



**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 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.3 inches of rain up to 8.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Farmers were pleased to receive some valuable rainfall. The rain greened up the pastures, allowing great grazing conditions. Nearly all corn is planted and emerging with good conditions. Peanut planting started and should be in full swing over the next few weeks.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Horry County received several inches of rain early in the week. Since we have been considerably dry during the last three to four months, the rain was more than welcome and benefited the crops. Most of the wheat has flowered. Tobacco transplants are starting to take root nicely. Farmers are starting to plant peanuts.

William Hardee, Horry County

Recent rains have brought welcomed relief to the drought in Oconee County. We certainly have not made up for the rain shortage, but things are improving.

Morris Warner, Oconee County

A thunder storm passed over Allendale County on Sunday and Monday, April 23 and 24, providing heavy rain that relieved drought conditions in most areas. As a result, corn improved. Additionally, peanut and cotton growers began planting at a rapid pace. Pastures improved somewhat. No crop insect or disease problems reported. High temperatures during the end of the week coupled with rapidly growing crops quickly removed soil moisture. More rain will be needed shortly. Small grain is drying down quickly, and harvest will begin soon.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	94	81	94	91
Corn - Emerged.....	81	54	87	79
Cotton - Planted.....	18	2	15	12
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	31	10	29	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	9	1	3	8
Soybeans - Planted.....	5	NA	1	7
Tobacco - Transplanted..	71	43	73	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	83	72	63	77

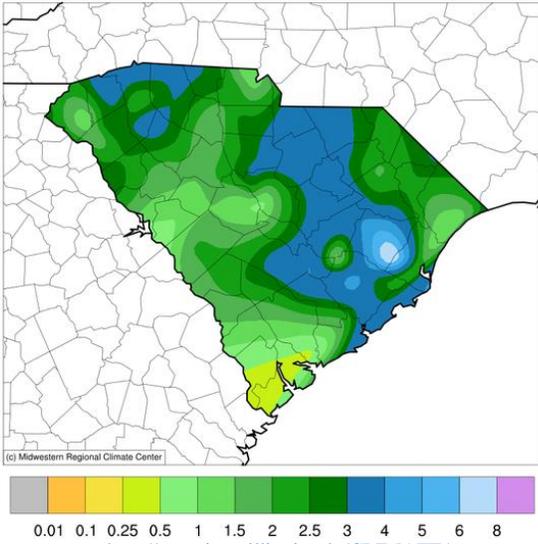
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	23	65	12
Corn	0	0	5	56	39
Oats	10	18	26	41	5
Pasture and range.....	0	2	30	63	5
Peaches.....	75	14	11	0	0
Rye	10	15	26	42	7
Winter wheat	6	13	38	36	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/30/17

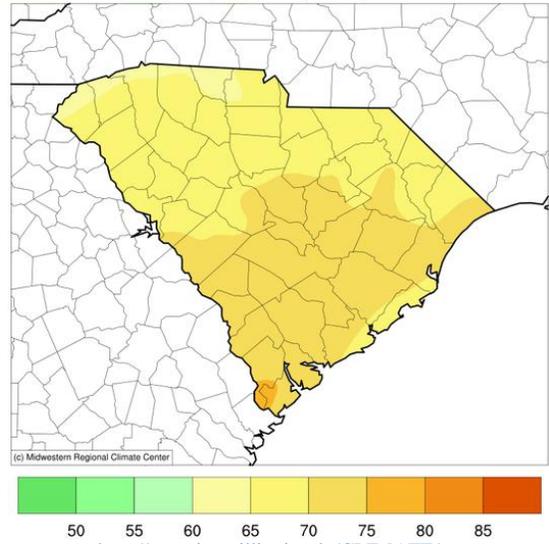
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	4
Short.....	5	29	17
Adequate.....	73	67	67
Surplus.....	22	3	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	NA
Short.....	7	23	NA
Adequate.....	71	75	NA
Surplus.....	22	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 2017



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 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

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

April 25, 2017

(Released Thursday, Apr. 27, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	32.96	67.04	18.56	1.70	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-18-2017	6.95	93.05	38.71	3.33	1.63	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-24-2017	71.19	28.81	21.88	4.12	0.00	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 04-26-2016	55.09	44.91	1.66	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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