



**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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 22, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 2.81 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the low 50s.

County Comments

Transplanting of tobacco has been slow due to high wind conditions and cool temperatures. Blowing sand takes a toll on those tender greenhouse plants. Heavy rain is expected so that will halt setting as well for at least a couple of days. Most of the corn crop is up but growth is slow. Producers are gearing up to plant cotton, peanuts and soybeans soon.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Recent rains have provided much needed moisture for emergence and planting. Rains were varied throughout the county. Continued rainfall is needed to correct deficiencies before the hot weather sets in. Corn is emerging nicely and planting of other crops is accelerating.

J. Blake Badger, Williamsburg County

Some areas need rain. The corn crop is progressing well as is the small grains of rye, wheat and oats. Peanut planting began this week. Cotton planting may begin next week. No insect or disease problems in crops reported this week.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Soil moisture is short in most areas. Cool day and night temperatures are holding spring vegetables progress back. Most farmers have the corn crop planted, and off to a good start. Burn down operations for other row crops is progressing at a good pace.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/22/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	91	71	80	78
Corn - Emerged.....	53	33	52	57
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	2	4
Hay - 1st Cutting	1	0	9	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	0	1	1
Tobacco - Transplanted .	47	9	39	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	43	14	70	50

Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/22/18

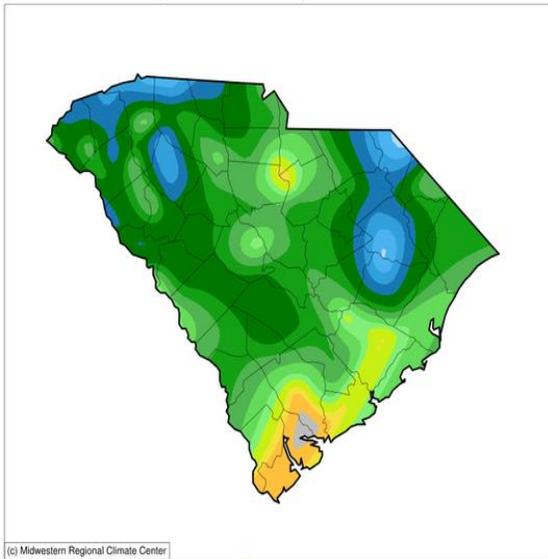
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	17	76	6
Oats	0	2	41	54	3
Pasture and range.....	0	1	18	67	14
Peaches.....	1	4	42	49	4
Rye	0	4	38	55	3
Winter wheat	0	1	25	70	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/22/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	1
Short.....	36	12	14
Adequate.....	55	83	74
Surplus.....	9	5	11

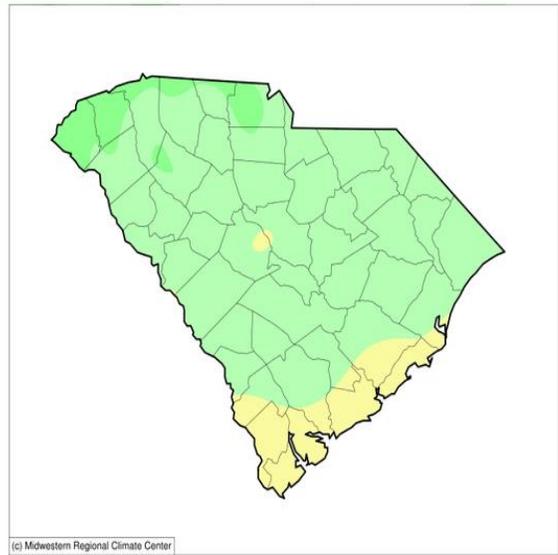
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	26	14	NA
Adequate.....	73	84	NA
Surplus.....	1	2	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 16, 2018 to April 22, 2018



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 16, 2018 to April 22, 2018

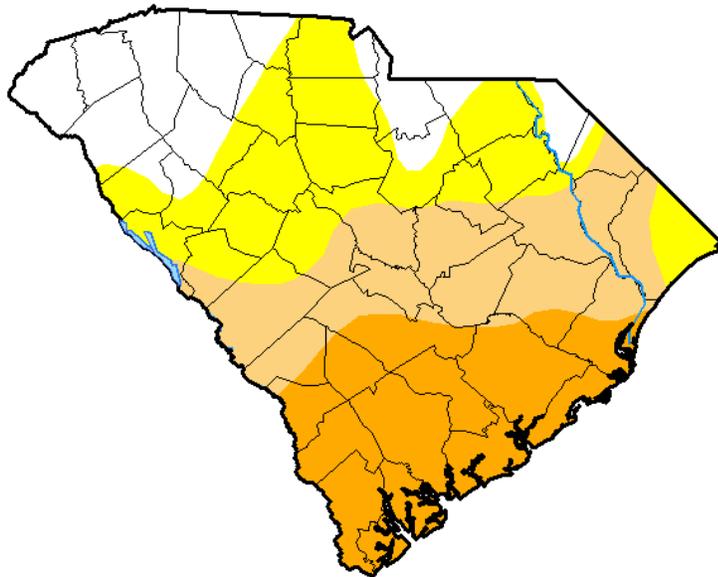


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

April 17, 2018
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.23	79.77	51.05	25.39	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-10-2018	8.30	91.70	51.47	24.94	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-16-2018	32.71	67.29	21.74	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 04-18-2017	6.95	93.05	38.71	3.33	1.63	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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