General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.39 inches of rain up to 3.65 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 50s.

County Comments
Much of the corn planted has started to emerge. Horry County farmers prepared to transplant tobacco.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County
Some field activity occurred the first part of the week as farmers began to set the 2019 tobacco crop. Heavy rain last week slowed progress for a few days and delayed corn planting.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County
Periodic rainfall last week helped dry land crops. Greens and root crops were harvested. Rain ruined some strawberries which caused diseases to show up in the strawberry fields. Most of the tomato crop is in the ground.

Zack Snipes, Beaufort County
Corn planting nearly wrapped up. Favorable weather and adequate soil moisture allowed corn to get off to a good start. Most wheat fields began to head out. Growers prepared fields for cotton and soybean planting. The watermelon crop was off to a good start with no insect or disease problems reported. Several overcast days with occasional rainy spells may cause diseases to get started in wheat.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

**U.S. Drought Monitor**

**South Carolina**

April 9, 2019

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**Intensity:**

- D6 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought
- D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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