



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 5, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.67 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Comments**

An inch of welcomed rain fell over the entire county on Saturday afternoon refreshing established crops and placing surface moisture on newly planted cotton and peanuts. Much warmer days have allowed for significant growth in corn and tobacco.

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County**

Soil moisture was getting short at week's end, but rain events gave farmers much needed moisture. Some tomatoes were fruiting and more were blooming.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

Dry field conditions moved planting along at a steady pace. Cotton and peanuts benefitted from weekend rains. Corn crops appeared to be in excellent shape.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Thunderstorms brought rain to most areas of Allendale and Hampton County relieving very dry conditions. Corn and peaches continued to be off to a good start. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting moved along smoothly. Watermelons were vining out and looked good. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/05/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged.....	95	82	92	88
Cotton - Planted .....	22	5	11	21
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	32	15	29	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	25	7	12	19
Soybeans - Planted.....	4	2	3	5
Tobacco - Transplanted .	55	27	85	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	85	55	94	84

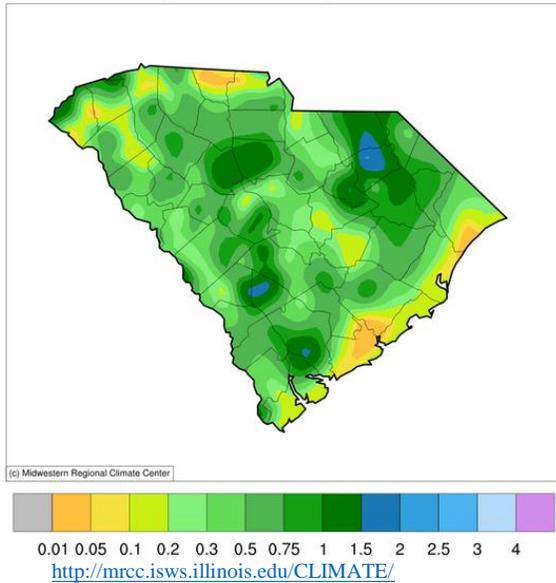
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/05/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	26	66	5
Corn .....	0	0	16	61	23
Pasture and range.....	0	3	31	58	8
Peaches.....	0	0	23	64	13
Winter wheat.....	0	1	35	61	3

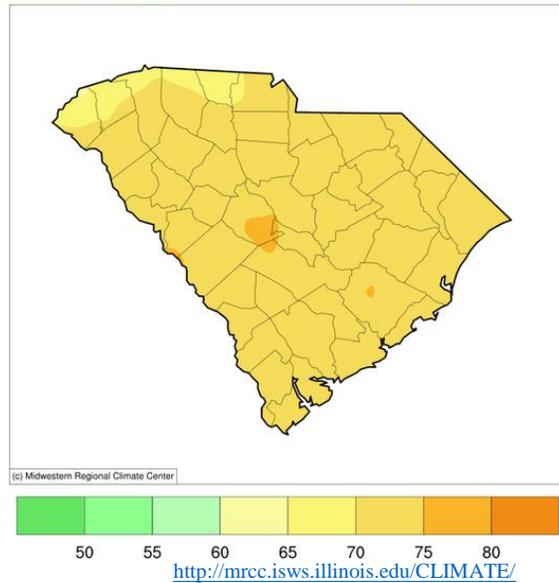
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/05/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	3
Short.....	15	19
Adequate.....	84	77
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	13	9
Adequate.....	85	87
Surplus.....	2	3

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 29, 2019 to May 05, 2019



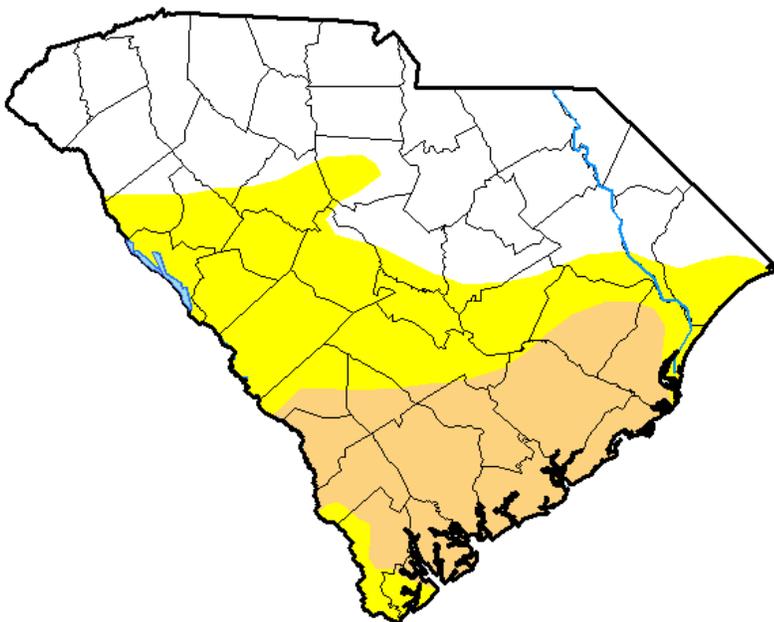
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 29, 2019 to May 05, 2019



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 30, 2019**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	45.71	54.29	23.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-23-2019	46.10	53.90	23.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-29-2019	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> 05-01-2018	60.27	39.73	23.91	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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