



**United States Department of Agriculture
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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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

After a wet week, most of the state received periodic rainfall that did not slow planting activities. Corn continued to be planted with much of the corn planted in previous weeks already beginning to emerge. Along with corn, tobacco plants continued to develop at a good pace. Cotton, peanut, and soybean fields were prepped with planting likely to start in the next few weeks. Many vegetables were planted this week after some delays to planting due to the wet conditions last week. Some producers have noted decreased strawberry yields due to the hard frost in March. As strawberry harvest continued, some producers noted spider mites, grey mold, and anthracnose in their crop.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/17/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	74	33	65	75
Corn - Emerged	49	17	33	44
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	0	1
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	2	NA	1	1
Peaches - Blooming.....	94	90	95	96
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	NA	0	0
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	14	1	13	15
Winter wheat - Headed	43	13	41	41

(NA) Not available.

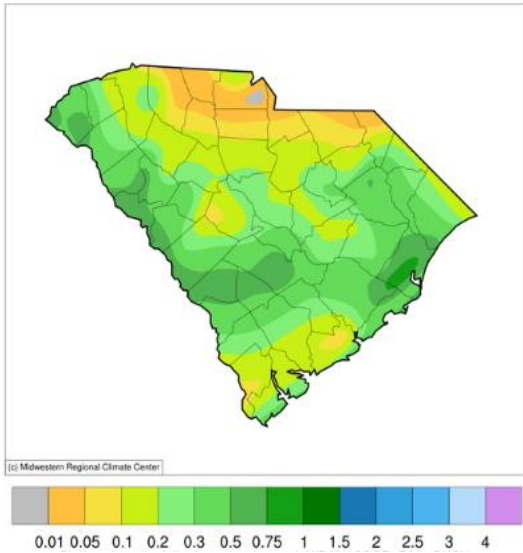
Conditions for Week Ending 04/17/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	17	60	22
Pasture and range	0	1	19	53	27
Peaches	0	0	24	57	19
Winter wheat.....	0	0	22	73	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/17/22

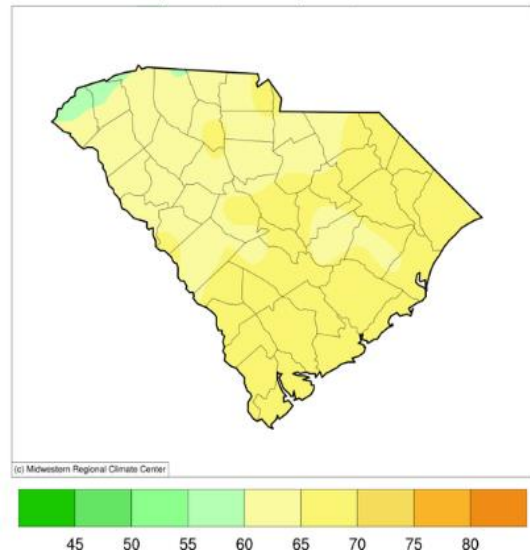
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	0
Short.....	11	10
Adequate	67	82
Surplus	20	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	0
Short.....	15	9
Adequate	73	89
Surplus	10	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 11, 2022 to April 17, 2022



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 11, 2022 to April 17, 2022

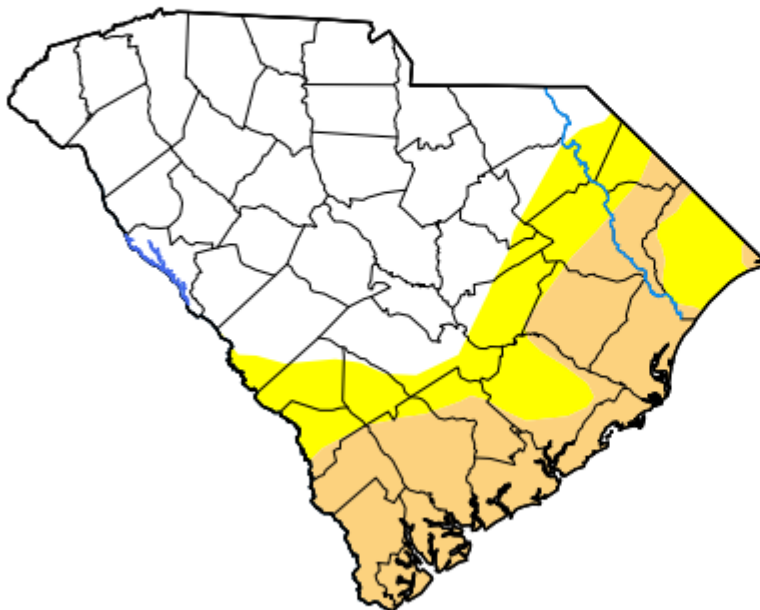


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php

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	57.08	42.92	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-05-2022	45.71	54.29	30.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-11-2022	49.47	50.53	28.78	5.47	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-13-2021	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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