

WIDESPREAD RAINFALL ASSOCIATED WITH LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM RELIEVES DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Low pressure located northwest of the state set up a moist surface flow early last week drawing in rainshowers from the Atlantic. Heavy showers, moving generally westward from the coast, continued through the week's end as the storm center was positioned offshore east of Charleston. Widespread rainfall produced by this system has alleviated drought conditions. Many areas of the state received over four inches of rain last week according to the State Climatology Office, S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). The statewide average for the event was 3.20 inches (see Rainfall Summary Table).

This announcement lifts the incipient drought declaration statewide. The SCDNR's Land, Water & Conservation Division will continue to monitor state water supplies and assess the summer rainfall outlook. For more information contact Michael Helfert or Hope Mizzell: 803-737-0800.

South Carolina Precipitation, April 26 - May 2, 1999

Name	Precipitation (Inches)	Name	Precipitation (Inches)
ANDERSON	2.4	CLINTON	4.1
GAFFNEY 6 E	2.1	GRNVL SPART WSO AP	2.8
HUNTS BRIDGE	1.9	WALHALLA	1.2
CAMDEN 3 W	3.9	CHESTER 1 NW	3.9
FORT MILL 4 NW	3.1	KERSHAW	3.9
CADES 4 W	5.5	CHERAW 2	3.0
DILLON	4.3	EFFINGHAM	6.0
FLORENCE 8 NE	5.0	FLORENCE FAA AP	3.8
HARTSVILLE	4.7	KINGSTREE 1 SE	10.9
LORIS	13.0	CALHOUN FALLS	2.9
CHAPPELLE 2 NNW	3.1	JOHNSTON 4 SW	1.3
COLUMBIA WSFO AP	2.8	EUTAWVILLE	5.1
ORANGEBURG 2	4.0	SUMTER	5.5
BLACKVILLE 3 W	4.3	CHARLESTON CITY	0.9
CHARLESTON WSO AP	1.7	RIDGELAND 5 NE	2.1
ST.GEORGE	3.3	WALTERBORO 2 SW	1.9
WILLIAMS	3.1		

Drought Status: 05-04-1999

County	Status
Abbeville	Normal
Aiken	Normal
Allendale	Normal
Anderson	Normal
Bamberg	Normal
Barnwell	Normal
Beaufort	Normal
Berkeley	Normal
Calhoun	Normal
Charleston	Normal
Cherokee	Normal
Chester	Normal
Chesterfield	Normal
Clarendon	Normal
Colleton	Normal
Darlington	Normal
Dillon	Normal
Dorchester	Normal
Edgefield	Normal
Fairfield	Normal
Florence	Normal
Georgetown	Normal
Greenville	Normal

County	Status
Greenwood	Normal
Hampton	Normal
Horry	Normal
Jasper	Normal
Kershaw	Normal
Lancaster	Normal
Laurens	Normal
Lee	Normal
Lexington	Normal
Marion	Normal
Marlboro	Normal
McCormick	Normal
Newberry	Normal
Oconee	Normal
Orangeburg	Normal
Pickens	Normal
Richland	Normal
Saluda	Normal
Spartanburg	Normal
Sumter	Normal
Union	Normal
Williamsburg	Normal
York	Normal