

The peanut crop in the Virginia-Carolina region is approximately 50% planted with farmers making good progress. Conditions have been good for most field operations. The week of May 10 has been cool for this point in May, but soil temperatures have warmed adequately for germination to occur. Emergence will likely be slow depending on temperatures over the next week. While soil moisture is relatively good, soil in some fields has dried to the point that rainfall will be needed to ensure complete stand establishment.

Estimated yield potential for the region is 4,480 kg/ha (4,000 lbs/acre.) In North Carolina and Virginia, the predominant market type will be Virginia market types (90%) with the balance in runner market types. In South Carolina, 65% of plantings will be runner market types with 35% being Virginia market types. Estimated land area planted to peanuts in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia is 42,500 ha (105,000 acres), 34,400 ha (85,000 acres), and 8,000 ha (20,000 acres), respectively.

Field being planted near Whiteville, NC on May 11.







Peanuts cracking the ground in a field near Lewiston-Woodville, NC on May 12 when planted May 4.







