



**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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 23, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Horry County had very good planting conditions this past week. Some tobacco transplants looked like the wind or sand had beaten them up a little, but overall they looked fine. Some Hessian fly damage and leaf rust were seen on wheat.

William Hardee, Horry County

Peanut and cotton planting started this week and will hit full stretch next week. Rain needed.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Lee County had a good week of planting and other field activities, resulting in lots of farmers getting caught up or getting a little ahead. Peanuts, cotton, and some early soybeans were planted.

David Dewitt, Lee County

Growers with irrigation assets began planting peanuts and cotton. However, another week of unusually warm temperatures with little to no rain for most areas stalled peanut and cotton planting in dryland fields. Young corn leaves were curling due to dry soils in some areas. No insect or disease problems were reported during the week. Watermelons were beginning to vine out across the bed. A good rain is desperately needed in most areas.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/23/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	81	74	86	83
Corn - Emerged.....	54	42	77	65
Cotton - Planted.....	2	0	7	6
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	10	0	8	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	NA	0	1
Tobacco - Transplanted..	43	12	32	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	72	59	53	59

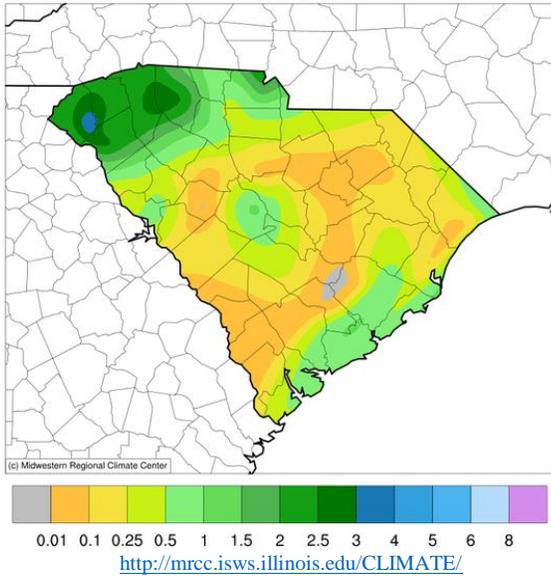
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/23/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	29	65	5
Corn.....	0	0	5	66	29
Oats.....	6	25	43	26	0
Pasture and range.....	1	9	50	39	1
Peaches.....	69	21	10	0	0
Rye.....	9	23	52	16	0
Winter wheat.....	5	13	55	26	1

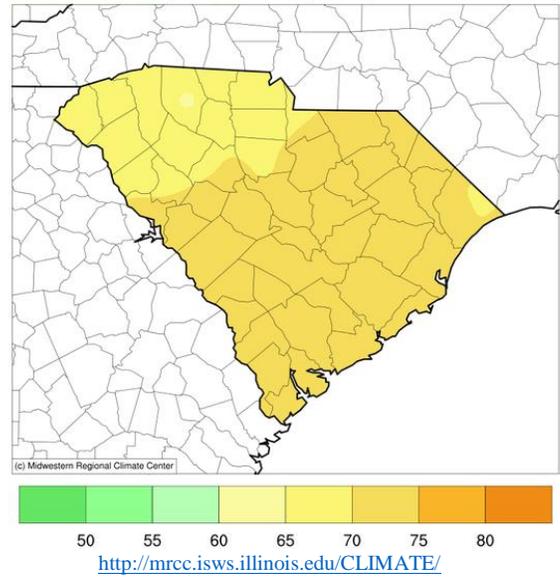
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/23/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	3
Short.....	29	23	16
Adequate.....	67	70	70
Surplus.....	3	5	11
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	23	20	NA
Adequate.....	75	74	NA
Surplus.....	1	5	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 17, 2017 to April 23, 2017



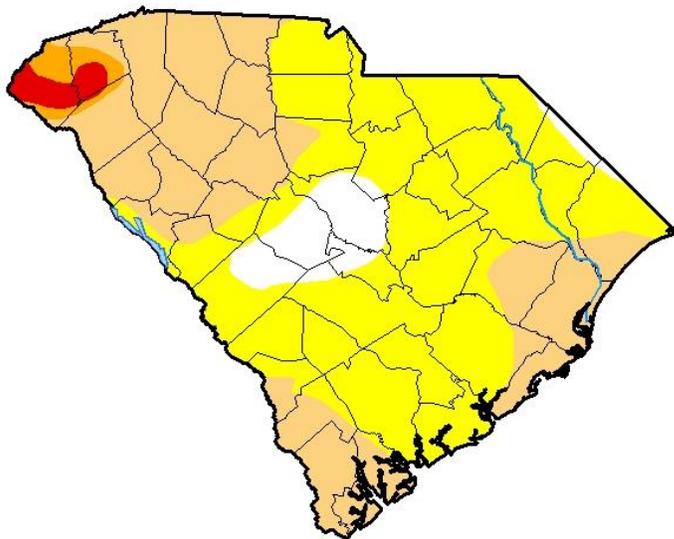
Average Temperature (°F)
April 17, 2017 to April 23, 2017



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	6.95	93.05	38.71	3.33	1.63	0.00
Last Week 04-11-2017	9.17	90.83	38.40	3.33	1.63	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-17-2017	39.13	60.87	28.60	18.69	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 04-19-2016	55.09	44.91	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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