



**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, April 15, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.35 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 50s.

**County Comments**

Most of the corn is planted and emerging. Strawberry harvested and u-pick is active. Some peach producers reported cooler weather damaged early blooms. Rain is needed badly in most areas of the county.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Corn planting continued and should wrap up in the next few days. Burndown and pre-plant herbicide applications for cotton and peanuts continued. Expect planting to start late this month if weather continues to warm up.

**Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County**

Corn planting wrapped up this week as growers prepared for peanut planting. All crops are progressing well. No crop insect or disease problems reported. All small grains have headed out. Watermelon planting completed this week. Corn acreage appears to be slightly less than usual.

**Hugh Gray, Allendale County**

Warmer weather conditions have allowed crops to progress. Farmers are still planting some of the early spring vegetables. Soil moisture is short in the sandy areas.

**Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/15/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	71	37	71	57
Corn - Emerged.....	33	10	39	35
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	2
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	0	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	9	4	11	NA
Winter wheat - Headed...	14	6	56	25

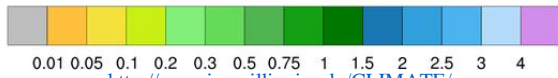
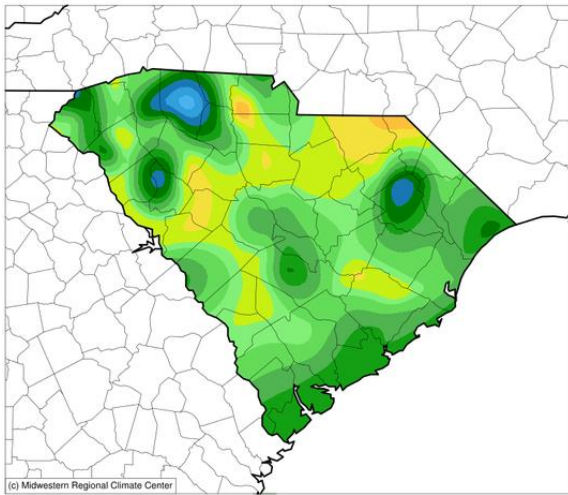
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/15/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	31	65	3
Oats .....	0	3	48	47	2
Pasture and range.....	0	0	39	55	6
Peaches.....	1	3	46	46	4
Rye .....	0	2	36	59	3
Winter wheat.....	0	0	29	68	3

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/15/18**

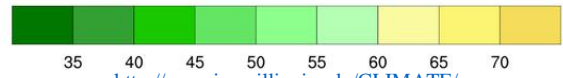
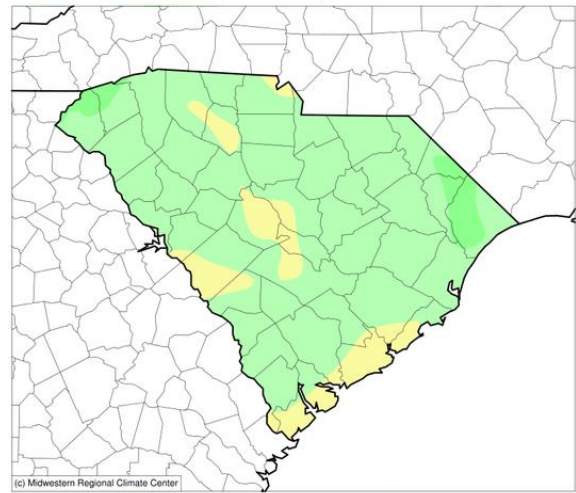
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	1
Short.....	12	18	9
Adequate.....	83	80	73
Surplus.....	5	2	17
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	14	17	NA
Adequate.....	84	82	NA
Surplus.....	2	1	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 09, 2018 to April 15, 2018



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 09, 2018 to April 15, 2018



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2018.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 10, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 12, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	8.30	91.70	51.47	24.94	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-03-2018	23.93	76.07	51.47	24.05	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-09-2018	31.78	68.22	21.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-11-2017	9.17	90.83	38.40	3.33	1.63	0.00

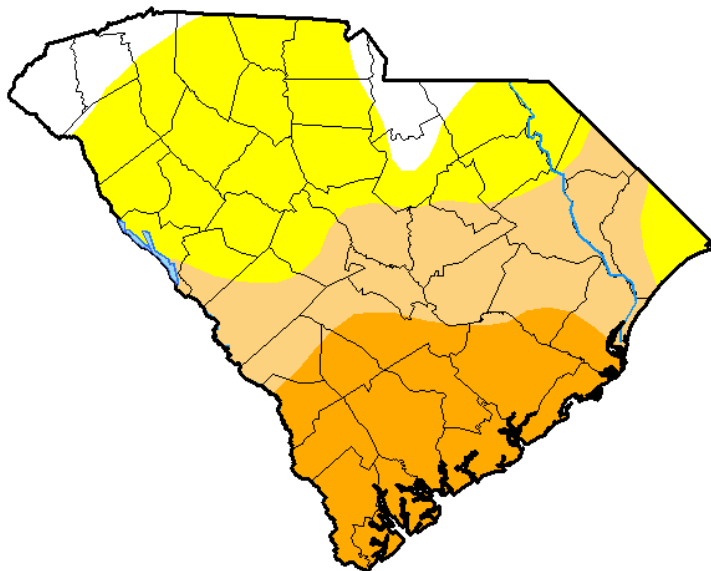
**Intensity:**

- 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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