



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.37 inches of rain to 3.06 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the high 40s.

**County Comments**

Two big rains began and ended the week, halting much of the fieldwork.

**David Dewitt, Kershaw County**

Heavy rain fell across the county on Friday, delaying field activity. Corn planting began to get into full swing until the heavy rain. Tobacco land was bedded, but no transplanting commenced yet. Transplanting is expected to start next week, if conditions allow.

**Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County**

Strawberry harvesting started. Some producers showed concerned that the rain will lead to grey mold issues. Squash and zucchini were planted.

**Justin Ballew, Lexington County**

Beaufort County received much-needed rain this week which will really help crops. Greens—kale, collard, cabbage, and lettuces—looked really nice. Most tomato and summer vegetable crop planting concluded. Some warm temperatures would help crop development.

**Zack Snipes, Beaufort County**

Favorable weather permitted corn growers to make rapid progress in their planting. Many corn fields emerged. Most areas received rain early in the week that ended soil moisture shortage in most areas. Watermelon planting continued. Field preparation continued for planting of successive crops. No insect or disease problems were observed in small grains or emerged corn.

**Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/7/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	37	18	33	30
Corn - Emerged.....	15	3	9	12
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	82	56	94	63
Tobacco - Transplanted..	1	0	3	3
Winter wheat - Headed...	3	0	5	9

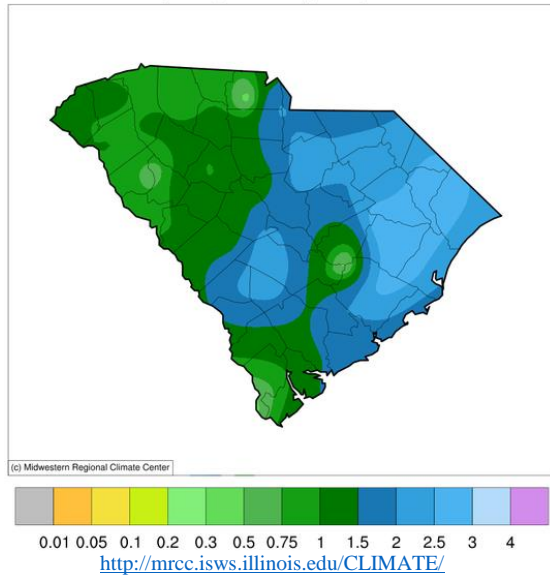
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 4/7/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	26	67	7
Pasture and range.....	0	0	40	44	16
Peaches.....	0	0	25	75	0
Winter wheat.....	0	0	38	61	1

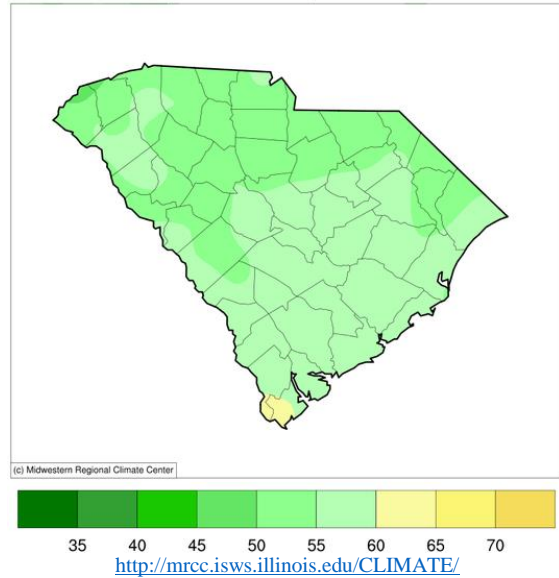
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/7/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	15	30
Adequate.....	63	66
Surplus.....	22	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	16	18
Adequate.....	66	75
Surplus.....	18	7

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 01, 2019 to April 07, 2019



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 01, 2019 to April 07, 2019



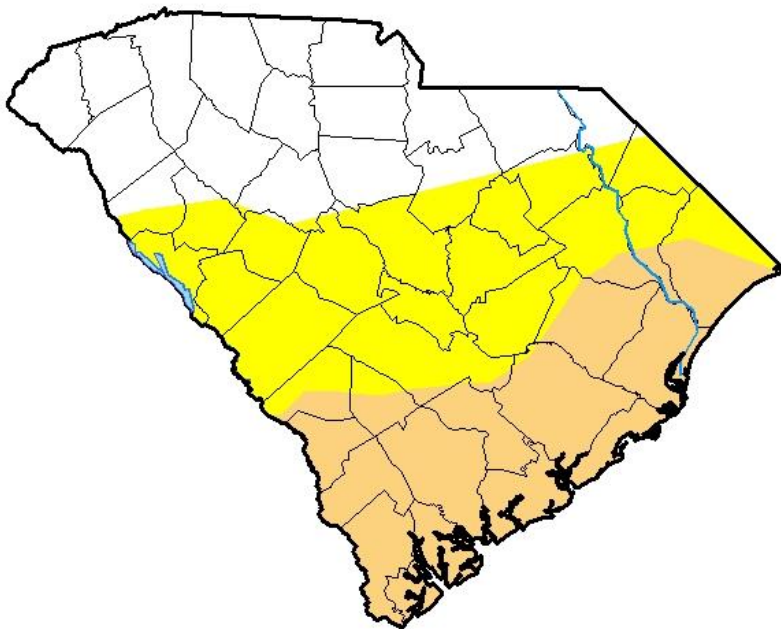
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2019.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 2, 2019**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.87	66.13	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 03-26-2019	65.36	34.64	13.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-03-2018	23.93	76.07	51.47	24.05	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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