



**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 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 20, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged no rain up to 7.50 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Rain this week helped all crops. Planting of cotton, peanut, and soybeans will resume in full swing as soils dry.

**Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County**

Crops received a strong boost from much needed rain showers throughout the county. Corn is experiencing rapid growth due to increase in soil moisture. Cotton and peanut will continue as soils dry. Average to good hay production from first cuttings have been reported.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Allendale and Hampton County went from drought condition to surplus soil moisture this week. Both counties received about 3.5 inches of rain. Rain improved the condition of corn, small grain, and pastures. Fieldwork was at a standstill for cotton and soybean planting due to rainfall. No insect or disease problems reported this week. Small grain harvest did not start due to the rain.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

Cotton and peanut planting is all but wrapped up in our area. Soybean planting should resume early next week.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/20/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	48	30	62	60
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	39	37	49	NA
Oats - Harvested .....	0	0	1	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	55	37	67	63
Rye - Harvested .....	0	0	4	NA
Soybeans - Planted.....	21	10	31	32
Soybeans - Emerged.....	15	4	14	15
Tobacco - Transplanted .	95	94	NA	NA
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	0	1	NA

**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/20/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	28	69	2
Corn .....	0	0	48	50	2
Oats .....	0	0	45	54	1
Pasture and range.....	0	0	26	71	3
Peaches.....	0	0	53	47	0
Rye .....	0	1	40	58	1
Tobacco.....	0	0	25	65	10
Winter wheat .....	0	0	35	64	1

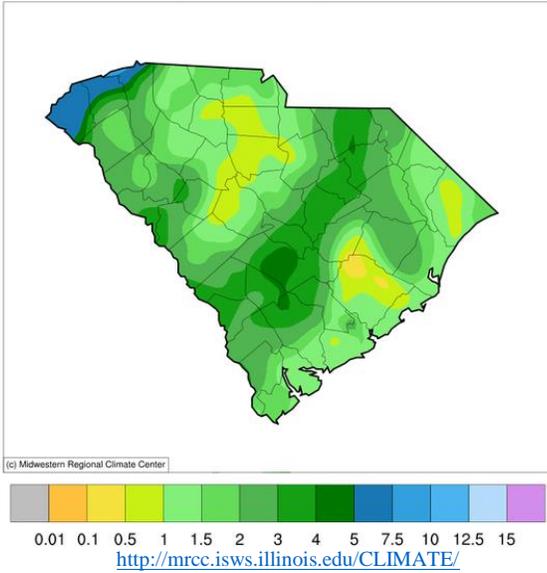
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/20/18**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	26	3
Short.....	20	47	21
Adequate.....	45	27	65
Surplus.....	35	0	11

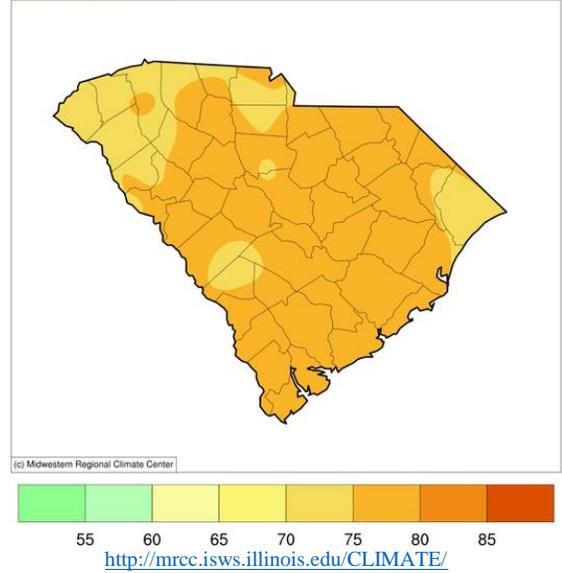
  

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	7	NA
Short.....	20	50	NA
Adequate.....	62	43	NA
Surplus.....	18	0	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 14, 2018 to May 20, 2018



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 14, 2018 to May 20, 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

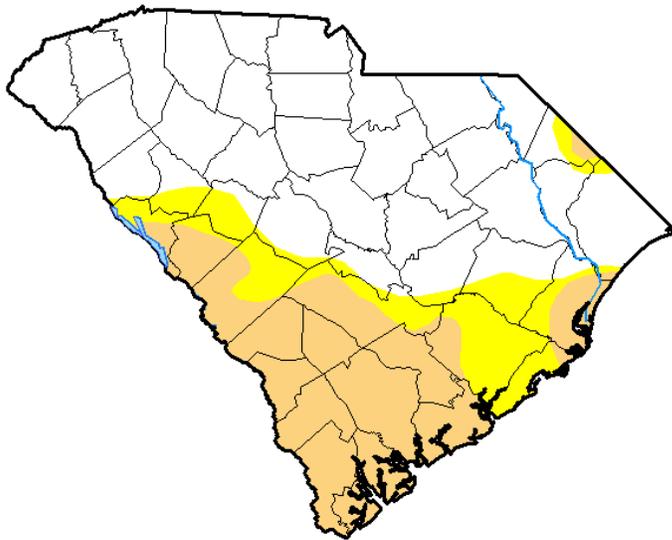
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	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> 05-08-2018	60.10	39.90	26.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-13-2018	45.87	54.13	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> 05-16-2017	39.27	60.73	15.55	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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