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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 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 31, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain in some areas to 8.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Heavy rainfall continued last week, slowing fieldwork and causing flooding in many areas. Planting progress and crop condition varied throughout the state. Corn was maturing rapidly in some areas and deteriorating in other areas. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting were delayed. Wheat condition was declining and harvesting was delayed. Good yields were coming off the first hay cuttings. Vegetables were progressing rapidly and in good condition. Strawberry harvesting was wrapping up with some water damage reported.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were in mostly fair to good condition but had some flooding from excess rain.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking	5	1	12	8
Cotton - Planted	93	56	73	82
Cotton - Squaring	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 1st Cutting	74	60	69	60
Peaches - Harvested	7	5	11	8
Peanuts - Planted	96	65	83	86
Soybeans - Planted	40	37	49	50
Soybeans - Emerged	24	21	33	31
Tobacco - Topped	0	NA	0	0
Winter wheat - Harvested	19	6	8	13

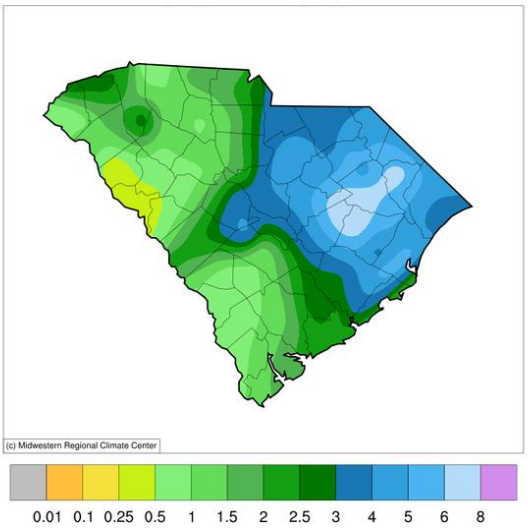
Conditions for Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	1	7	69	22
Corn	8	10	16	50	16
Cotton	6	11	32	46	5
Pasture and range	2	2	30	52	14
Peaches	1	1	25	52	21
Peanuts	5	4	14	75	2
Tobacco	3	2	21	52	22
Winter wheat	0	3	23	69	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/31/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	0	1
Adequate	54	51
Surplus	46	48
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	5	1
Adequate	54	55
Surplus	41	44

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 25, 2020 to May 31, 2020



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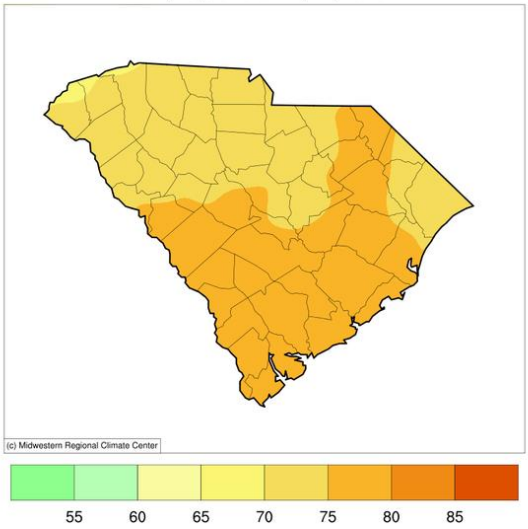
Average Temperature (°F)
May 25, 2020 to May 31, 2020



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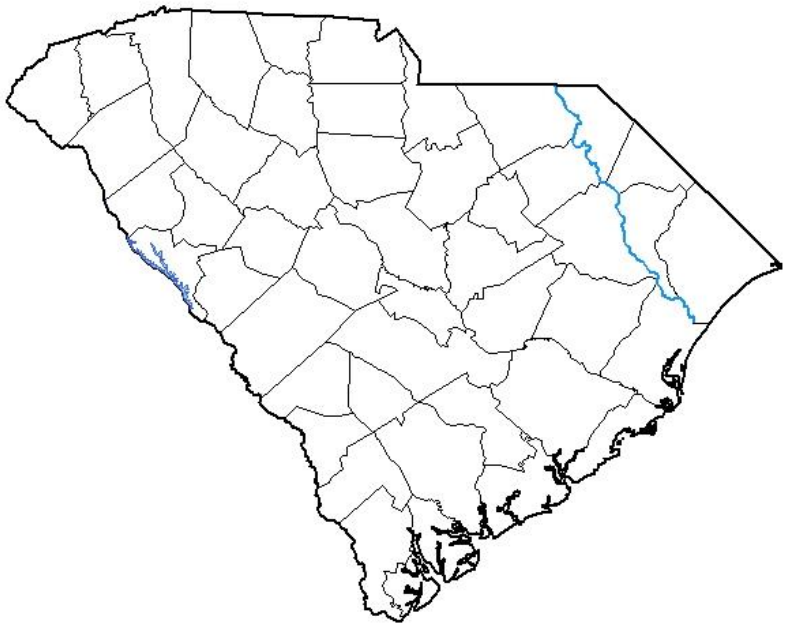
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina



May 26, 2020
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

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 05-19-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-25-2020	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 05-28-2019	32.57	67.43	28.20	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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