



**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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 29, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.93 inches of rain up to 4.41 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

County Comments

Heavy wind and rains throughout the county slowed the completion of tobacco setting. Burn-down application of fields for cotton, soybeans, and peanut is continuing and planting of these crops should be on schedule for mid-May.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Rain provided much-needed moisture. Area fresh market vegetable producers held up some tomato transplanting in hopes that it would warm up more at night, but had planted most of their acreage.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Peanut and cotton planting is progressing well. The corn crop is progressing fine and treatments are being applied. Watermelons are progressing well. No crop insect or disease problems reported during this week.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Due to much-needed rain showers occurring throughout the county, field prep and the impending cotton planting were stalled for a couple of days. Cotton planting is expected to be in full swing over the next few weeks with peanut planting following closely behind. Strawberry harvest continues at u-pick and commercial operations.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/29/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	95	91	92	90
Corn - Emerged.....	81	53	77	75
Cotton - Planted.....	3	1	16	11
Hay - 1st Cutting	16	1	28	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	3	1	8	6
Soybeans - Planted.....	0	0	NA	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	68	47	67	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	78	43	81	72

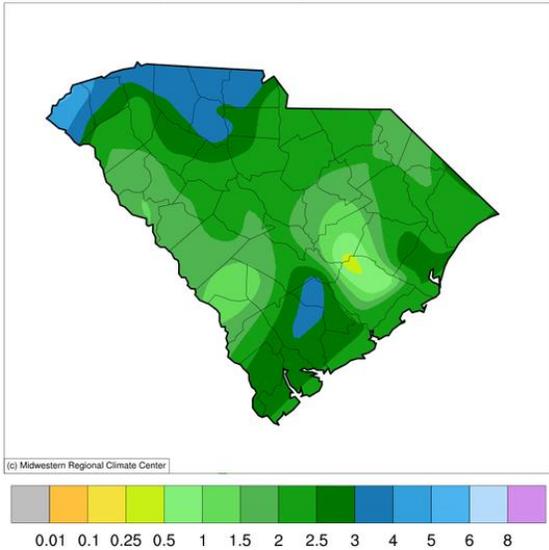
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/29/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	18	76	5
Corn	0	0	32	56	12
Oats	0	1	36	60	3
Pasture and range.....	0	1	10	77	12
Peaches.....	0	3	44	49	4
Rye	0	2	31	65	2
Winter wheat	0	1	10	87	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/29/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	1
Short.....	2	36	9
Adequate.....	90	55	73
Surplus.....	8	9	17
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	2	26	NA
Adequate.....	94	73	NA
Surplus.....	4	1	NA

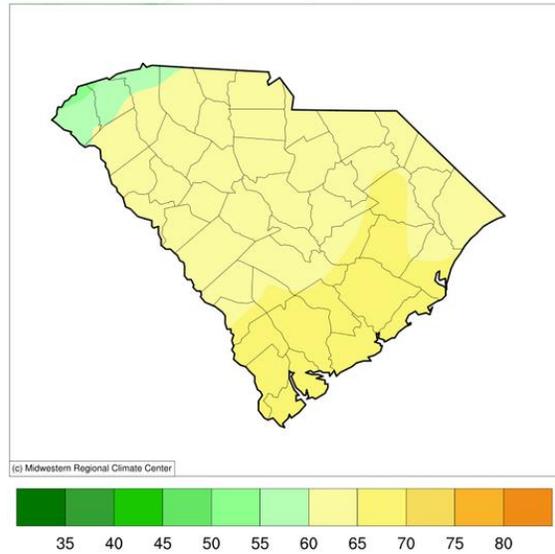
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 23, 2018 to April 29, 2018



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 23, 2018 to April 29, 2018



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35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80
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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 24, 2018
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.19	62.81	31.88	4.92	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-17-2018	20.23	79.77	51.05	25.39	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-23-2018	16.64	83.36	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 04-25-2017	32.96	67.04	18.56	1.70	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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