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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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 5, 2024. Precipitation ranged from negligible rainfall to 5.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Much needed rain fell across the northern region of the state, which alleviated some of the persistent dryness. Dryland corn benefitted from the increased moisture and was noted to be developing well. Producers were active planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans throughout the week, although concerns about soil moisture levels remained in many areas. Hay production was not significantly slowed by the rain as progress remained ahead of historical averages. Peaches were reported to be in mostly good condition.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state. Pasture condition improved slightly with the increased soil moisture, but more rainfall would still be beneficial.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/05/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	95	87	91	96
Corn - Emerged	84	75	85	89
Cotton - Planted	8	10	24	17
Hay - 1st Cutting	40	30	48	34
Peaches - Harvested	NA	0	0	NA
Peanuts - Planted	15	13	28	23
Soybeans - Planted	7	12	29	9
Soybeans - Emerged	NA	0	7	NA
Winter wheat - Headed	91	86	90	87

(NA) Not available.

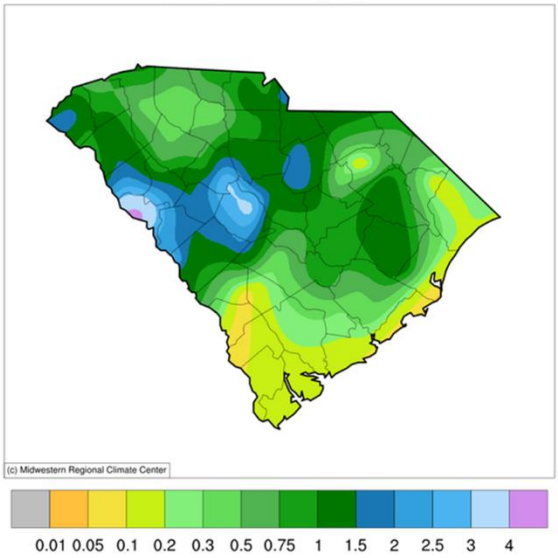
Conditions for Week Ending 05/05/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	13	75	10
Corn	0	0	23	57	20
Pasture and range	0	3	21	74	2
Peaches	0	5	15	69	11
Winter wheat	0	0	18	60	22

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/05/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	4
Short	31	25
Adequate	65	66
Surplus	2	5
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1
Short	18	22
Adequate	80	73
Surplus	1	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 29, 2024 to May 05, 2024



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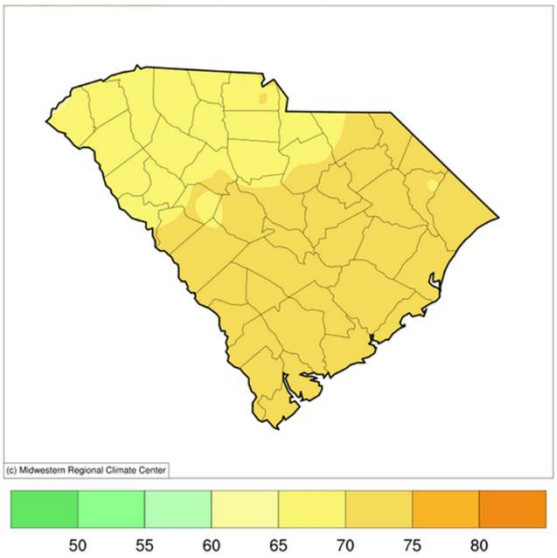
Average Temperature (°F)
April 29, 2024 to May 05, 2024



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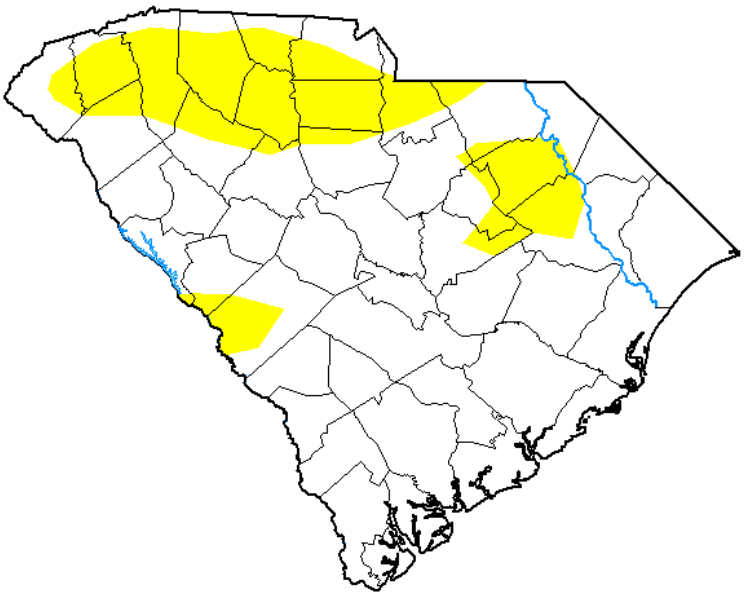
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina



April 30, 2024
(Released Thursday, May. 2, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	78.62	21.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-23-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-30-2024	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 05-02-2023	91.44	8.56	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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