



South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.17 inches of rain up to 0.56 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the high 40s.

County Comments

Heavy rain on Thursday morning ended the thought of any field work for at least 2 days. A very heavy line of storms moved thru the area early Thursday morning with damaging winds and heavy rain. The good part is the wind blew a gale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday drying topsoil conditions out quickly. The big event though of the weekend was the fact we had low temperatures on Sunday morning but as of right now there are no reports of any major damage to tobacco or corn. These were the only two crops planted but reports are the wind blew just enough to avoid any frost damage as well. Temperatures didn't hit the freezing mark so farmers dodged a big one here.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Corn is emerging, but not growing well due to the cooler conditions. Some spring vegetables have not been transplanted due to the threat of a light frost. Some rain events have the soil conditions too wet for equipment in some areas, and some spots have standing water.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Found leaf rust on winter wheat and rye in a very small location in Estill, SC (susceptible varieties). I have been finding aphids in wheat but predatory insects are moving in. Corn planted in bottom of fields have been getting flooded out, but no replant has occurred to my knowledge. Soil temperatures are still too cold for cotton, peanuts, and soybeans to be planted. I have not seen in major frost damage to date.

Andrew Warner, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/10/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	62	30	21	48
Corn - Emerged.....	27	15	12	25
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	1
Peaches - Blooming.....	97	76	NA	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	6	4	1	8
Winter Wheat - Headed..	8	2	4	21

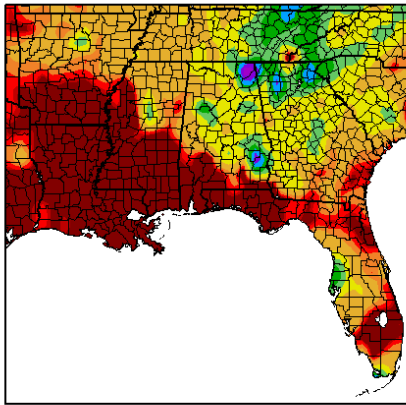
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/10/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	12	79	9
Oats.....	7	12	31	49	1
Pasture and range.....	0	0	14	78	8
Peaches.....	0	0	1	81	18
Rye.....	0	4	28	64	4
Winter Wheat.....	2	6	35	51	6

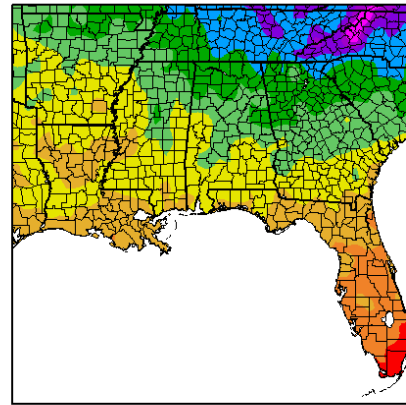
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/10/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	6	0	15
Adequate.....	76	68	73
Surplus.....	18	32	10
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	0	NA
Adequate.....	80	70	NA
Surplus.....	20	30	NA

Precipitation (in)
4/4/2016 - 4/10/2016



Temperature (F)
4/4/2016 - 4/10/2016



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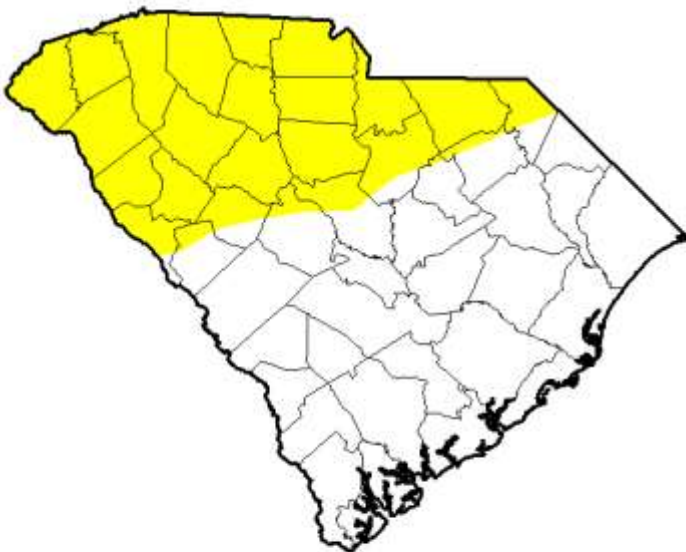
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.82	40.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 3/29/2016	62.41	37.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/5/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 8/2/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/7/2015	79.13	20.87	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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