



**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's South Carolina Field Office, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.0 inch. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

## County Extension Comments

Timely rains and warmer nights has our tobacco crop doing well. Corn is looking good and should really take off from the scattered showers left by a passing cold front. This week cotton, soybean, and peanut farmers are hard at it, planting this year's crop.

### Hilda Shelley, Horry County

Cotton and peanut planting continued at full speed last week. Some parts of the county got more rain than other parts. Crops that are up look good so far. Cooler weather at the end of the week helped with plant stress.

### Charles Davis, Calhoun County

High temperatures and only a little rain in the southern portion is keeping the area dry. Rain is needed shortly to prevent condition problems in planted crops. Already older corn is exhibiting leaf curl in many areas by mid-afternoon. Peach harvest has begun and the crop continues to look good. Many fields of small grain appears ready for harvest. Harvest of oats and rye will begin next week with wheat harvest to follow. No crop, insect or disease problems reported. Watermelons are progressing well. Planting of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans may become stalled if adequate rain does not come soon.

### Hugh Gray, Allendale County

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	52	31	56	48
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	60	42	9	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	36	23	55	46
Soybeans - Planted.....	11	7	26	30
Soybeans - Emerged.....	0	NA	14	14
Tobacco - Transplanted..	93	87	90	87
Winter Wheat - Headed..	94	84	83	95

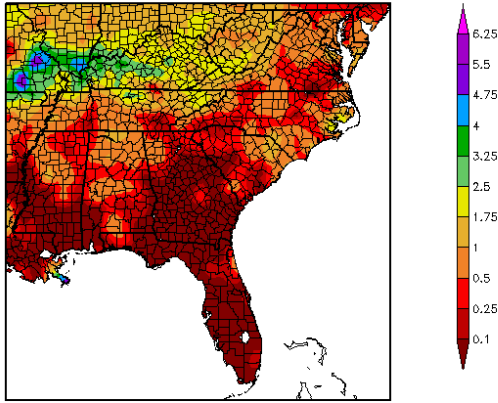
## Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	11	80	8
Corn .....	0	3	36	49	12
Oats .....	7	11	40	40	2
Pasture and range.....	0	6	23	65	6
Peaches.....	0	0	11	74	15
Rye .....	0	5	29	62	4
Tobacco.....	0	0	22	55	23
Winter Wheat .....	4	7	35	46	8

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/15/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	1	3
Short.....	23	13	16
Adequate.....	63	74	72
Surplus.....	12	12	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	10	7	NA
Adequate.....	76	79	NA
Surplus.....	13	13	NA

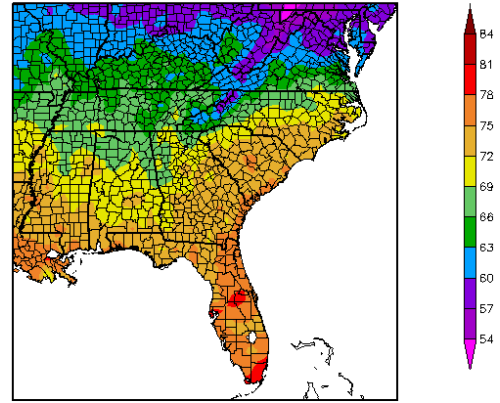
Precipitation (in)  
5/9/2016 - 5/15/2016



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Temperature (F)  
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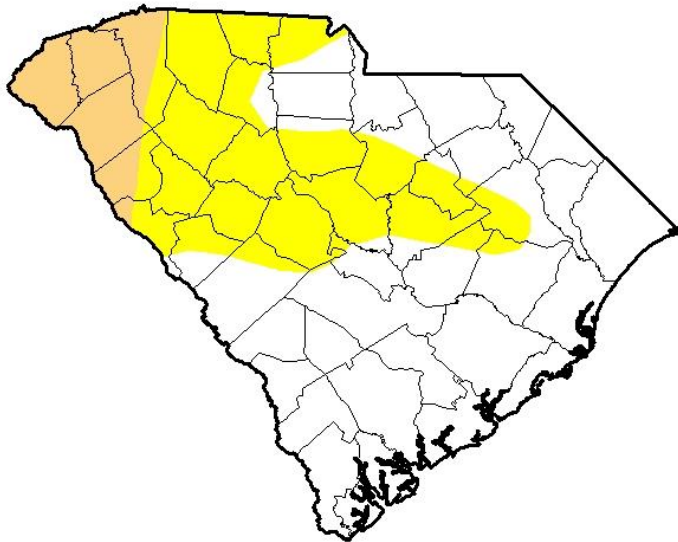
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[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2016.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2016.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



May 10, 2016

(Released Thursday, May 12, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	59.99	40.01	9.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 5/3/2016	43.68	56.32	7.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/9/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 8/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/12/2015	99.71	0.29	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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