



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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.4 inches to 2.9 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Most of the state received a moderate amount of rain last week, with the Midlands receiving a significant amount of precipitation. Corn planting was underway last week, however progress was delayed in many areas due to wet field conditions. Reporters noted that peaches were in good condition overall, although there were some reports of loss due to freeze events in March. Vegetable producers were reported to have begun preparations for spring planting.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state. Recent rains and warming temperatures helped improve pastures, although some cattle producers were still having to supplement with hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 3/31/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	24	NA	16	23
Corn - Emerged	6	NA	3	7
Peaches - Blooming.....	80	NA	75	72
Winter Wheat - Headed	4	NA	7	3

(NA) Not Available

Conditions for Week Ending 3/31/24

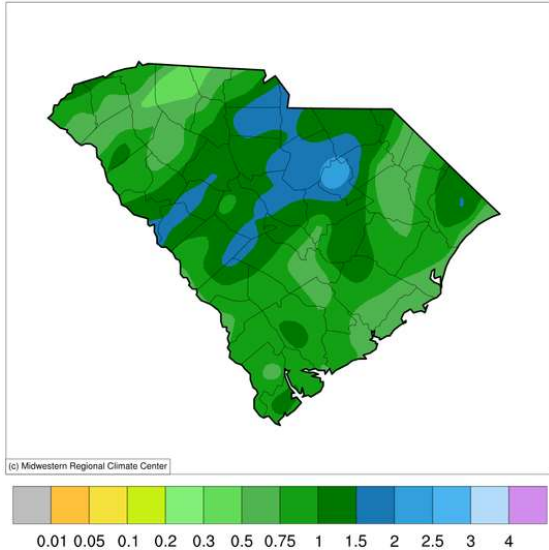
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	18	70	11
Pasture and range	0	5	25	65	5
Peaches	0	5	5	90	0
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	24	60	16

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/31/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	NA	1
Short.....	NA	6
Adequate	NA	67
Surplus	NA	26
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	NA	0
Short.....	NA	7
Adequate	NA	69
Surplus	NA	24

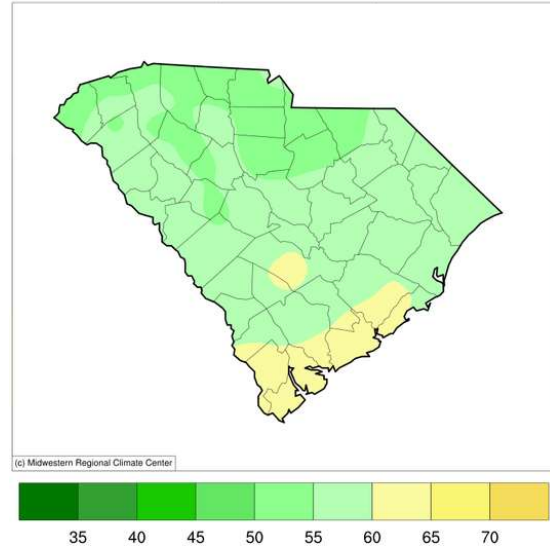
(NA) Not Available

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024



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Average Temperature (°F)
March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024

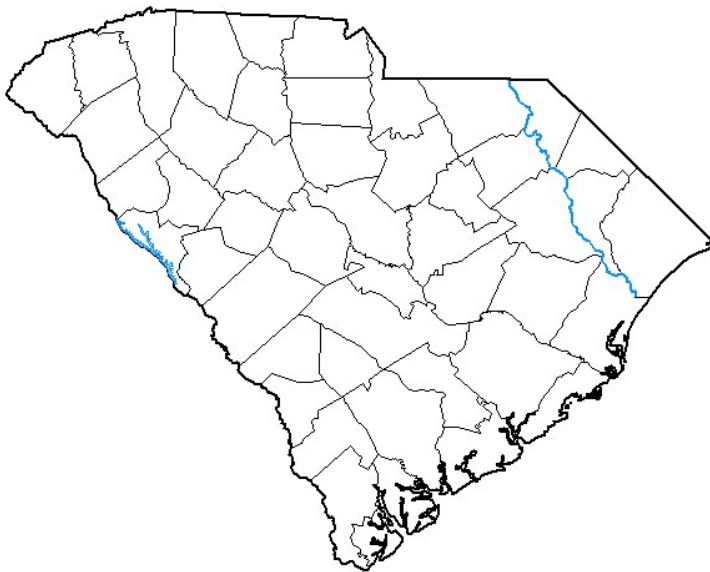


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

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 <i>03-19-2024</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-26-2023</i>	50.07	49.93	22.52	5.37	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2024</i>	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2023</i>	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-28-2023</i>	82.62	17.38	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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