



# 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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 25, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the low 60s.

## Crops

Most of the state entered into an abnormally dry designation. Dryland peanut planting and some corn planting halted midweek because of dry soil conditions. Weekend rain in all regions, except the Pee Dee, provided the moisture needed to resume row crop planting. Frosts on Thursday and Friday mornings caused light leaf damage on corn. Producers replanted some corn fields damaged by the early April freezes. Soybean planting began in some counties. Hay cutting picked up pace.

Strawberries were yielding very well. The rain was good for spider mite management, as their populations had been thriving in the dry conditions. Blueberries were sizing well, and the fruit damaged by the early April freezes started to drop. Muscadines were developing nicely, with early fruiting buds starting to show. Vegetables continued to be planted heavily, with seeded crops starting to emerge and transplanted crops starting to grow. Diamondback moth populations were increasing in brassicas.

## Livestock and Pastures

Counties in the Upstate experienced ideal growing conditions for pastures, while some other counties saw a marked decline in pasture condition from the dry weather. Cattle condition remained good, overall.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/25/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	89	77	88	90
Corn - Emerged.....	73	53	71	71
Cotton - Planted .....	3	1	7	5
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	11	2	13	12
Peanuts - Planted.....	5	1	9	3
Soybeans - Planted.....	0	NA	2	1
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	20	15	24	38
Winter wheat - Headed.....	76	47	73	63

(NA) Not available.

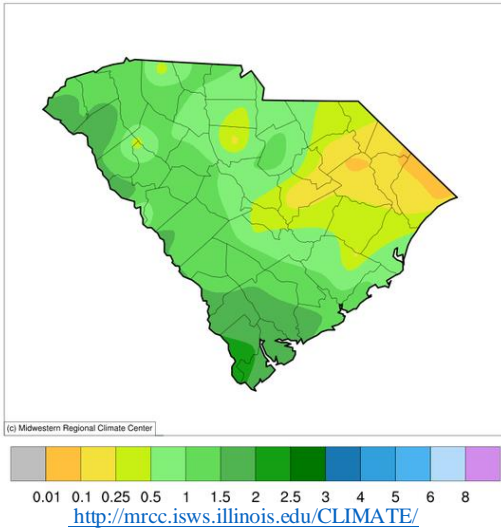
## Conditions for Week Ending 04/25/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	14	69	13
Corn .....	0	1	30	68	1
Pasture and range ....	1	16	16	50	17
Peaches.....	0	4	27	65	4
Winter wheat .....	1	2	13	73	11

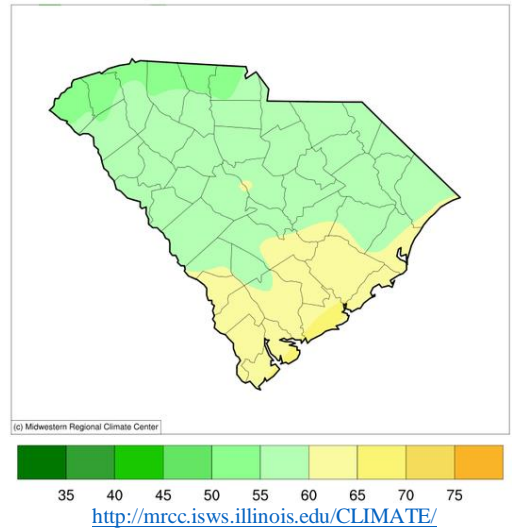
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/25/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	11	19
Short .....	44	27
Adequate .....	44	53
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	14
Short .....	23	22
Adequate .....	75	63
Surplus.....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 19, 2021 to April 25, 2021



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 19, 2021 to April 25, 2021



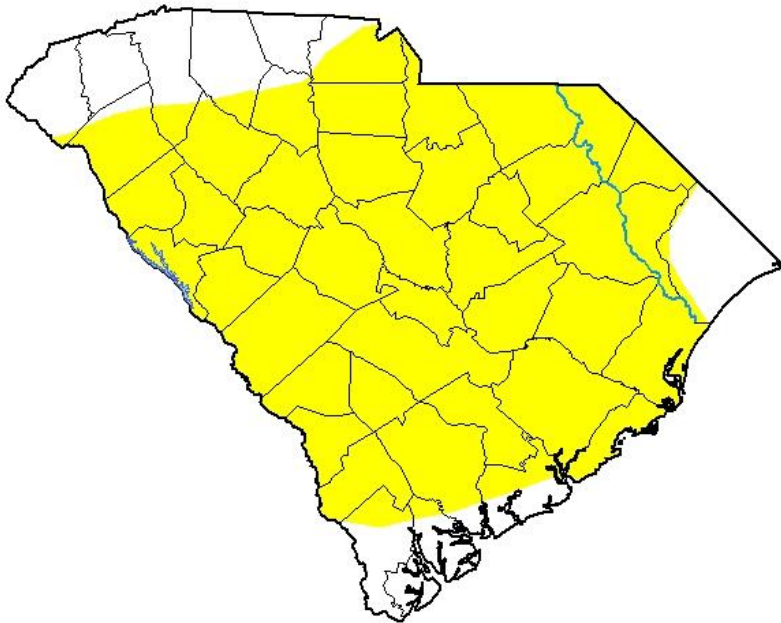
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 20, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 22, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	18.57	81.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-13-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-19-2021	94.26	5.74	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> 04-21-2020	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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