



**United States Department of Agriculture
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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 1, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to .8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Dry and warm conditions persisted across the state with little to no rainfall during the week. Some drought stress is anticipated in the coming week if the dry conditions continue. Most producers finished or were close to finished planting corn while much of the planted corn has already emerged. Some cotton, soybean, and peanut producers started to plant their crops and more will start planting in the coming weeks. Many farmers cut hay for the first time this season and winter wheat was headed given the favorable conditions. Transplanted tobacco plants continue to develop and a decent pace.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/01/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	94	85	95	95
Corn - Emerged	82	63	85	84
Cotton - Planted.....	16	1	6	13
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	28	8	29	24
Peanuts - Planted	18	1	4	14
Soybeans - Planted.....	7	0	3	4
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	51	20	35	59
Winter wheat - Headed	86	60	74	81

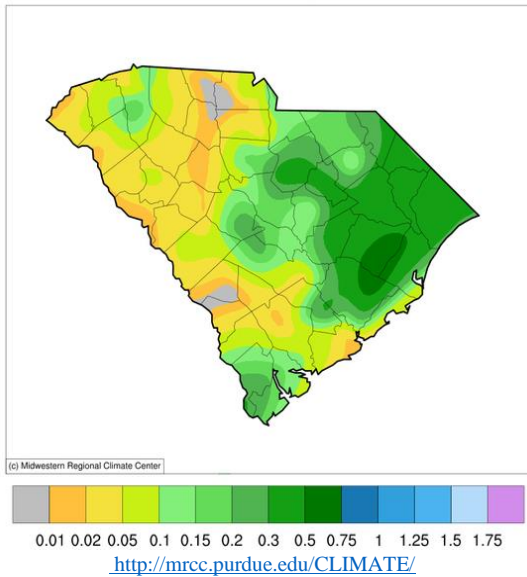
Conditions for Week Ending 05/01/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	17	55	26
Corn	0	2	10	86	2
Pasture and range	0	3	27	52	18
Peaches	0	5	21	62	12
Winter wheat.....	0	0	30	66	4

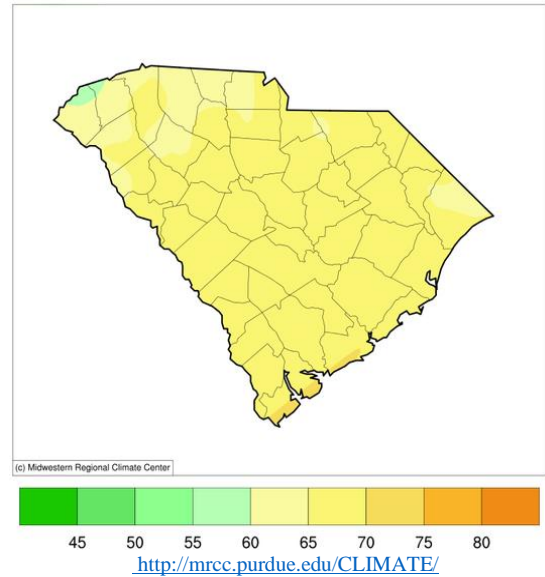
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/01/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	3
Short.....	23	37
Adequate	77	60
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	1
Short.....	11	34
Adequate	89	65
Surplus	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 25, 2022 to May 01, 2022



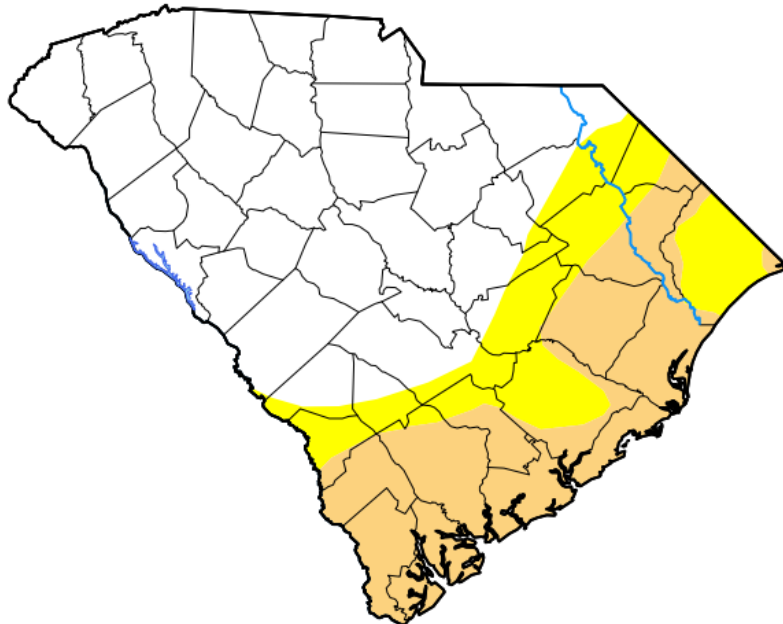
Average Temperature (°F)
April 25, 2022 to May 01, 2022



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

April 26, 2022
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.20	40.80	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-19-2022	59.20	40.80	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-25-2022	64.96	35.04	6.49	0.00	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 04-27-2021	19.71	80.29	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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