



**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 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 5.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/09/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	56	21	57	44
Corn - Emerged.....	21	7	25	21
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	93	90	94	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	4	2	6	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	38	8	7	17

County Comments

Two storms brought some much needed rain. Pastures are greening up, but are still hurt from the lack of rain over the winter months.

Brandon Lambert, Fairfield County

Most of the corn acres in Horry County have been planted and are starting to emerge. Most tobacco farmers will start planting the crop this week and continue for the next couple weeks as weather permits.

Hilda Shelley, Horry County

Violent thunderstorms with heavy rain, some hail, and very high winds passed through the county on Wednesday. Most crops were missed by the hail storm, but there was some damage to fruit, vegetables, small grains, and emerged corn.

Powell Smith, Lexington County

Thunderstorms during Tuesday and Wednesday stalled all fieldwork. These storms dropped more than an inch of rain on most areas. High winds on Thursday and Friday limited fieldwork. Corn planting is nearing completion, and growers are gearing up for peanut and cotton planting. No insect or disease problems reported.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/09/17

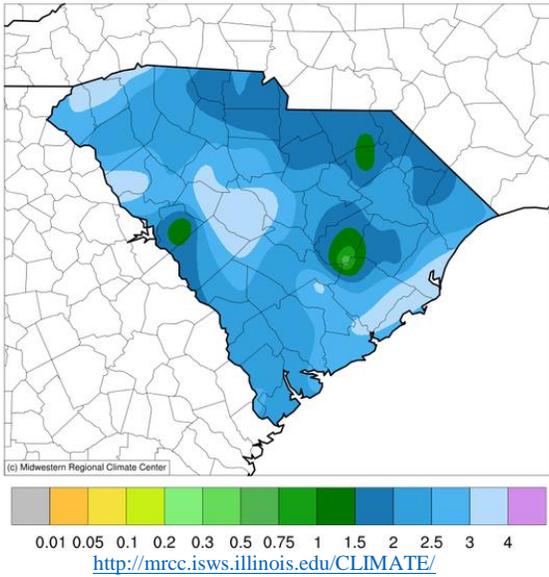
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	30	66	3
Oats	4	26	48	22	0
Pasture and range.....	1	7	50	42	0
Peaches.....	61	27	10	2	0
Rye	7	27	51	15	0
Winter wheat.....	5	14	62	19	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/09/17

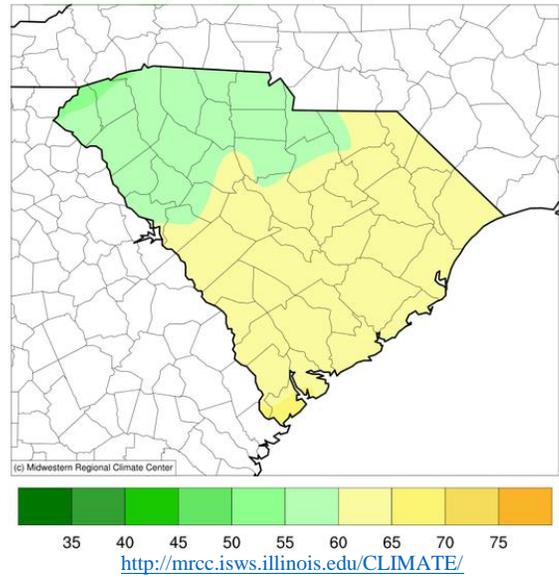
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	3	2
Short.....	19	32	16
Adequate.....	71	65	71
Surplus.....	10	0	11

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	5	NA
Short.....	11	17	NA
Adequate.....	78	78	NA
Surplus.....	11	0	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



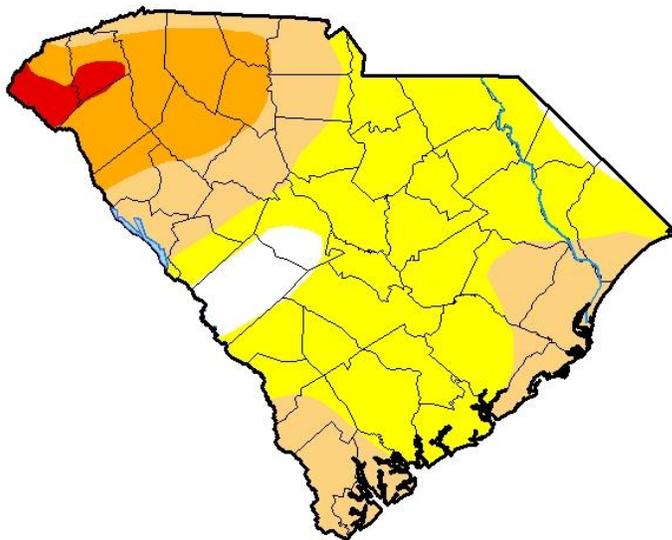
Average Temperature (°F)
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
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	5.08	94.92	42.49	15.41	2.16	0.00
Last Week 03-28-2017	4.43	95.57	37.62	17.57	2.66	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
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 04-05-2016	59.82	40.18	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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