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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 5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 60s.

Crops

Cooler temperatures during the week gave farmers ample time to catch up with fieldwork activities. Corn fields finished emerging and began silking and tasseling. Farmers were able to make good progress planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans during the week. Winter wheat harvest began, and first cutting of hay continued to progress ahead of historical levels. Peaches were being harvested; however, harvest was behind schedule given the cold events in March. Brown rot and bacterial diseases were major issues for peaches this year due to the freezing winter temperatures and reduced spraying schedules. Powdery mildew was reported on watermelons in the Lowcountry region due to the cooler temperatures.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures continued to be in relatively good condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/28/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	2	NA	2	3
Cotton - Planted.....	79	53	68	78
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	72	67	72	64
Peaches - Harvested	11	7	9	7
Peanuts - Planted	78	64	78	82
Soybeans - Planted	48	33	49	50
Soybeans - Emerged	21	9	22	29
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	11	0	5	12

(NA) Not available.

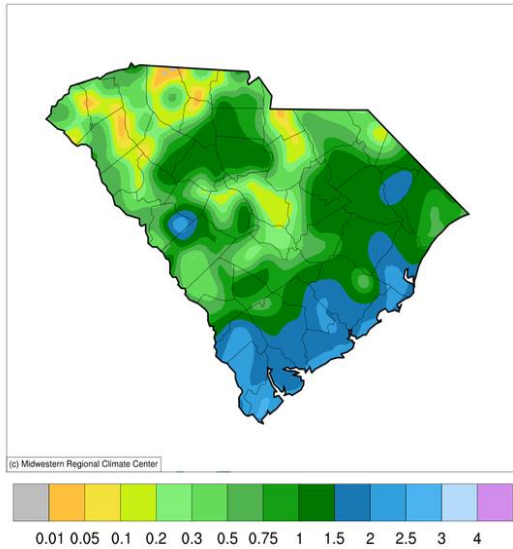
Conditions for Week Ending 05/28/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	10	78	10
Corn.....	0	2	25	53	20
Cotton.....	0	0	8	82	10
Pasture and range	1	5	16	71	7
Peaches	2	15	44	39	0
Peanuts	0	1	3	94	2
Tobacco.....	0	0	20	61	19
Winter wheat.....	0	3	29	62	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/28/23

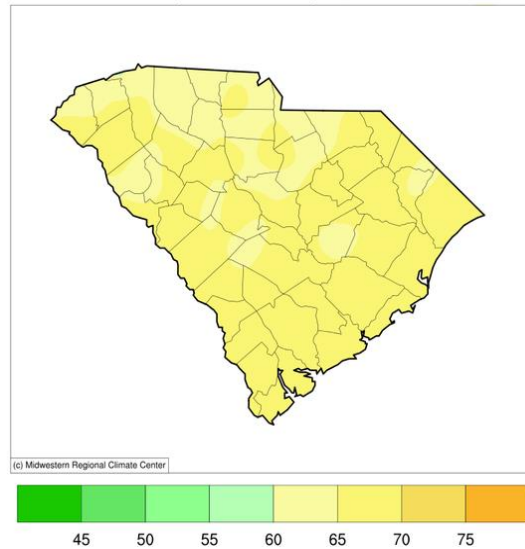
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	13	8
Adequate	79	85
Surplus	7	7
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	11	8
Adequate	82	85
Surplus	7	7

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023



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Average Temperature (°F)
May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023



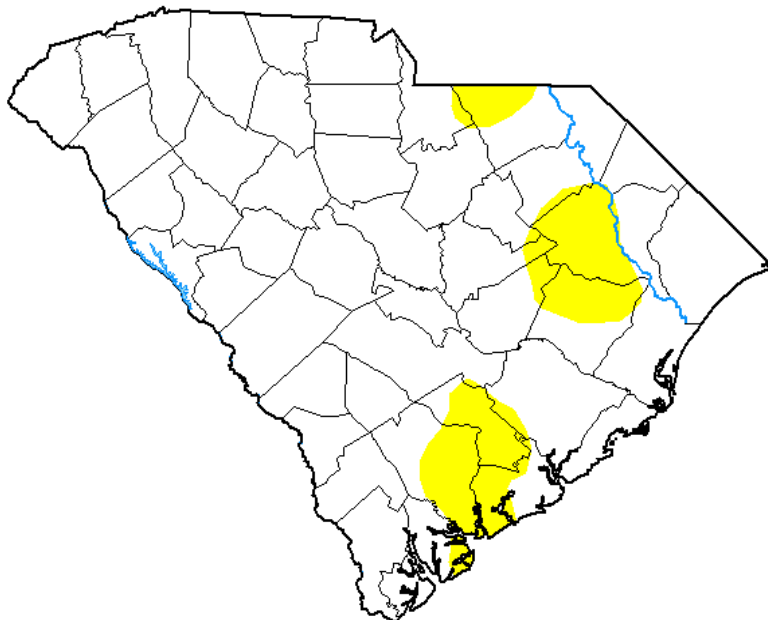
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

May 23, 2023
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.76	11.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-16-2023	77.08	22.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-21-2023	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-24-2022	51.10	48.90	25.73	3.95	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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