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National Agricultural Statistics Service**

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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 30, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Another hot and dry week was followed by lower temperatures and some rain in parts of the state. Dryland corn was negatively impacted, and cotton and peanuts growth were slowed by the lack of rain in the Lowcountry and Midlands regions. The dry conditions prevented some farmers from cutting and fertilizing hay. Irrigation was run in areas where available.

Vegetables in the Midlands region without irrigation were in poor condition, but the irrigated crops were doing well. Blueberry, early variety blackberry, squash, and zucchini harvesting activities were reported. Strawberry harvesting continued winding down in the Pee Dee with some reports of soft and unmarketable strawberries due to the heat. Peach harvesting continued but was light with fruit size reported to be a bit small. The heat caused stress to some of the tomatoes in the Pee Dee region which resulted in leaf curl. Sweet corn harvest is expected to begin soon.

Livestock and Pastures

The hot and dry conditions negatively impacted grazing and pasture conditions throughout the state. Producers in the Pee Dee were waiting to apply fertilizer to pastures until rain was in the forecast. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/30/21

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	10	0	1	7
Cotton - Planted.....	71	73	85	78
Cotton - Squaring.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	68	56	67	65
Peaches - Harvested	10	7	7	7
Peanuts - Planted	80	83	89	84
Soybeans - Planted	47	60	73	50
Soybeans - Emerged	31	42	54	29
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	8	8	21	12

(NA) Not available.

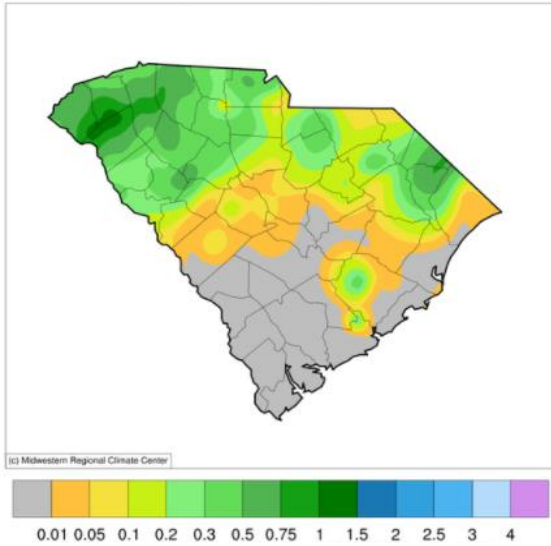
Conditions for Week Ending 05/30/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	20	68	9
Corn	5	18	35	37	5
Cotton.....	3	23	19	51	4
Pasture and range	9	14	30	34	13
Peaches	2	4	9	52	33
Peanuts	3	19	27	48	3
Tobacco.....	5	6	16	68	5
Winter wheat.....	1	14	20	55	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/30/21

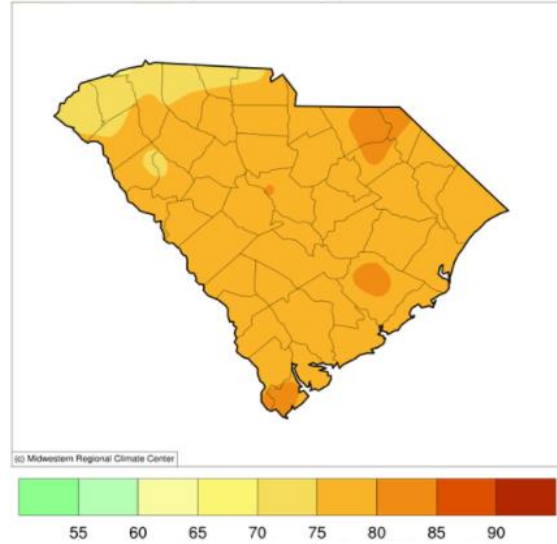
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	25
Short.....	38	41
Adequate	48	33
Surplus	0	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	16
Short.....	30	37
Adequate	64	46
Surplus	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 24, 2021 to May 30, 2021



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
May 24, 2021 to May 30, 2021



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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

May 25, 2021

(Released Thursday, May 27, 2021)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.37	45.63	28.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-18-2021</i>	59.98	40.02	18.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-23-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2020</i>	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2020</i>	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-26-2020</i>	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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