



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 1, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain in multiple locations up to 0.63 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

County Comments

Corn planting has started, but most growers are progressing slowly due to cooler weather. I expect planted acres of corn to increase rapidly next week.

Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County

Corn planting began in earnest this week. Rain showers over the weekend may halt planting activity until it is dry again. Burndown ahead of early peanut planting has begun.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Horry County tobacco farmers should start setting plants later this week as weather conditions continue to improve. Some corn has been planted, and planting will continue into next week.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

The last week of March brought some rain to the area along with more favorable temperatures for fieldwork. Corn planting is progressing well now. Some rye fields are heading, but other small grains are in the flag leaf stage. Field preparations for planting are progressing well. Watermelons have been planted by most growers. A good rain, along with ideal temperatures would be most welcomed by growers.

Hugh Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/01/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	10	NA	21	17
Corn - Emerged.....	2	NA	7	5
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	85	NA	89	33
Tobacco - Transplanted..	0	NA	2	2
Winter wheat - Headed...	0	NA	8	3

Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/01/18

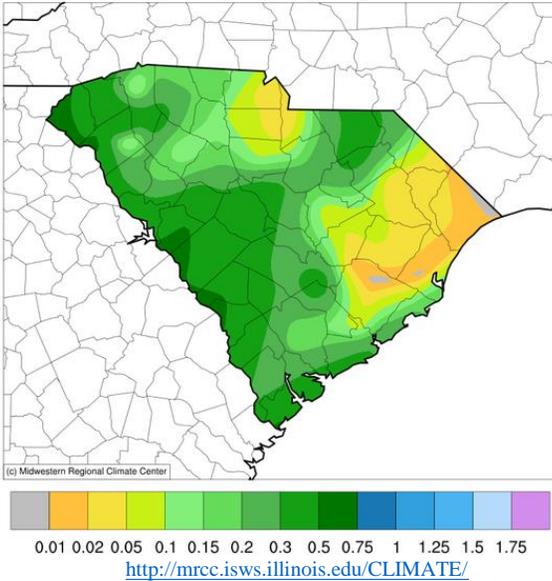
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	44	51	5
Oats	0	0	40	57	3
Pasture and range.....	0	0	52	43	5
Peaches.....	4	4	45	47	0
Rye	0	0	34	65	1
Winter wheat.....	0	0	20	76	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/01/18

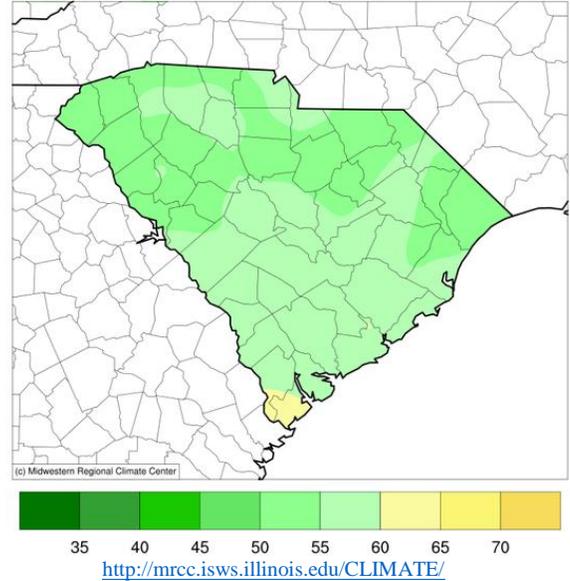
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1	2
Short.....	17	16	11
Adequate.....	81	78	71
Surplus.....	2	5	16

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	17	18	NA
Adequate.....	83	77	NA
Surplus.....	0	5	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 26, 2018 to April 01, 2018



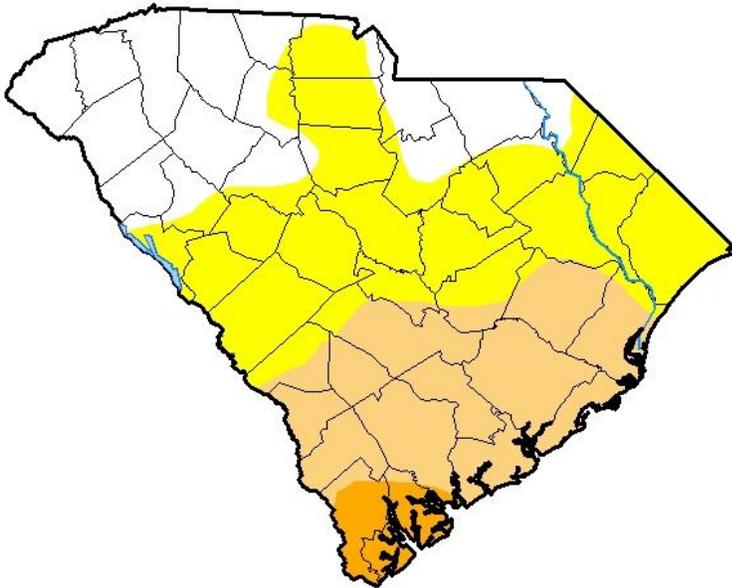
Average Temperature (°F)
March 26, 2018 to April 01, 2018



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

March 27, 2018
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.65	72.35	30.66	3.68	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-20-2018	30.58	69.42	23.33	2.19	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-26-2017	41.23	58.77	19.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-28-2017	4.43	95.57	37.62	17.57	2.66	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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