



**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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 13, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.21 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 60s.

**County Comments**

With the heads of small grain filling during this period of short soil moisture, yields may be reduced. Dry soils are stalling planting of cotton and soybeans in many areas. Those farms with irrigation assets are running them every day. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week. Rain is desperately needed.

**Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County**

Short soil moisture diverted some planting to better soils. High temperatures began to affect corn in dryland fields. Most cotton and peanut plantings under irrigation were watered up.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Warmer than normal temperatures and dry conditions allowed producers a full week of field activities as planting of cotton, peanut, and soybeans continued. Tobacco is beginning to grow off well. Inadequate topsoil moisture to germinate newly planted crops has been a concern for some farmers.

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County**

Dry and hot weather are starting to affect area crops. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting has slowed as farmers wait for much needed rain.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/13/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged.....	97	94	97	98
Cotton - Planted.....	30	12	49	42
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	37	31	42	NA
Oats - Harvested.....	0	0	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	37	14	46	41
Rye - Harvested.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Planted.....	10	4	26	19
Soybeans - Emerged.....	4	0	NA	10
Tobacco - Transplanted .	94	88	99	84
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	0	NA	NA

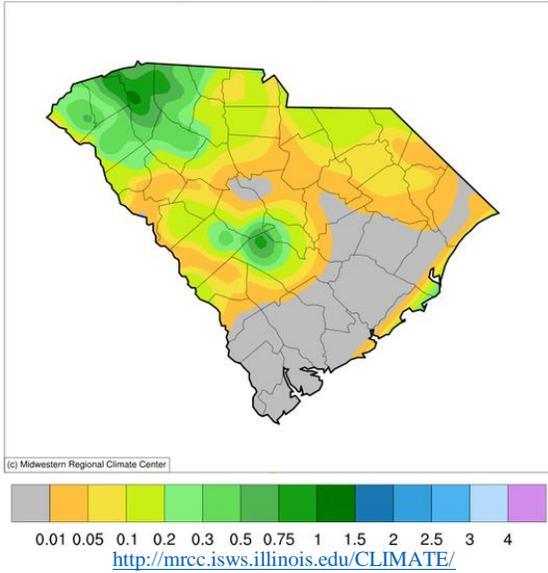
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/13/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	22	76	1
Corn .....	0	3	32	56	9
Oats .....	0	0	34	60	6
Pasture and range.....	0	11	30	56	3
Peaches.....	0	3	47	50	0
Rye .....	0	0	34	66	0
Tobacco.....	0	0	18	67	15
Winter wheat.....	0	0	22	62	16

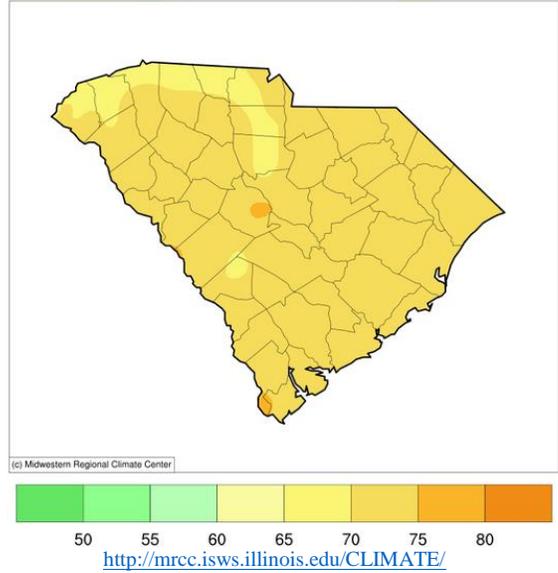
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/13/18**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	26	0	1
Short.....	47	30	13
Adequate.....	27	70	75
Surplus.....	0	0	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	0	NA
Short.....	50	15	NA
Adequate.....	43	85	NA
Surplus.....	0	0	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2018.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**May 8, 2018**

(Released Thursday, May 10, 2018)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	60.10	39.90	26.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-01-2018	60.27	39.73	23.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-06-2018	5.93	94.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-09-2017	39.31	60.69	15.64	0.08	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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