



South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 26, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 7.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Severe storms during the week brought torrential rain to some areas. Corn planting was wrapping up in the state. Emerging corn was progressing well with some fields being fertilized. Peanut planting started with much more activity anticipated in the next week. Vegetable planting was in full swing. Greens and potatoes were reported being in good condition. Strawberry harvesting continued with high yields and good condition being reported. The blueberry crop was looking good, revealing little damage from cold conditions in the previous weeks. Muscadines were starting to bloom.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were developing rapidly across the state. Cattle were looking good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/26/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	93	80	91	89
Corn - Emerged	76	50	77	72
Cotton - Planted	4	1	3	6
Hay - 1st Cutting	11	2	13	11
Peanuts - Planted	5	1	6	3
Soybeans - Planted	1	NA	0	1
Tobacco - Transplanted ..	24	18	20	52
Winter wheat - Headed ...	50	54	80	62

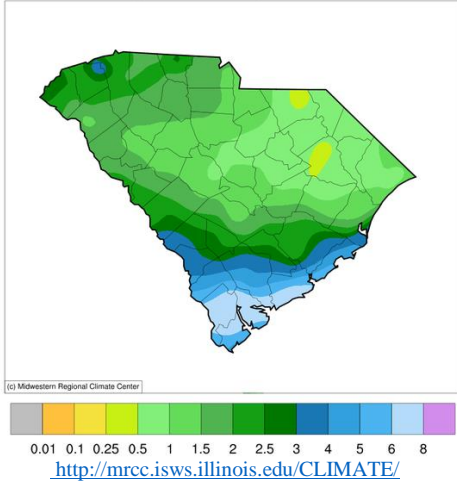
Conditions for Week Ending 04/26/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	8	77	14
Corn	0	0	3	75	22
Pasture and range ..	1	2	20	63	14
Peaches	0	0	19	56	25
Winter wheat	0	5	45	45	5

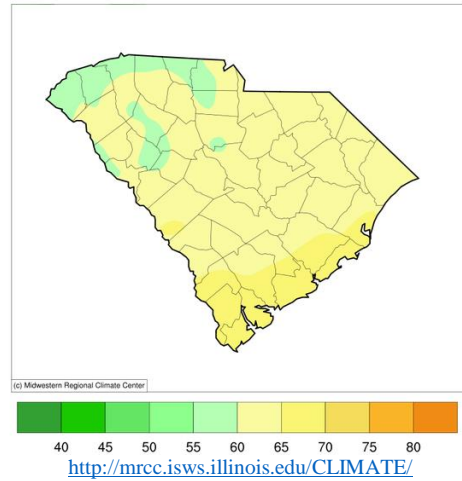
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/26/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0
Short	4	5
Adequate	82	78
Surplus	13	17
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0
Short	5	1
Adequate	80	87
Surplus	14	12

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020



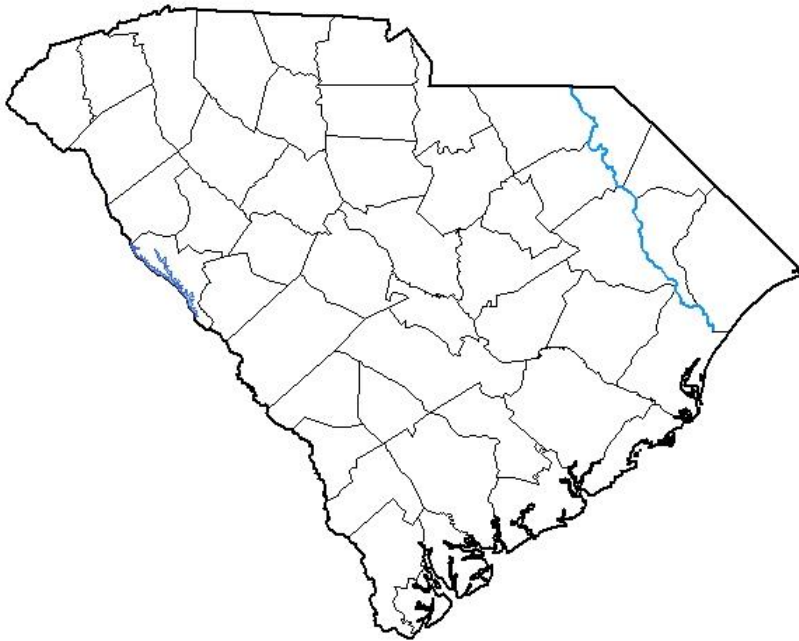
Average Temperature (°F)
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-14-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-21-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
One Year Ago 04-23-2019	46.10	53.90	23.13	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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