



**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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 26, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.88 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Some corn began to tassel. All dryland corn is under heat and drought stress. Tomatoes are blooming, but not setting much fruit due to the heat. Some industrial hemp was transplanted on sites that had irrigation. Dryland transplanting is held up due to drought.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

High heat and lack of rainfall is beginning to take a toll on dryland crops. Fortunately, cotton and peanuts are small and water demand is relatively low. Dryland corn is taking a hit but recovering overnight thus far. Continued hot and dry conditions will begin to do severe damage if it continues much longer.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

Rain is desperately needed. Corn is suffering from extreme high temperatures and no rainfall.

**JoAnne Deer, Barnwell County**

Another week with blistering heat and no rainfall is reducing condition and yield potential for all dryland crops. Dryland corn has discolored leaves and has rolled leaves all day. Irrigated crops are progressing well. Irrigated corn tasseled in many fields. Dryland corn is stunted from lack of soil moisture. Small grain harvest continued. No crop insect or disease problems reported.

**Hugh B Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/26/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking .....	3	NA	NA	NA
Corn - Harvested.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	90	65	65	73
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	68	63	45	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	5	NA	1	3
Peanuts - Planted.....	92	70	72	78
Soybeans - Planted.....	38	17	46	43
Soybeans - Emerged.....	17	7	20	24
Winter wheat - Harvested	15	0	5	3

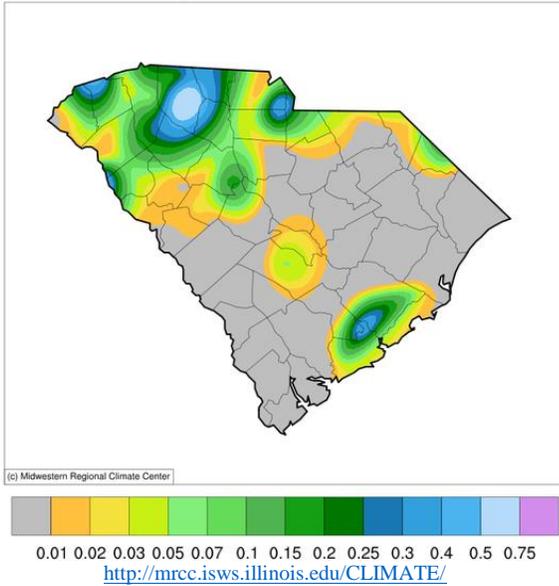
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/26/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	21	77	2
Corn .....	2	13	37	45	3
Cotton .....	0	2	34	62	2
Pasture and range.....	0	4	20	71	5
Peaches.....	0	0	40	60	0
Peanuts.....	0	4	35	61	0
Tobacco.....	0	10	40	50	0
Winter wheat .....	0	0	25	74	1

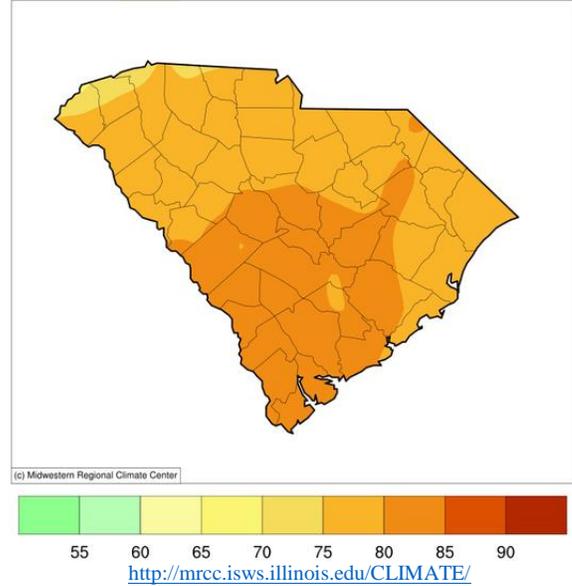
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/26/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	28	6
Short.....	58	42
Adequate.....	14	52
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	12	0
Short.....	64	34
Adequate.....	24	65
Surplus.....	0	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 20, 2019 to May 26, 2019



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 20, 2019 to May 26, 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

**May 21, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, May. 23, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	44.43	55.57	23.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-14-2019</i>	46.41	53.59	22.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-19-2019</i>	84.88	15.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2019</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2018</i>	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-22-2018</i>	71.95	28.05	2.79	0.00	0.00	0.00

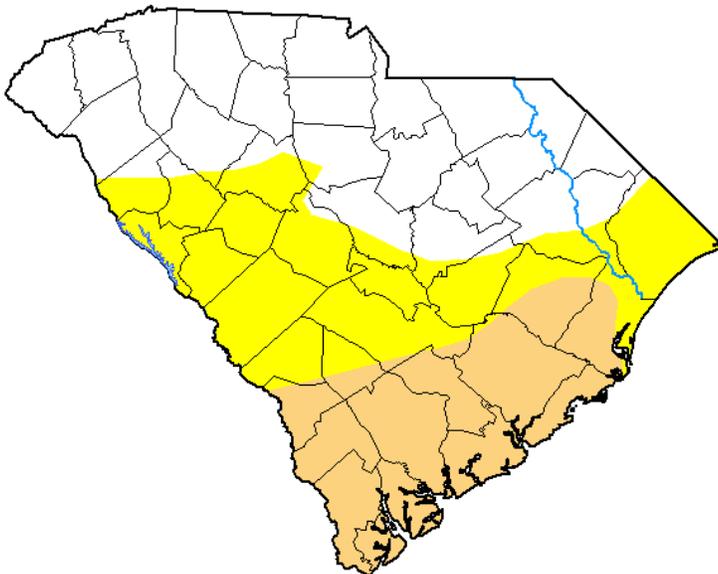
Intensity:

- None
- 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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