



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.04 inches of rain up to 7.00 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

**County Comments**

Another shortened week ended by a large storm on Friday. Amounts of rain were not great but all came in a very short time accompanied by strong winds. Low temperatures at night continued to slow growth of what has been planted and slowed farmers from getting too excited to plant peanuts and cotton.

**David Dewitt, Kershaw County**

Cool temperatures delayed some farmers from planting their cotton crop. Corn and vegetables crops progressed at a slow pace.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

A major storm system pushed through the area on Friday. Strong gusty winds were associated with the system causing a few down trees, power outages and lots of debris in roads. Field activity came to a halt as farmers were trying to get tobacco planted in fields.

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County**

Corn planting wrapped up this week and the emerged crop looks good. Small grain crops were all headed out and improved in conditions. The peach crop has gotten off to a good start. A strong storm with high gusty winds passed through the area on Friday, dropping limbs and a few trees. Blowing sand caused a small amount of injury to corn and watermelons in some areas but will recover.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/21/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	88	69	88	77
Corn - Emerged.....	61	34	50	54
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	1	2
Hay - 1st cutting.....	1	NA	1	1
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	NA	1	1
Peaches - Blooming.....	95	94	NA	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	16	5	42	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	39	27	39	45

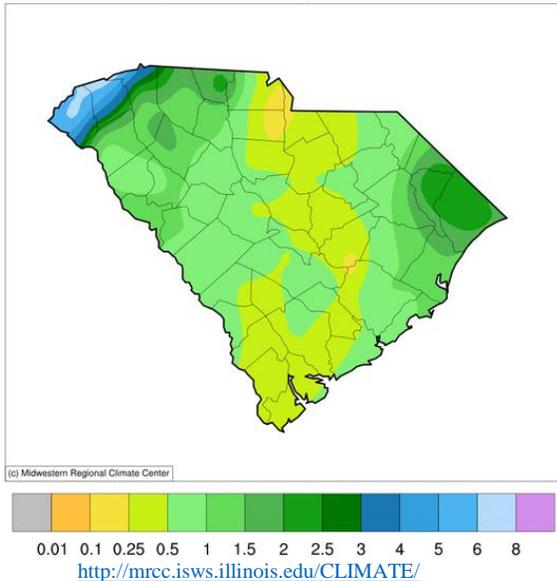
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/21/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	23	66	7
Pasture and range.....	0	0	28	58	14
Peaches.....	0	0	27	65	8
Winter wheat.....	0	1	31	65	3

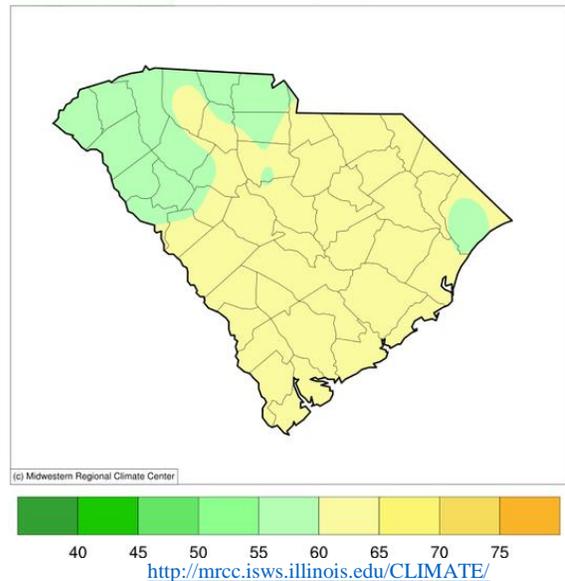
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/21/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	1	7
Adequate.....	89	73
Surplus.....	10	20
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	1	8
Adequate.....	92	76
Surplus.....	7	16

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 15, 2019 to April 21, 2019



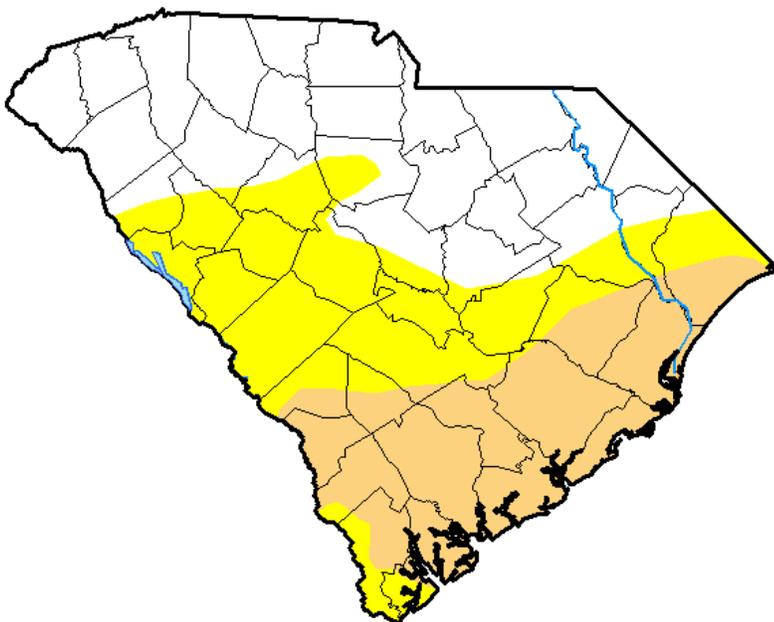
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 15, 2019 to April 21, 2019



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

**April 16, 2019**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	43.61	56.39	26.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-09-2019	46.51	53.49	27.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-15-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-17-2018	20.23	79.77	51.05	25.39	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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