



# 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, April 4, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 20s to the low 50s.

## Crops

Late-week freezing temperatures temporarily stalled corn planting. Frost caused only minimal damage to emerged corn. Isolated heavy rain also contributed to delayed planting.

Strawberries were nearly ready for harvesting. Producers covered strawberries in anticipation of the frosts, so no damage is expected. A few growers began planting cucurbit crops, with many more expected to begin soon. The first plantings of sweet corn emerged and were growing well.

## Livestock and Pastures

In general, pastures and fields were dark green, despite the persistent muddy conditions and cool temperatures. The frosts caused some damage to summer pastures, but none was killed back completely. Many farmers scrambled to get fertilizer and broadleaf weed control applied as weather permitted.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/04/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	21	NA	27	27
Corn - Emerged.....	10	NA	12	11
Cotton - Planted .....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	67	NA	78	79
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	0	NA	2	2
Winter wheat - Headed.....	14	NA	1	8

(NA) Not available.

## Conditions for Week Ending 04/04/21

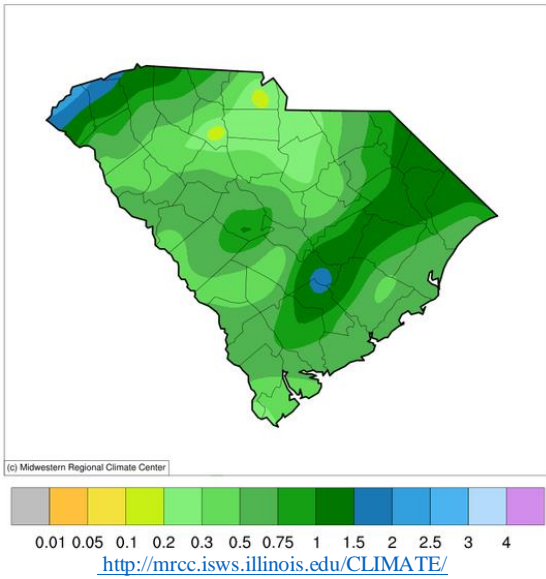
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	21	64	12
Pasture and range ....	0	4	35	48	13
Peaches.....	0	0	25	58	17
Winter wheat .....	1	1	32	52	14

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/04/21

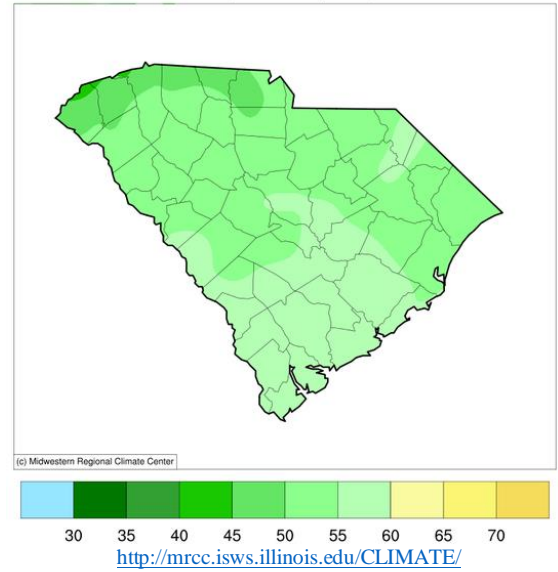
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	NA	1
Short .....	NA	6
Adequate .....	NA	85
Surplus.....	NA	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	NA	1
Short .....	NA	3
Adequate .....	NA	88
Surplus.....	NA	8

(NA) Not available.

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 29, 2021 to April 04, 2021



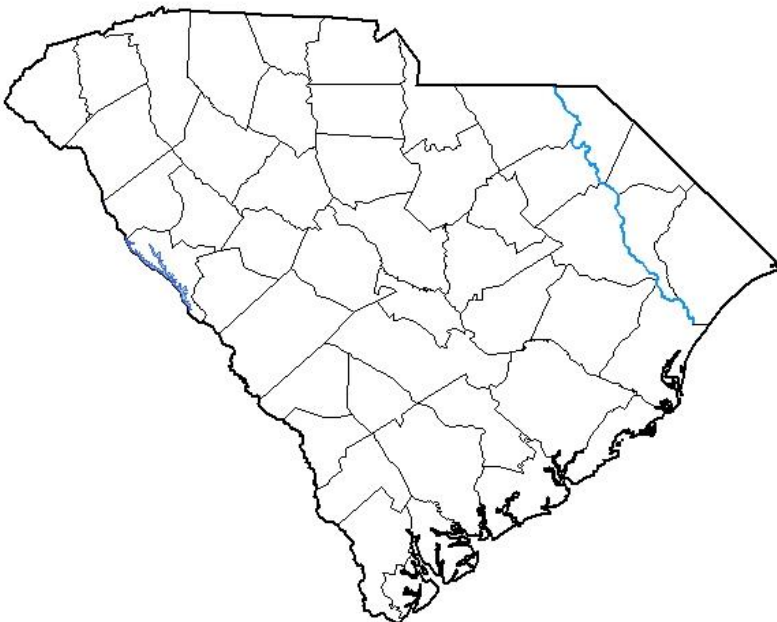
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
March 29, 2021 to April 04, 2021



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**March 30, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 1, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 03-23-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-31-2020	100.00	0.00	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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