



**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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 7, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.3 inches up to 3.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Most pastures have shown great improvement over the very poor conditions from the end of last year. Producers have been reporting good first cuttings of hay. Some first cuttings have been delayed by continued rainfall. While topsoil moisture is mostly adequate, continued rainfall is needed to recover completely from the exceptional drought that was experienced in the region last year.

J. Blake Badger, Anderson County

Horry County received a couple small showers, which is a good start for corn and tobacco crops. Cotton and peanut farmers started planting.

Hilda Shelley, Horry County

Some corn drowned out in the bottoms where drainage is not good, and some fields have corn that is stunted due to too much moisture in the soil profile. Most corn is looking excellent where the corn has the needed nitrogen, but some areas may suffer if farmers cannot get into the fields. Cool nights and days have slowed the progress of some vegetables.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Sunshine and favorable temperatures kept cotton and peanut growers rapidly planting. A severe thunderstorm passed through on Thursday night which slowed planting in most areas for a day or two. Some small grain growers abandoned their crops and planted cotton or peanuts as no-till. Peach yields are expected to be disappointing this year. Corn condition and yield potential improved slightly due to adequate moisture and favorable weather.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/07/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	97	94	100	96
Corn - Emerged.....	94	81	94	87
Cotton - Planted.....	34	18	29	25
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	39	31	41	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	30	9	20	22
Soybeans - Planted.....	12	5	6	12
Tobacco - Transplanted..	91	71	86	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	95	83	81	87

Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/07/17

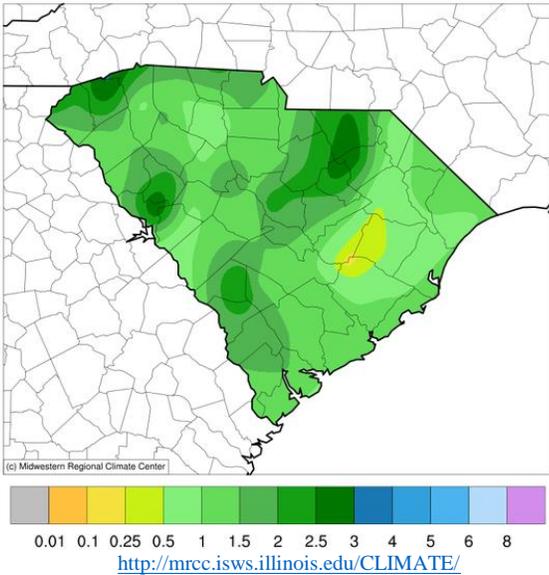
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	15	80	5
Corn.....	0	1	3	50	46
Oats.....	4	12	30	49	5
Pasture and range.....	0	0	30	65	5
Peaches.....	70	27	3	0	0
Rye.....	4	10	34	51	1
Tobacco.....	0	0	48	51	1
Winter wheat.....	1	8	40	49	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/07/17

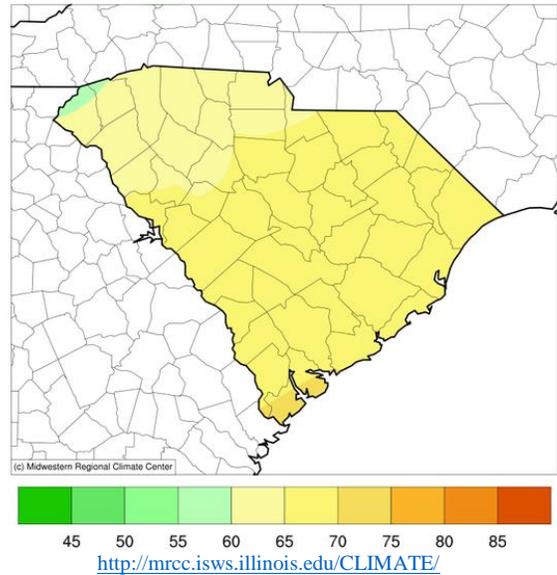
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	2	5	17
Adequate.....	76	73	72
Surplus.....	22	22	9

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	11	7	NA
Adequate.....	66	71	NA
Surplus.....	23	22	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 01, 2017 to May 07, 2017



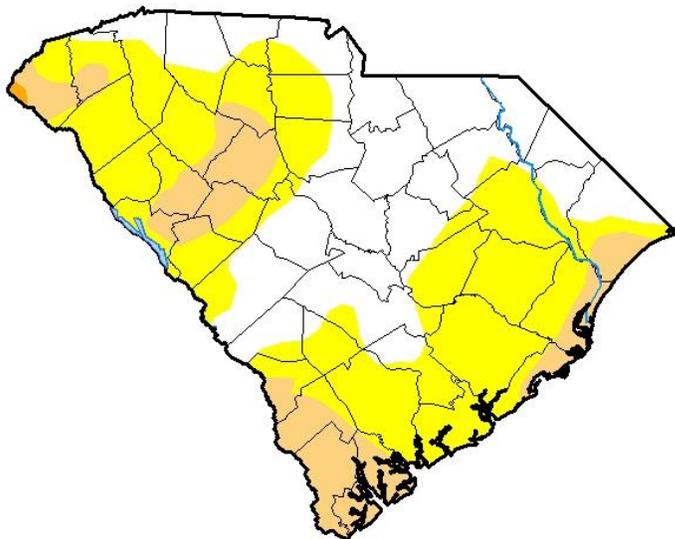
Average Temperature (°F)
May 01, 2017 to May 07, 2017



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

May 2, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.05	61.95	15.80	0.15	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-25-2017	32.96	67.04	18.56	1.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-31-2017	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 05-03-2016	43.68	56.32	7.75	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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