



**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 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.9 inches of rain up to 7.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Recent rains really helped crop and pasture conditions.

Morris Warner, Oconee County

Much needed rain fell in our area over the weekend as corn is starting to tassel. Tomato wilt virus in tobacco is a little more prevalent this year, and the damage is a little more extensive than in years past. Cotton and peanuts have been planted and have emerged. Soybeans will continue to be planted as weather permits for the next couple weeks.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Soil moisture is good. Final planting continued this week. Cotton and peanut planting should be mostly completed this coming week. There is moderate thrips damage to early planted cotton and peanuts, but later planted crops seem to have missed the worst damage.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Rain events kept farmers out of the field, but it was a timely rain for corn. Some sweet corn is silking. Tomatoes are progressing, but some are not setting fruit as heavily as normal.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Thunderstorms in the beginning of the week stalled fieldwork until Saturday. Excessive rain formed gullies in some fields. The rain, however, improved the condition and yield potential of field corn. Emerged cotton, soybeans, and peanuts are being inspected for disease, but no problems reported so far.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/28/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	2	NA	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted	77	64	70	77
Cotton - Squaring	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 1st Cutting	56	50	74	NA
Oats - Harvested	5	1	30	21
Peaches - Harvested.....	2	0	8	9
Peanuts - Planted.....	86	70	73	81
Rye - Harvested	8	4	11	13
Soybeans - Planted.....	41	32	53	48
Soybeans - Emerged.....	26	16	28	31
Winter wheat - Harvested	5	1	5	10

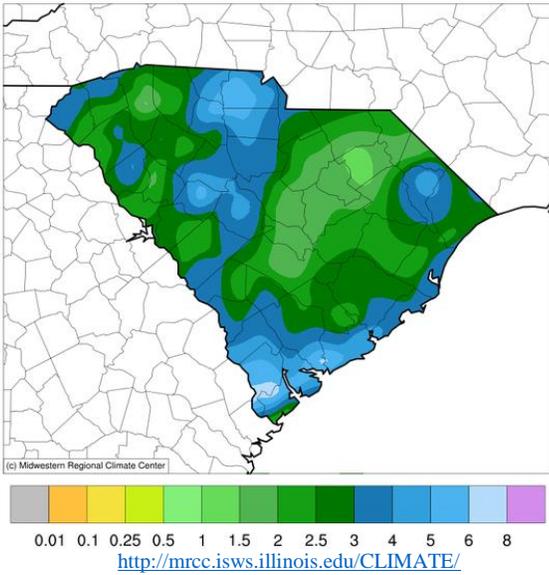
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/28/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	15	79	6
Corn	0	0	16	54	30
Cotton	0	0	27	73	0
Oats	0	7	39	54	0
Pasture and range.....	0	0	17	76	7
Peaches.....	44	48	8	0	0
Peanuts.....	0	0	13	87	0
Rye	1	11	50	38	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	28	72	0
Winter wheat.....	0	5	53	42	0

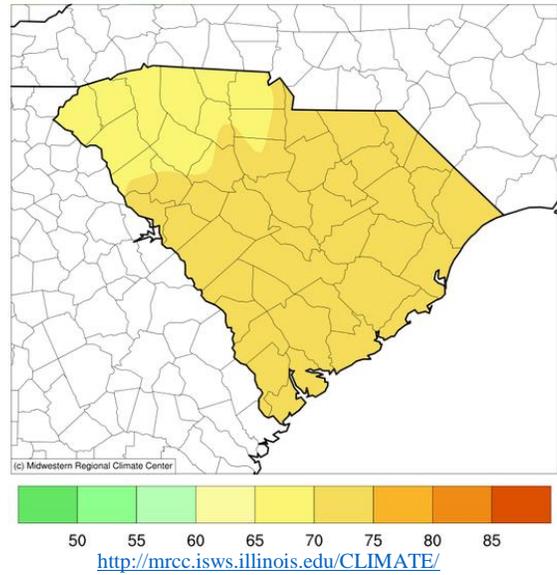
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/28/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	3	3
Short.....	7	46	20
Adequate.....	87	51	67
Surplus.....	6	0	10
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	2	NA
Short.....	17	32	NA
Adequate.....	75	66	NA
Surplus.....	8	0	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 22, 2017 to May 28, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
May 22, 2017 to May 28, 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 23, 2017

(Released Thursday, May 25, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.94	49.06	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-16-2017	39.27	60.73	15.55	0.08	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-21-2017	59.51	40.49	24.57	8.55	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 05-24-2016	83.07	16.93	8.15	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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