture exist over the entire county.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

A cold front came through the area this week and created several thunderstorms mostly in the southern portions of the county. The storm on May 6 created hail in a small area on the eastern portion but no crop damage reported. All crops are progressing well with peanut and cotton planting underway by most growers. No crop, insect, or disease problems reported. Small grains are progressing quickly to maturity.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/08/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged.....	95	88	82	88
Cotton - Planted	31	16	22	27
Hay - 1st Cutting	42	32	2	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	23	4	23	24
Soybeans - Planted.....	7	1	4	15
Tobacco - Transplanted .	87	79	81	80
Winter Wheat - Headed..	84	64	69	91

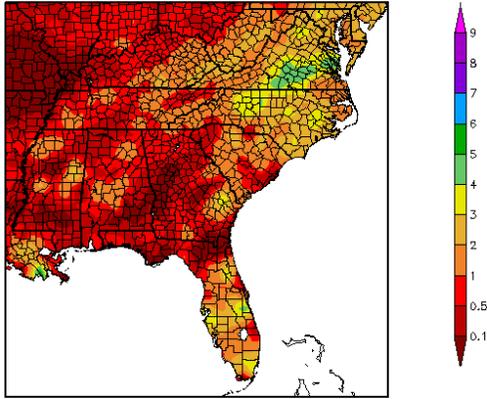
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/08/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	10	80	9
Corn	0	3	35	50	12
Oats	7	12	39	40	2
Pasture and range.....	0	3	25	66	6
Peaches.....	0	0	11	74	15
Rye	0	5	29	62	4
Tobacco.....	0	0	23	55	22
Winter Wheat	4	8	35	45	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/08/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	2	3
Short.....	13	19	18
Adequate.....	74	74	71
Surplus.....	12	5	8
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	7	14	NA
Adequate.....	79	80	NA
Surplus.....	13	5	NA

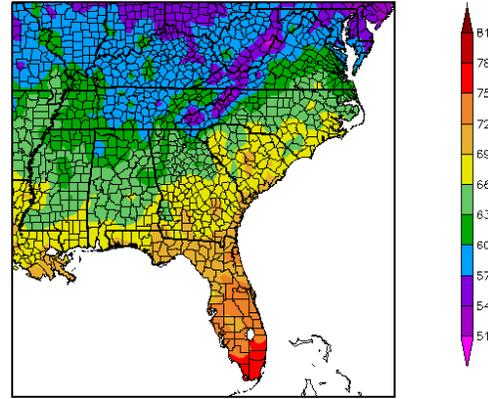
Precipitation (in)
5/2/2016 – 5/8/2016



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Temperature (F)
5/2/2016 – 5/8/2016



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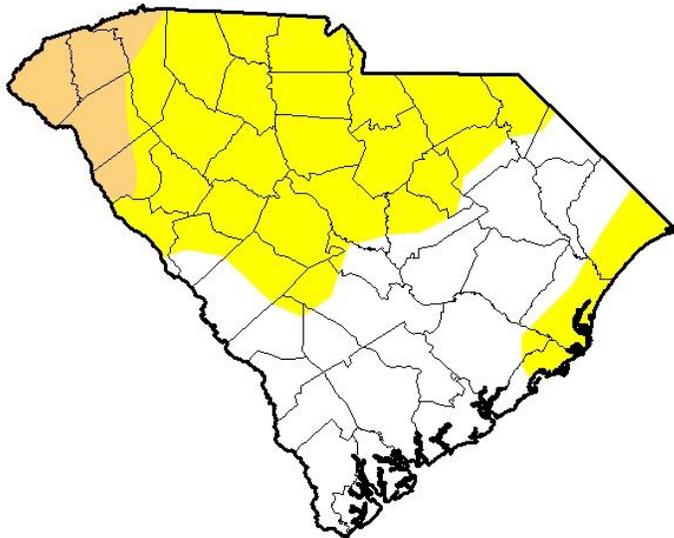
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php

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	43.68	56.32	7.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/26/2016	55.09	44.91	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/2/2016	99.64	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	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 5/5/2015	99.71	0.29	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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