



**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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 16, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 50s.

## County Comments

Although areas of Spartanburg County received some much needed rainfall, we are still in a drought situation. Pastures turned green, but there is not much growth.

Additional rainfall is needed very soon to make a hay crop and encourage growth in pastures. Small grains in many areas look good at this time.

### Glenn Thomas, Spartanburg County

Corn planting continues toward completion. Burndown has begun ahead of cotton and peanut planting.

### Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Corn is up and growing. Some farmers planted squash and other vegetables last week.

### Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Tomatoes are slightly behind as the wind and cold last month battered them. They are pulling out of stress and growing well now. Most squash, melons, and beans are planted.

### Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

A week of sunshine, warm temperatures, and no rain permitted completion of corn planting. Everything has greened up, which is removing soil moisture. Some areas need a rain. Many cotton and peanut growers are having to wait for rain before starting their planting. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week. Peach and small grain production will be significantly reduced due to a freeze in March.

### Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/16/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	74	56	75	65
Corn - Emerged.....	42	21	54	43
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	2	3
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Peaches - Blooming.....	100	93	NA	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	12	4	17	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	59	38	29	33

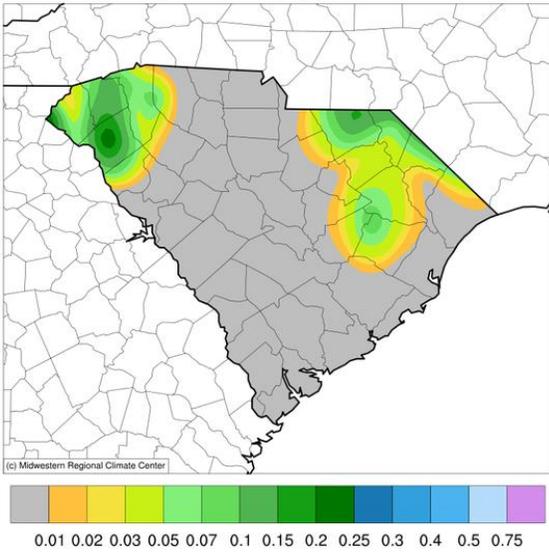
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/16/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	29	65	5
Corn.....	1	1	5	78	15
Oats.....	7	28	42	23	0
Pasture and range.....	1	10	49	39	1
Peaches.....	69	20	9	2	0
Rye.....	8	25	52	15	0
Winter wheat.....	5	13	60	22	0

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/16/17

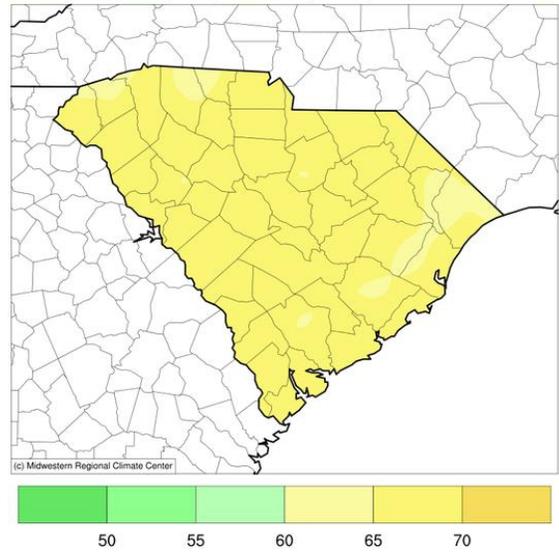
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	0	2
Short.....	23	19	12
Adequate.....	70	71	70
Surplus.....	5	10	16
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	0	NA
Short.....	20	11	NA
Adequate.....	74	78	NA
Surplus.....	5	11	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017

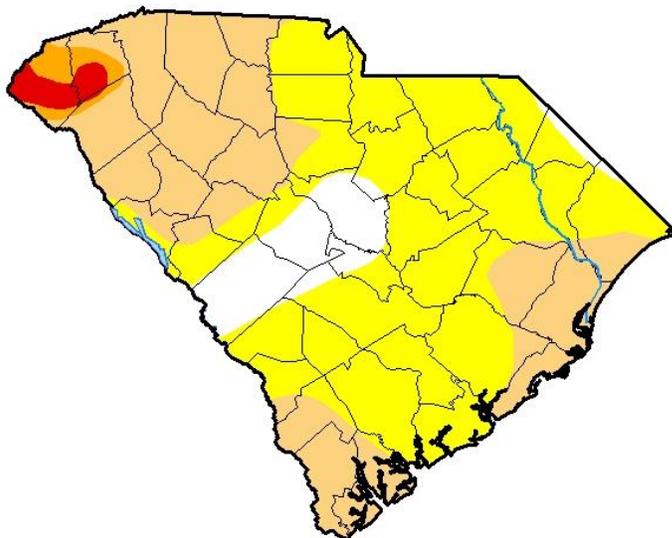


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary  
[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2017.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 11, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 13, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	9.17	90.83	38.40	3.33	1.63	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-04-2017	5.08	94.92	42.49	15.41	2.16	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-10-2017	39.13	60.87	28.60	18.69	4.12	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-12-2016	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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