



**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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 14, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Cooler daytime temperatures, lower humidity, and an adequate supply of rainfall have tobacco and corn crops doing well. Soybean planting is starting to accelerate. Cotton and peanuts are starting to emerge.

Hilda Shelley, Horry County

Producers continued to receive good weather conditions for planting. Crops are making good progress. Most of the corn crop is in really good condition. The hay crop is looking promising as well.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

A few farmers reported seeing stink bugs on vegetables. Soil moisture is mostly good, with some excess in the lower areas of fields. Tomato spotted wilt virus was reported in some tomatoes.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Higher than normal temperatures and little to no rain through Saturday at noon had most areas needing rain. The leaves of corn planted on lighter soils were curling by the midafternoons during the week. However, favorable weather accelerated planting of peanuts and cotton. On Saturday afternoon, a thunderstorm provided some rain to most areas within the county. No crop insect or disease problems were reported this week.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/14/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged.....	98	94	100	98
Cotton - Planted.....	52	34	49	45
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	43	39	57	NA
Oats - Harvested.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	49	30	34	43
Rye - Harvested.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Planted.....	28	12	10	23
Soybeans - Emerged.....	4	NA	0	10
Tobacco - Transplanted .	100	91	92	85
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	NA	NA	NA

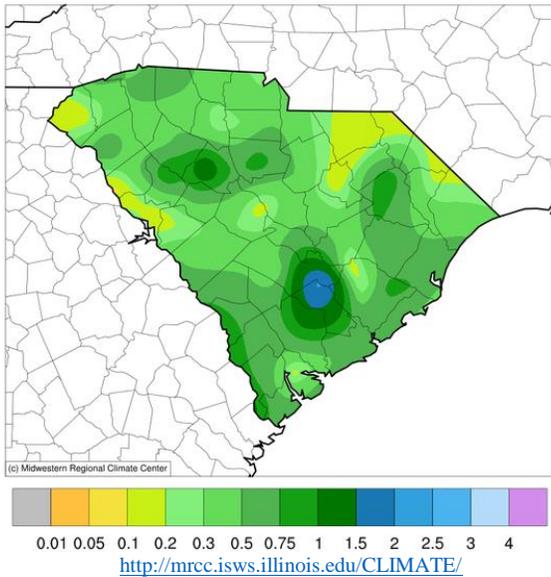
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/14/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	17	78	5
Corn.....	0	0	4	67	29
Oats.....	3	9	38	49	1
Pasture and range.....	0	3	35	62	0
Peaches.....	60	37	3	0	0
Rye.....	3	7	41	49	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	23	76	1
Winter wheat.....	2	7	37	54	0

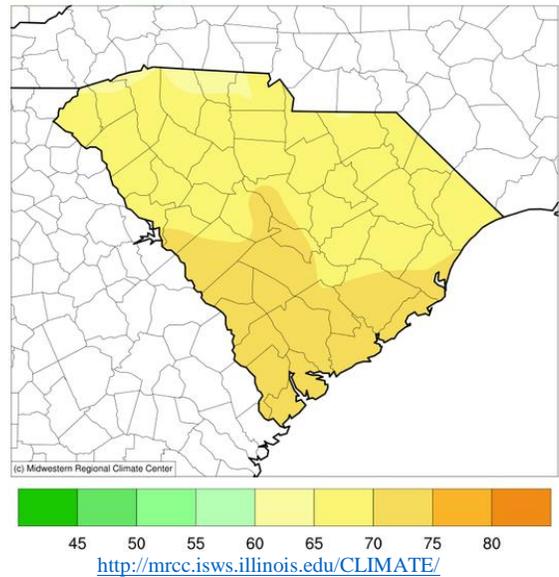
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/14/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	7	2	16
Adequate.....	87	76	71
Surplus.....	6	22	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	8	11	NA
Adequate.....	86	66	NA
Surplus.....	6	23	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 08, 2017 to May 14, 2017



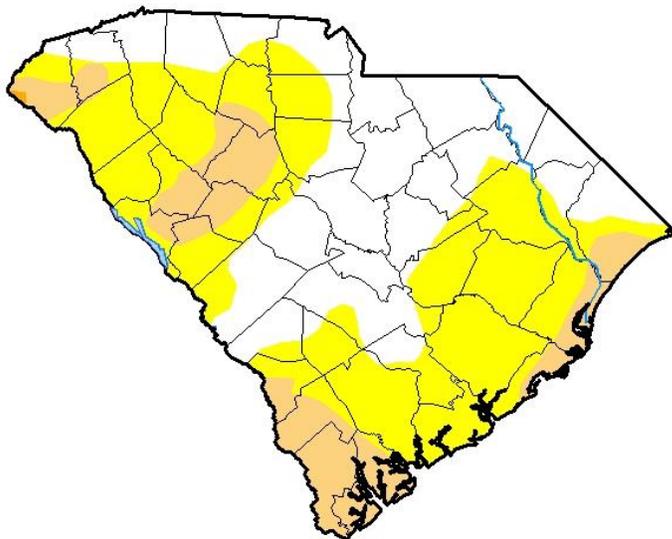
Average Temperature (°F)
May 08, 2017 to May 14, 2017



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	39.31	60.69	15.64	0.08	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-02-2017	38.05	61.95	15.80	0.15	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-07-2017	71.14	28.86	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 05-10-2016	59.99	40.01	9.21	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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