



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 26, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 4.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

It was a dry week for most of the state, with only some parts of the Lowcountry and Pee Dee regions of the state receiving significant precipitation. Reporters noted some instances of hail damage in areas that received rain. In the drier areas of the state, operators took advantage of the weather and conducted a significant amount of field work. Reporters noted that some crops in these areas were in desperate need of rain to alleviate drought conditions. There were reports of heat stress on some strawberry crops. Tobacco and vegetable planting continued to make strong progress.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/26/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	NA	NA	2	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	64	52	72	73
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	71	65	76	66
Peaches - Harvested	8	7	12	7
Peanuts - Planted	74	64	80	79
Soybeans - Planted	44	51	65	47
Soybeans - Emerged	18	32	42	25
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	4	2	14	9

(NA) Not Available

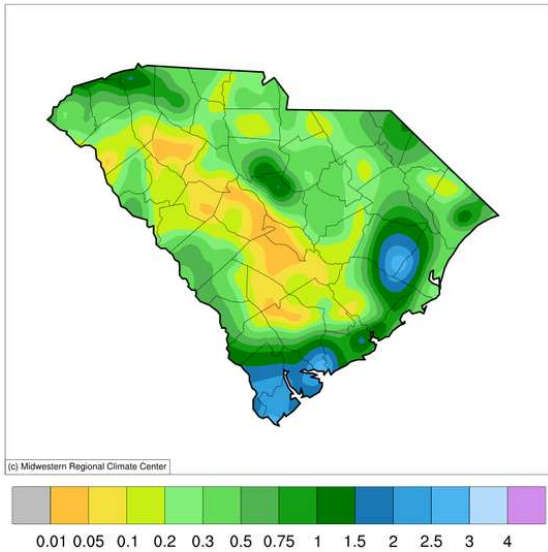
Conditions for Week Ending 5/26/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	16	66	14
Corn.....	0	1	22	61	16
Cotton.....	0	1	40	57	2
Pasture and range.....	1	6	15	70	8
Peaches.....	0	2	20	61	17
Peanuts.....	0	2	35	59	4
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	20	64	16

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/26/24

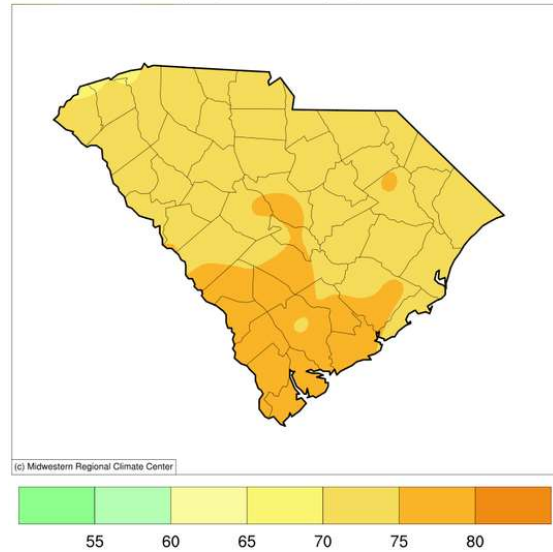
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	8	27
Adequate.....	71	68
Surplus.....	20	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	6	15
Adequate.....	74	80
Surplus.....	20	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 20, 2024 to May 26, 2024



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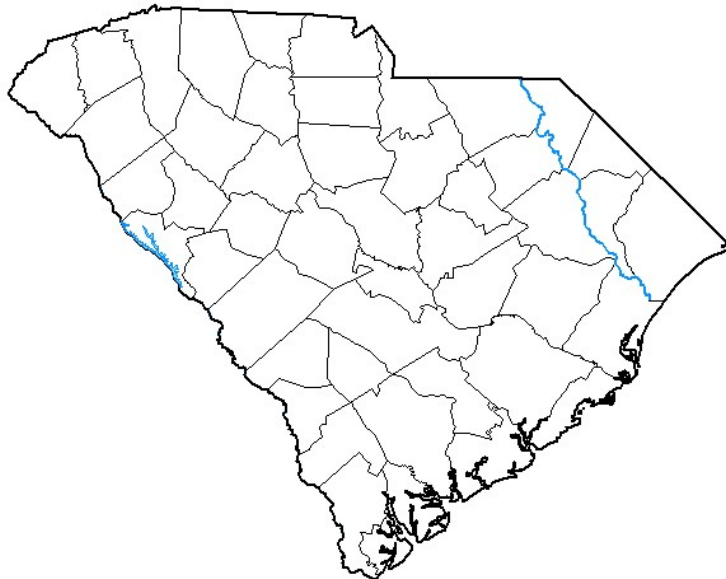
Average Temperature (°F)
May 20, 2024 to May 26, 2024



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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.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 05-14-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-20-2024	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 05-23-2023	88.76	11.24	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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