



# 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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 23, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

## Crops

Warmer temperatures and a general lack of rainfall allowed crop farmers to continue planting throughout the week, putting them well ahead of the normal planting pace. Some growers expressed concern that planting may soon be slowed or halted by the high temperatures if the soil gets too dry. Crops were irrigated where possible and some non-irrigated crops showed signs of drought stress. The dry weather was beneficial for hay and small grain harvest efforts.

Growers were in full swing with early variety peach harvest. Blueberry harvesting activities continued. Irrigated vegetables were looking good but tomato plants with heavy fruit loads were showing signs of stress. Muscadine blooming remained behind the normal schedule due to the freeze during Easter time.

## Livestock and Pastures

The condition of some pastures declined due to the high temperatures and dry soil. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	1	NA	0	1
Cotton - Planted.....	54	59	73	64
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	59	48	56	57
Peaches - Harvested.....	4	NA	7	3
Peanuts - Planted.....	63	63	83	68
Soybeans - Planted.....	35	43	60	33
Soybeans - Emerged.....	19	22	42	17
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	96	81	95	98
Winter wheat - Harvested...	5	1	8	4

(NA) Not available.

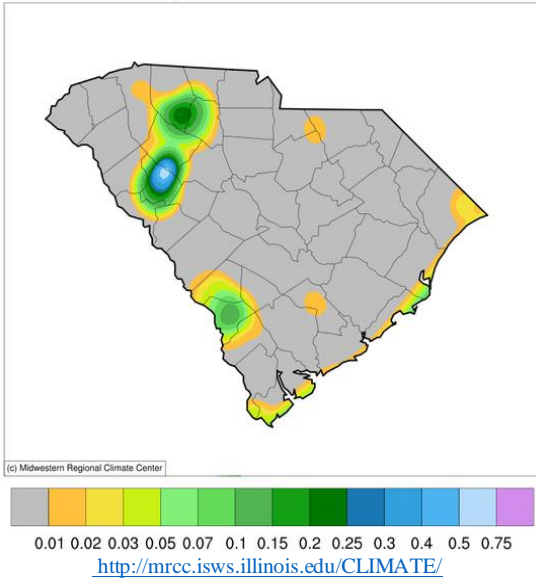
## Conditions for Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	15	70	10
Corn.....	4	13	25	49	9
Cotton.....	3	12	37	44	4
Pasture and range ....	4	16	26	45	9
Peaches.....	2	4	9	51	34
Peanuts.....	3	6	36	52	3
Tobacco.....	4	6	16	69	5
Winter wheat.....	2	11	20	58	9

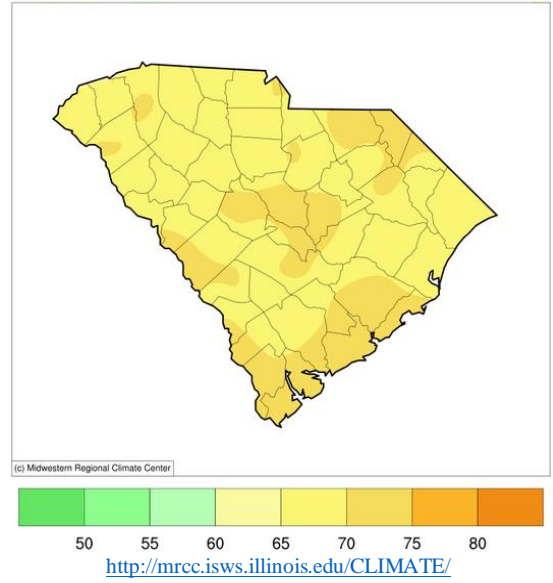
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/23/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	4	14
Short.....	23	38
Adequate.....	68	48
Surplus.....	5	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	5
Short.....	13	30
Adequate.....	84	64
Surplus.....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021

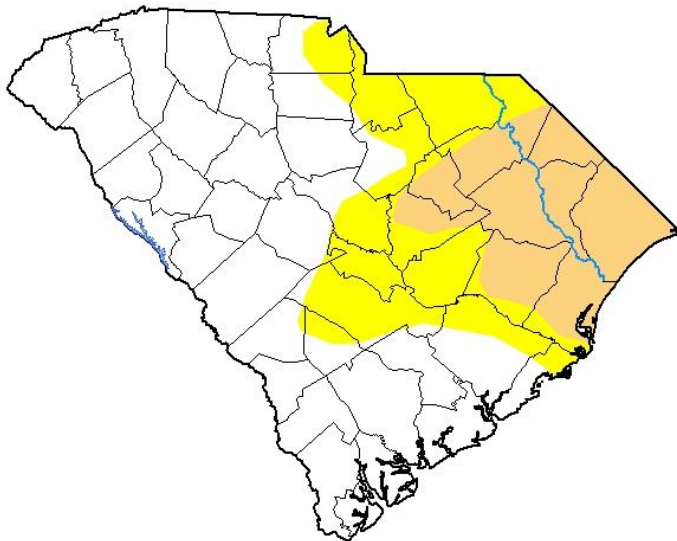


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021



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



**May 18, 2021**

(Released Thursday, May 20, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	59.98	40.02	18.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-11-2021	54.83	45.17	17.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-16-2021	100.00	0.00	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> 05-19-2020	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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