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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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 19, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.3 inches of rain to over 3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Most of the state received moderate amounts of rain last week, with the Midlands receiving the most precipitation. The rain hindered the ability for many operators to conduct field work. Ground moisture was reported to be high in some areas as well, while other areas dried out well from the rain. Most corn had emerged and was reported to be looking good. In the areas with drier conditions, topdress fertilizer was applied to early planted corn fields. Planting of cotton, peanuts and soybeans continued as field conditions allowed. Winter wheat and peach harvest activities were expected to ramp up in the coming weeks. Hay harvest was reported to be behind in some areas due to intermittent rainfall.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/19/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged	96	90	95	98
Cotton - Planted	45	39	52	56
Hay - 1st Cutting	64	59	65	59
Peaches - Harvested	6	2	7	4
Peanuts - Planted	57	50	64	63
Soybeans - Planted	29	39	51	31
Soybeans - Emerged	7	17	32	13
Winter Wheat - Harvested	NA	NA	2	NA

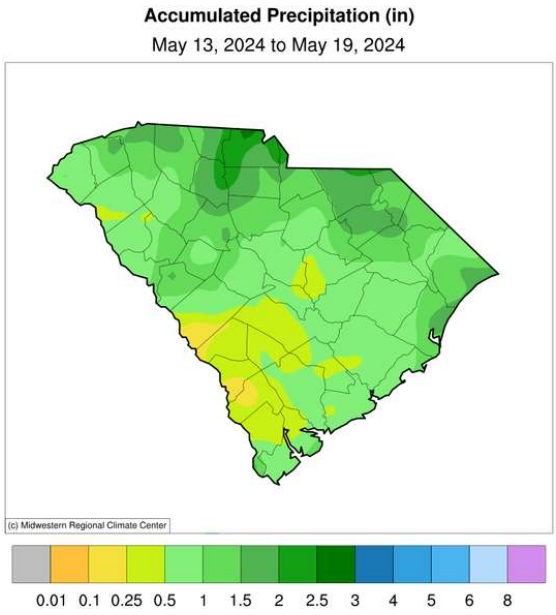
(NA) Not Available

Conditions for Week Ending 5/19/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	12	73	11
Corn	0	1	18	58	23
Pasture and range	0	4	14	77	5
Peaches	0	1	20	70	9
Peanuts	0	2	28	57	13
Winter wheat	0	0	22	61	17

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/19/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1
Short	8	8
Adequate	69	71
Surplus	22	20
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	10	6
Adequate	71	74
Surplus	19	20



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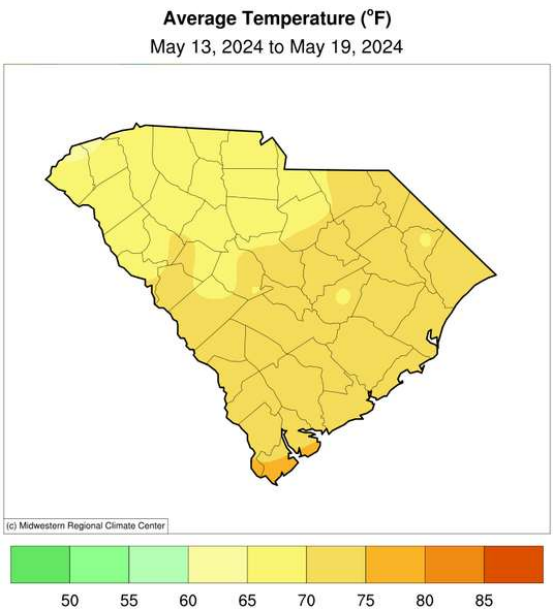

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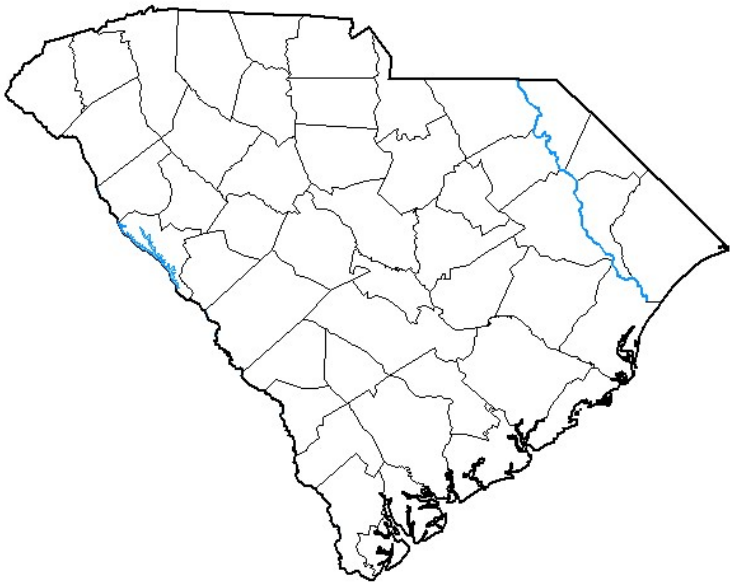
U.S. Drought Monitor

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 *05-07-2024*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *02-13-2024*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-02-2024*	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-26-2023*	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *05-16-2023*	77.08	22.92	0.00	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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