



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, March 31, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 0.85 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the high 40s.

County Comments

Some areas were still wet from the winter rains. However, most farmers were able to enter their fields to start preparing for planting this week. Cattle condition was good.

Brandon Lambert, Chester County

Corn planting continued at a steady pace. Field conditions were good, though cool temperatures will likely slow emergence.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

Corn planting progressed. Cool temperatures at night kept some vegetable growers from planting spring crops.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Some rain would be helpful for getting the soil ready for spring crops. Root crops—turnip, carrot, beets, and radish—were coming out of the fields and looking nice.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County

Corn planting continued at a rapid pace during the week. Moisture levels decreased with the warm temperatures and field preparation activities. No pest problems were reported at this time on small grains. Producers were wrapping up chemical treatments on small grains. Watermelon planting continued.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 3/31/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	18	NA	9	13
Corn - Emerged.....	3	NA	2	5
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	56	NA	84	49
Tobacco - Transplanted..	0	NA	0	1
Winter wheat - Headed...	0	NA	0	2

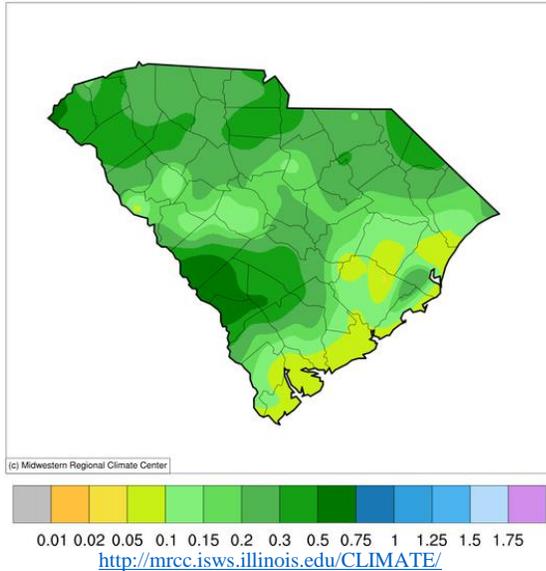
Crop Condition for Week Ending 3/31/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	21	71	8
Pasture and range.....	0	0	35	52	13
Peaches.....	0	0	17	83	0
Winter wheat.....	0	0	28	71	1

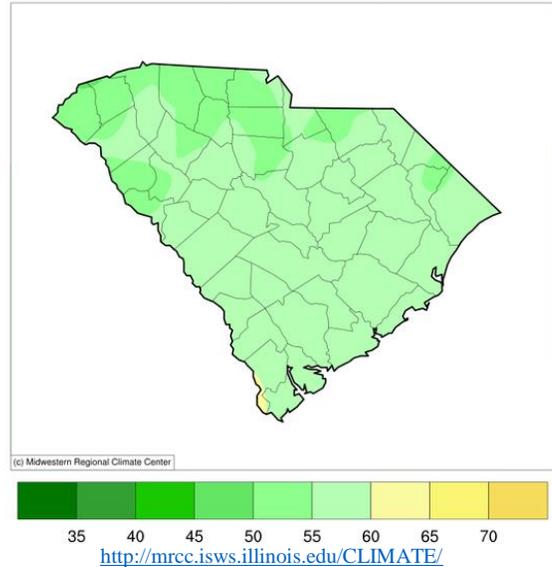
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/31/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	3
Short.....	30	9
Adequate.....	66	73
Surplus.....	4	15
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	2
Short.....	18	3
Adequate.....	75	79
Surplus.....	7	16

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019



Average Temperature (°F)
March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019



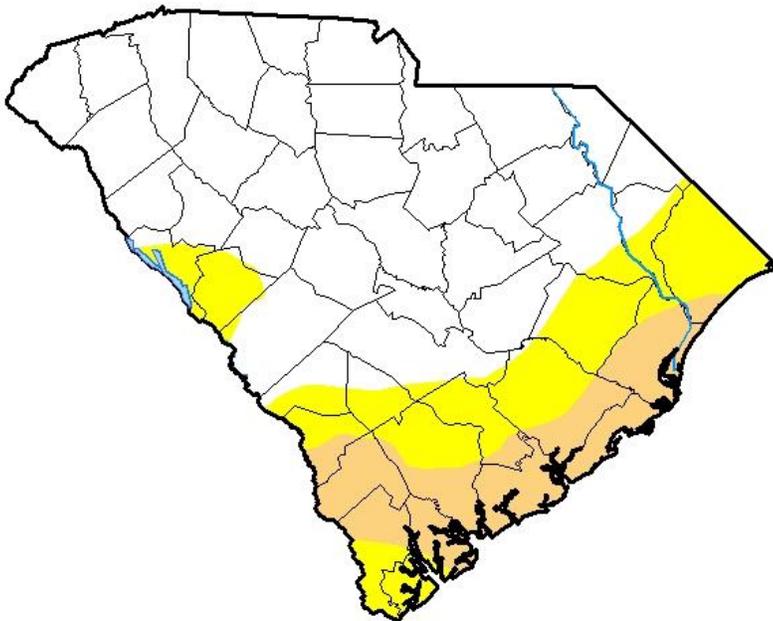
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

March 26, 2019
(Released Thursday, Mar. 28, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.36	34.64	13.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-19-2019</i>	71.11	28.89	2.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-25-2018</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2019</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2018</i>	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-27-2018</i>	27.65	72.35	30.66	3.68	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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