



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 28, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.13 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

**County Comments**

Horry county tobacco farmers had favorable conditions for setting plants and now at a feverish pace. Due to wet field conditions, corn got a late start, but appeared to be doing well for now.

**Rusty Skipper, Horry County**

Soil conditions continued to dry as rain missed this area last week. High winds contributed to moisture loss and irrigation systems started to run on corn. Some cotton and peanut planting occurred with anticipation of full speed ahead this week.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Corn planting was nearing completion and the emerging crop looked healthy. Cotton planting began. Soils began to dry out quickly with rising temperatures and lack of rainfall.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Rain is needed. Fieldwork and planting has reduced topsoil moisture and corn continued at a good pace. Cotton and peanut planting has begun. No available contracts for peanuts may have reduced acreage. No crop or insect problems reported this week.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/28/19**

| Crop stage               | This week<br>(percent) | Prev week<br>(percent) | Prev year<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Planted.....      | 95                     | 88                     | 94                     | 90                      |
| Corn - Emerged.....      | 82                     | 61                     | 77                     | 74                      |
| Cotton - Planted.....    | 5                      | 1                      | 3                      | 8                       |
| Hay - 1st Cutting .....  | 15                     | 1                      | 14                     | 12                      |
| Peanuts - Planted.....   | 7                      | 0                      | 3                      | 5                       |
| Soybeans - Planted.....  | 2                      | 0                      | 0                      | 2                       |
| Tobacco - Transplanted . | 27                     | 16                     | 65                     | NA                      |
| Winter wheat - Headed..  | 55                     | 39                     | 73                     | 73                      |

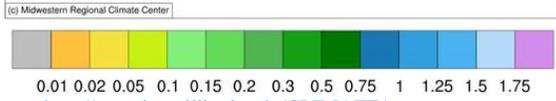
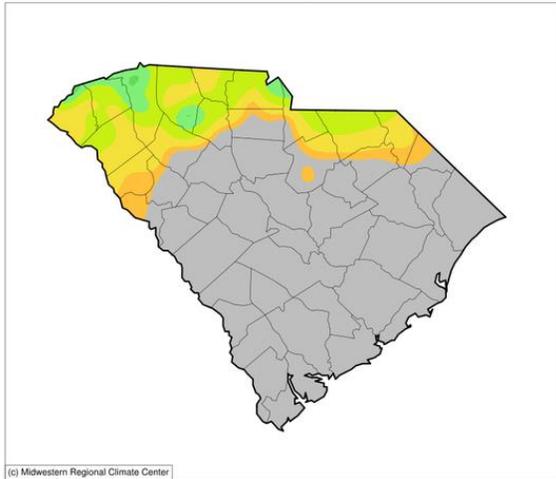
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/28/19**

| Crop                   | Very poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle .....           | 0                      | 3                 | 25                | 65                | 7                      |
| Corn .....             | 0                      | 0                 | 24                | 64                | 12                     |
| Pasture and range..... | 0                      | 0                 | 25                | 69                | 6                      |
| Peaches.....           | 0                      | 0                 | 23                | 68                | 9                      |
| Winter wheat .....     | 0                      | 1                 | 33                | 61                | 5                      |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/28/19**

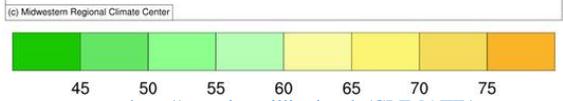
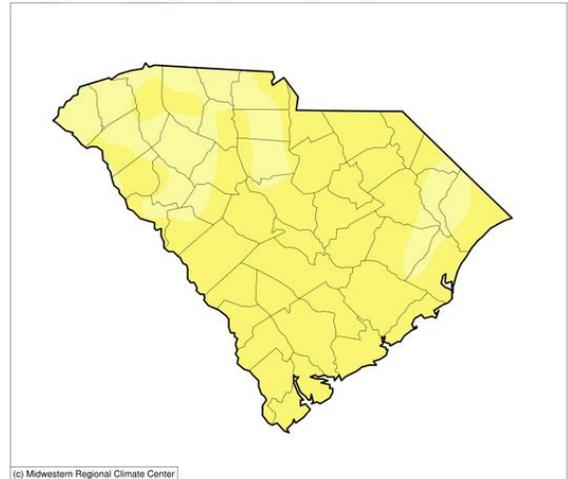
| Topsoil         | This week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Very short..... | 3                      | 0                          |
| Short .....     | 19                     | 1                          |
| Adequate.....   | 77                     | 89                         |
| Surplus.....    | 1                      | 10                         |
| Subsoil         | This week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) |
| Very short..... | 1                      | 0                          |
| Short .....     | 9                      | 1                          |
| Adequate.....   | 87                     | 92                         |
| Surplus.....    | 3                      | 7                          |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 22, 2019 to April 28, 2019



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 22, 2019 to April 28, 2019



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2019.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 23, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 25, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 46.10  | 53.90 | 23.13 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>04-16-2019              | 43.61  | 56.39 | 26.24 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>01-22-2019           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-01-2019 | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-25-2018    | 89.90  | 10.10 | 1.52  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-24-2018           | 37.19  | 62.81 | 31.88 | 4.92  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

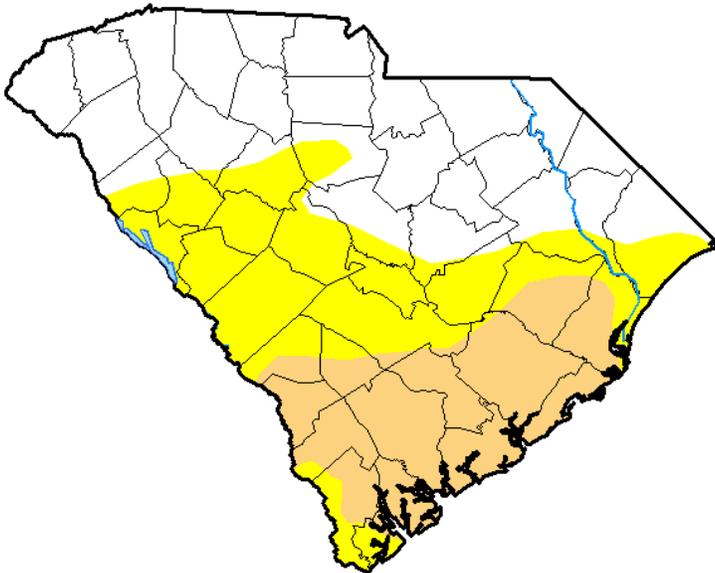
**Intensity:**

- 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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