



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 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 12, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.6 inches of rain to over 6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

It was a rainy week across the state last week, with the Upstate and Midlands regions receiving significant precipitation. There were some isolated reports of hail and wind damage to crops due to storms. Despite wet conditions, corn planting neared completion with the crop reported to be in good condition. Reporters noted that some operators would have to replant cotton acres due to overly wet conditions. Hay continued to be cut throughout the week, although a dry window was needed to get the first cutting finished up. Vegetables planting was reported to be making good progress and peaches continued to develop.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state. Pastures continued to improve due to the rain.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/12/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	NA	91	96	NA
Corn - Emerged	91	85	90	95
Cotton - Planted.....	21	24	39	35
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	52	48	59	47
Peaches - Harvested	2	0	2	1
Peanuts - Planted	34	28	50	44
Soybeans - Planted	17	29	39	19
Soybeans - Emerged	2	7	17	4
Winter Wheat - Headed	97	90	95	94

(NA) Not Available

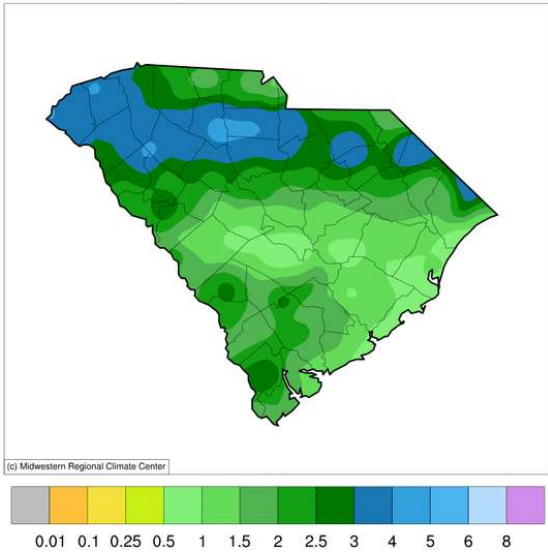
Conditions for Week Ending 5/12/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	17	71	9
Corn	0	0	18	62	20
Pasture and range	0	4	25	69	2
Peaches	0	4	13	74	9
Winter wheat.....	0	0	26	60	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/12/24

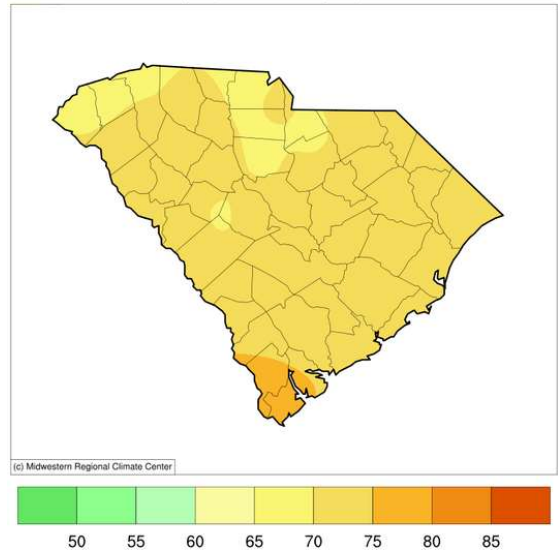
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	1
Short.....	25	8
Adequate	66	69
Surplus	5	22
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0
Short.....	22	10
Adequate	73	71
Surplus	4	19

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 06, 2024 to May 12, 2024



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Average Temperature (°F)
May 06, 2024 to May 12, 2024

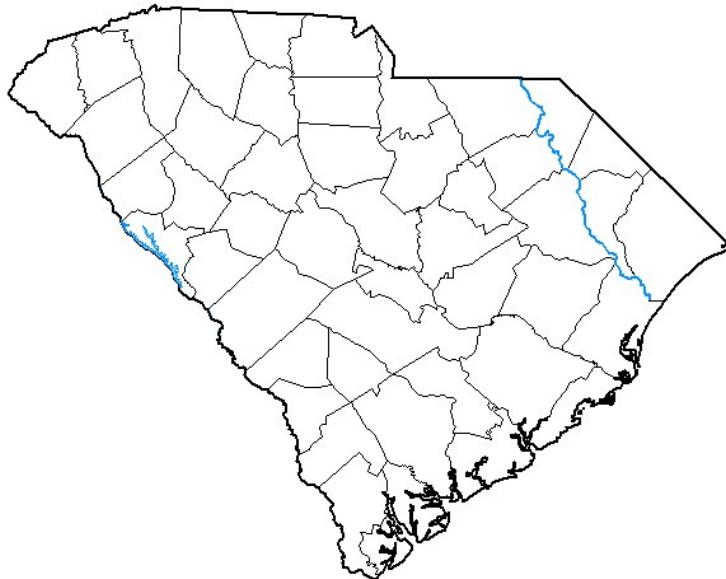


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

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	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-30-2024	78.62	21.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-06-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-09-2023	88.05	11.95	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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