



**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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Dry conditions continued over the week with warmer temperatures moving into the state. With persisting dry conditions, many producers ran irrigation to offset the depletion of soil moisture in planted acres. Disease was limited with the conditions, but producers noted insects were out in full force throughout the state. Most of the planted corn had emerged and was roughly 3-12 inches tall in most counties. Cotton and soybeans continued to be planted at a good pace and farmers expected those crops to begin emerging in the coming weeks. Many producers completed their first cutting of hay and most winter wheat was headed with favorable conditions. Tobacco continued to develop at a good pace.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly good condition. New growth on pastures was limited due to dry and warm conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/08/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged	94	85	91	95
Cotton - Planted.....	37	6	22	28
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	39	29	43	36
Peanuts - Planted	40	4	30	32
Soybeans - Planted	29	3	10	13
Soybeans - Emerged	5	NA	0	2
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	72	35	60	82
Winter wheat - Headed	94	74	87	93

NA (Not Available)

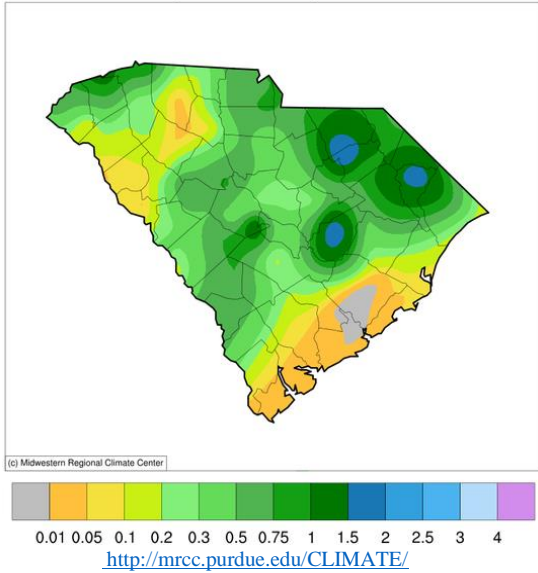
Conditions for Week Ending 05/08/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	12	65	23
Corn	0	2	22	63	13
Pasture and range	0	3	19	65	13
Peaches	0	5	21	62	12
Winter wheat.....	0	0	24	74	2

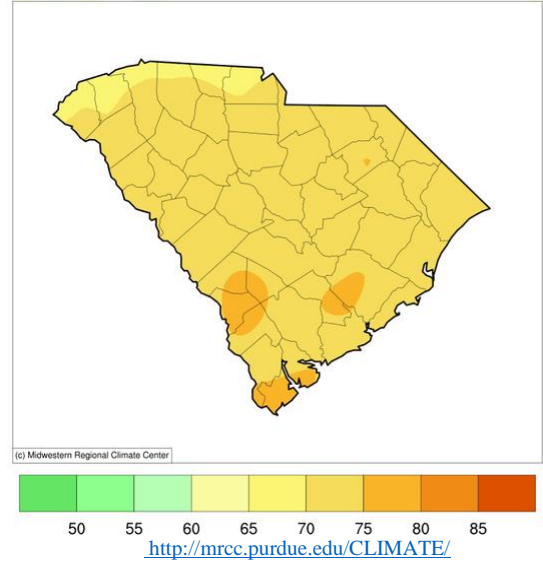
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/08/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	3	0
Short.....	37	43
Adequate	60	56
Surplus	0	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	1
Short.....	34	27
Adequate	65	71
Surplus	0	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 02, 2022 to May 08, 2022



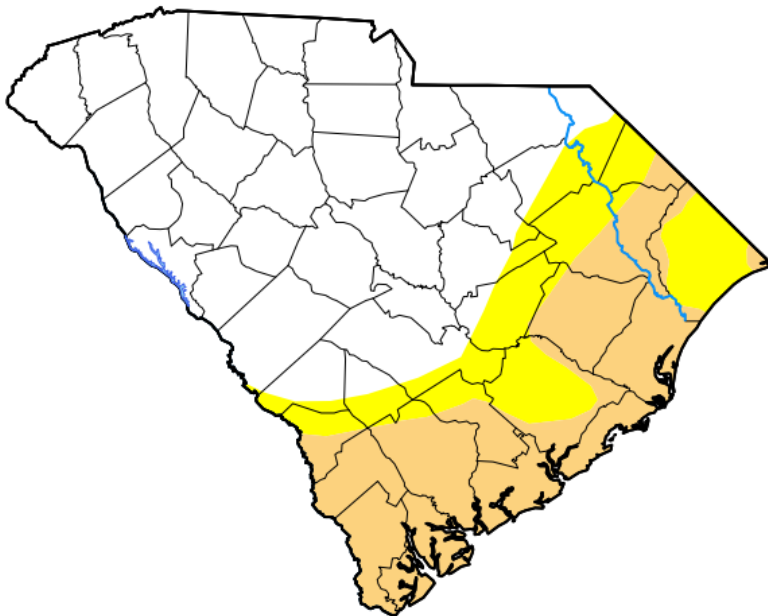
Average Temperature (°F)
May 02, 2022 to May 08, 2022



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

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.20	40.80	24.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-26-2022	59.20	40.80	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-01-2022	56.32	43.68	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 05-04-2021	25.05	74.95	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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