



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 16, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.96 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Rainfall and generally cooler temperatures throughout the week proved ideal for planting and beneficial to crop growth. Cotton, peanuts, and soybean planting all progressed well. Growers continued to plant as much as possible while the improved soil moisture holds, although the cooler morning temperatures have been troublesome for cotton.

Blueberry harvesting started in some areas and strawberry harvesting began wrapping up. Some growers expressed concern that ongoing moisture will continue to present disease pressures in vegetable crops. Cool nighttime temperatures have slowed the progress of some vegetables, although this year's tomato crop was reported to be in great condition.

Livestock and Pastures

The recent rainfall helped improve pasture conditions throughout the state. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/16/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted	42	40	59	48
Hay - 1st Cutting	50	40	48	50
Peanuts - Planted.....	48	43	63	49
Soybeans - Planted.....	19	33	43	18
Soybeans - Emerged.....	9	5	22	6
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	93	75	81	96
Winter wheat - Harvested...	NA	NA	1	NA

(NA) Not available.

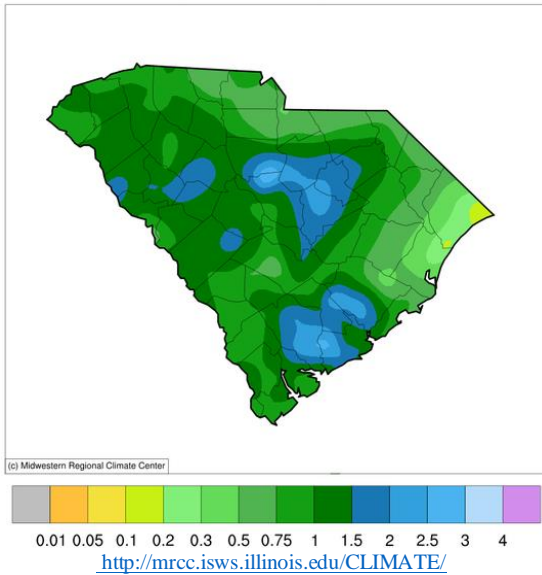
Conditions for Week Ending 05/16/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	15	74	6
Corn.....	1	5	16	64	14
Pasture and range	1	5	31	56	7
Peaches.....	0	0	10	63	27
Tobacco.....	4	5	13	72	6
Winter wheat.....	1	15	22	55	7

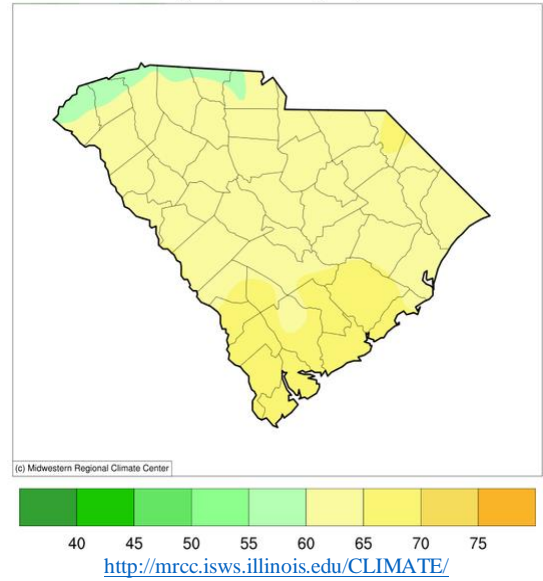
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/16/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	18	4
Short.....	30	23
Adequate.....	52	68
Surplus.....	0	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	6	2
Short.....	31	13
Adequate.....	62	84
Surplus.....	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021



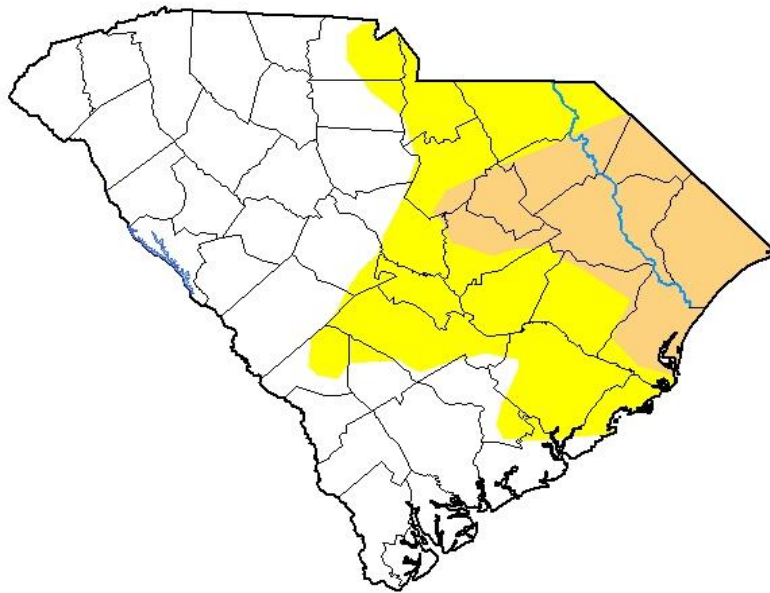
Average Temperature (°F)
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.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	54.83	45.17	17.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-04-2021	25.05	74.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-09-2021	98.36	1.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-12-2020	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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