



**United States Department of Agriculture
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South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 19, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.46 inches of rain up to 1.61 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 60s.

County Extension Comments

“In the past week there has been rain most days. Pastures needed the rain. Farmers are having issues getting into the field to work on wheat and to start planting summer crops.”

Brandon Lambert, Chester County, District #20

“Rain has drastically delayed field work. The cool, wet weather has caused increased disease activity in wheat in some areas. Tobacco transplants need some warmer and dryer weather, they appear as if they’re stunting significantly.”

William Hardee, Horry County, District #30

“Most areas were too wet to conduct field operations. Planted corn is up, and doing well except in low areas that have standing water. The planting window is going to be tight for farmers to get crops planted in a timely manner. Vegetables would also benefit from a few warmer, sunny days.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District #50

“A couple of good rain showers fell over Allendale and Hampton Counties this week relieving the dryness in many areas. Corn planting progress has gone well and is nearly complete. Cotton planting got started in a few areas. Small grains are progressing well and heading out. No insect or disease problems reported. Peaches are in excellent condition at this time and are receiving routine pest control applications. Watermelons and tomatoes have been planted.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District #80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/19/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	60	28	63	81
Corn - Emerged.....	46	17	40	57
Cotton - Planted.....	2	0	1	4
Oats - Headed.....	44	0	55	56
Rye - Headed.....	36	11	46	70
Tobacco - Transplanted ...	46	1	39	47
Winter Wheat - Headed....	20	6	26	48

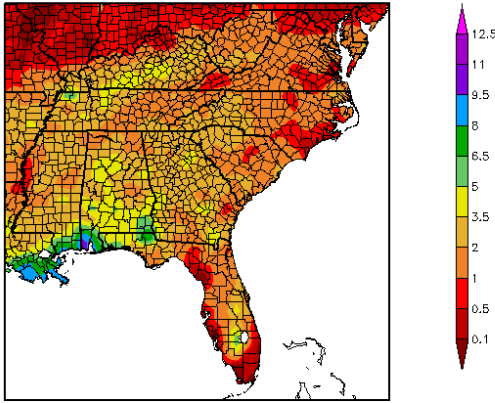
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/19/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	8	90	2
Hay	0	0	15	81	4
Oats	0	0	25	68	7
Pasture and range.....	0	3	43	49	5
Peaches.....	0	5	5	86	4
Rye	0	2	24	70	4
Winter Wheat	1	2	50	44	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/19/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	3
Short.....	4	6	21
Adequate.....	67	77	68
Surplus.....	29	17	8
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	4	7	NA
Adequate.....	63	65	NA
Surplus.....	33	28	NA

Precipitation (in)
4/13/2015 - 4/19/2015

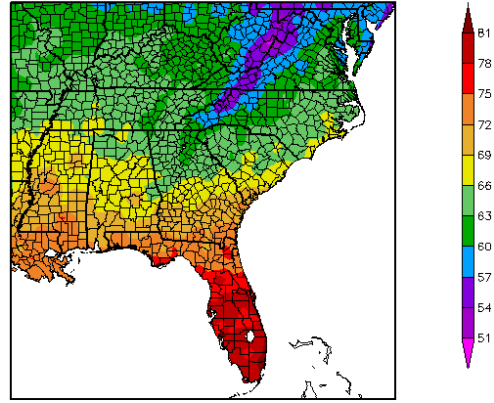


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Temperature (F)
4/13/2015 - 4/19/2015



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

April 14, 2015

(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	79.13	20.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/7/2015	79.13	20.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/13/2015	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/30/2014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	47.90	52.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/15/2014	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

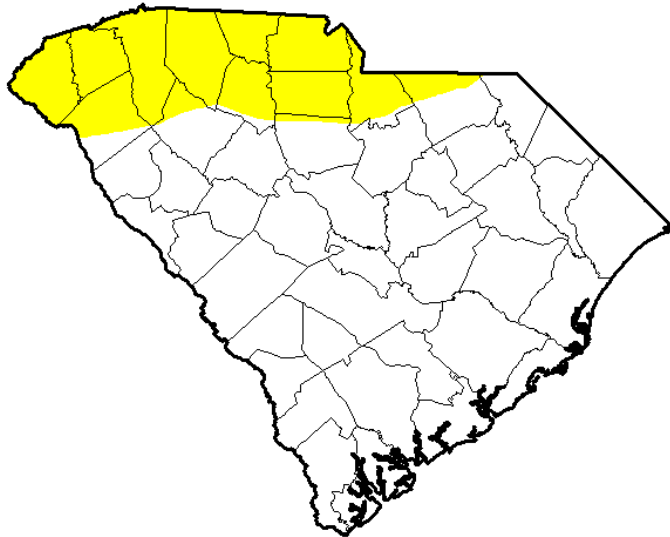
Intensity:

- 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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