



**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 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 27, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 5.78 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Heavy rain left many fields too wet to work. Due to rain and humidity, farmers will need to be on the lookout for diseases affecting vegetable crops. Some areas are under water and will need to be replanted.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Most of Horry County received much needed rain over the weekend from subtropical storm Alberto. Soybean planting will come to a halt for now as rain is expected to continue through the week.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Continued heavy rainfall severely affected planting and spraying operations. Weed control has been delayed in order to try and get crops planted.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Crops experienced rapid growth spurred by rain showers scattered throughout the county. Some producers have not finished planting cotton that was double cropped with wheat. Wheat harvest was stalled due to rainfall.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Fieldwork was at a standstill for most planting due to rainfall. However, rain improved the condition of corn and pastures. The start of small grain harvest was delayed and all the rain is beginning to affect kernel quality. No insect or disease problems reported.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/27/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking	0	NA	2	NA
Cotton - Planted	68	48	75	73
Hay - 1st Cutting	46	39	55	NA
Oats - Harvested	1	0	4	NA
Peaches - Harvested	1	0	2	4
Peanuts - Planted	75	55	84	80
Rye - Harvested	1	NA	7	NA
Soybeans - Planted	50	21	40	44
Soybeans - Emerged	21	15	25	27
Winter wheat - Harvested	6	0	4	NA

Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/27/18

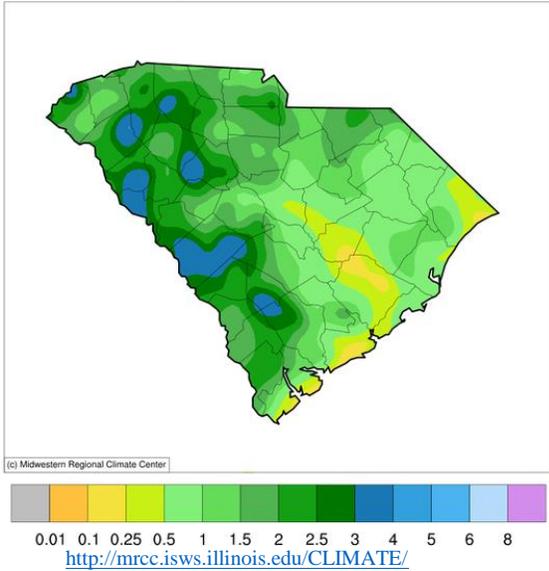
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	21	75	4
Corn	0	0	27	51	22
Oats	0	0	45	55	0
Pasture and range	0	0	17	80	3
Peaches	0	0	60	40	0
Rye	0	0	41	59	0
Tobacco	0	0	47	52	1
Winter wheat	0	0	35	61	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/27/18

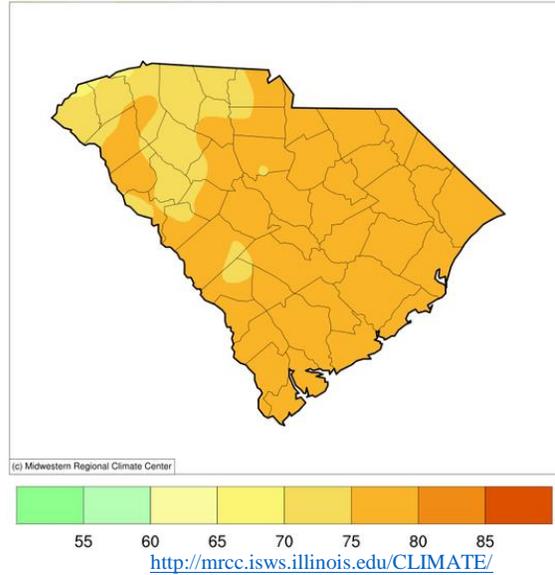
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short	7	20	17
Adequate	46	45	71
Surplus	47	35	10

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	0	0	NA
Short	8	20	NA
Adequate	61	62	NA
Surplus	31	18	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 21, 2018 to May 27, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
May 21, 2018 to May 27, 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

May 22, 2018

(Released Thursday, May 24, 2018)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.95	28.05	2.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-15-2018	60.10	39.90	26.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-20-2018	45.87	54.13	0.00	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 05-23-2017	50.94	49.06	7.84	0.00	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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