



**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 2, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

The extreme drought conditions continue. Pastures are not expected to produce the amount of spring forage typically produced. Small grains were planted late, but are progressing. Crop should begin boot to heading soon. Most growers report good tiller development.

Morris Warner, Oconee County

Below freezing temperatures in mid-March severely damaged the small grain crops. Many fields will be abandoned with others producing disappointing yields. The same happened to local peaches that were in bloom. Production will be limited for peaches in this area. Corn planting has continued rapidly the past two weeks as more favorable weather occurred. A good rain fell on Wednesday night, eliminating soil dryness in most areas.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

The heavy frost and cold temperatures in March put strawberries behind. Many blooms needed to be removed. Peaches are in the same condition. Peach trees that were blooming were hurt badly from the cold weather. Winter wheat is not looking to yield like it should from the poor growing conditions this past winter.

Brandon Lambert, Fairfield County

Corn planting continues in the county. Recent rainfall will help keep corn planting moving. Wheat conditions continue to deteriorate as freeze damage becomes more visible.

Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/02/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	21	NA	26	23
Corn - Emerged.....	7	NA	13	8
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	90	NA	65	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	2	NA	3	NA
Winter Wheat - Headed..	8	NA	2	8

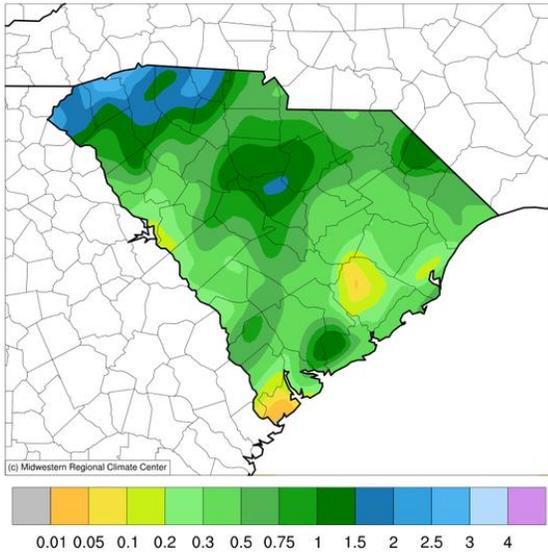
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/02/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	30	68	1
Oats	0	28	53	19	0
Pasture and range.....	2	10	55	33	0
Peaches.....	36	45	16	3	0
Rye	5	30	54	11	0
Winter Wheat	2	17	67	14	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/02/17

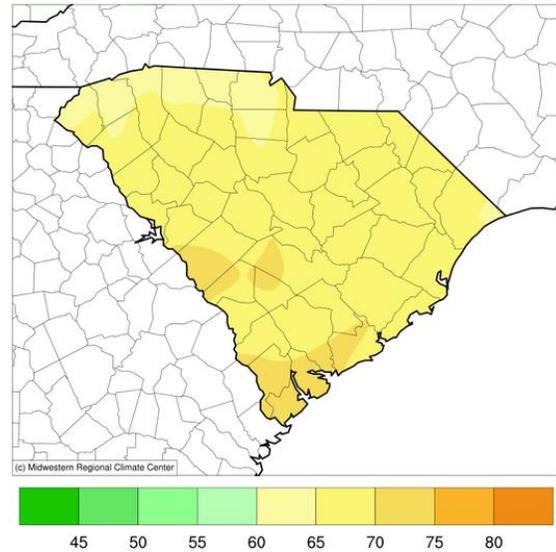
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	NA	2
Short.....	32	NA	10
Adequate.....	65	NA	72
Surplus.....	0	NA	16
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	NA	NA
Short.....	17	NA	NA
Adequate.....	78	NA	NA
Surplus.....	0	NA	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 27, 2017 to April 02, 2017



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Average Temperature (°F)
March 27, 2017 to April 02, 2017

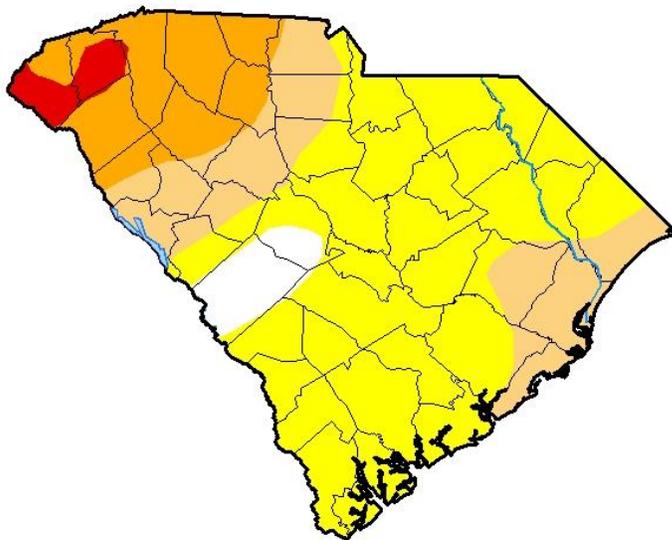


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http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

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	4.43	95.57	37.62	17.57	2.66	0.00
Last Week 03-21-2017	10.51	89.49	35.56	17.61	4.16	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-27-2016	25.02	74.98	41.79	26.67	9.60	0.03
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-29-2016	62.41	37.59	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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