



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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.2 inches to over 4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

It was a relatively dry week for much of the state last week, as only the Lowcountry and a small part of the Upstate regions received notable precipitation amounts. Most of the state experienced strong winds throughout the week, although there were no reports of widespread damage. Soggy conditions in parts of the state hindered field work, with corn planting being impacted the most. Land preparations continued for cotton and peanut fields, with fall cover crops continuing to be chemically terminated. Most of the peaches were reported to be past the full bloom stage and moving into leaf drop. Reporters noted that spring vegetable planting began in some areas and that strawberry harvest wase in full swing.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state. Many pastures continued to green up due to continued precipitation.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/14/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	63	29	52	61
Corn - Emerged	36	10	32	33
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	1	0
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	NA	NA	1	NA
Peaches - Blooming.....	95	90	95	93
Peanuts - Planted	0	NA	1	0
Winter Wheat - Headed	40	22	42	33

(NA) Not Available

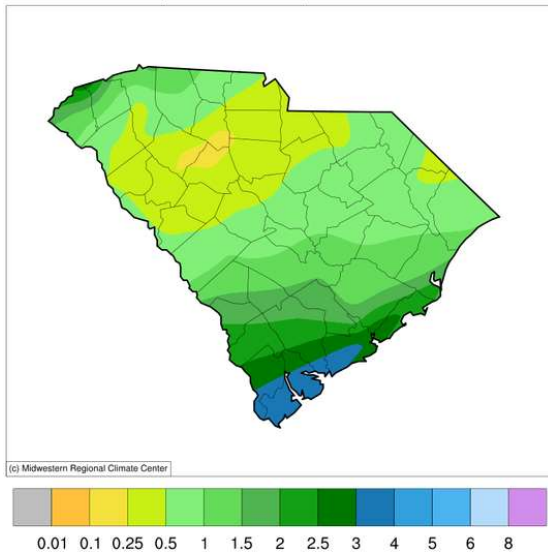
Conditions for Week Ending 4/14/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	14	75	9
Pasture and range	0	1	22	69	8
Peaches	2	8	7	80	3
Winter wheat.....	0	0	22	61	17

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/14/24

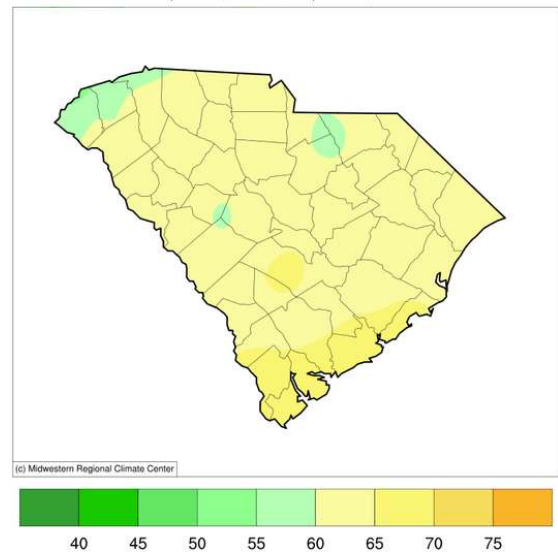
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	8	4
Adequate	74	78
Surplus	18	18
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1
Short.....	7	3
Adequate	77	76
Surplus	16	20

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024

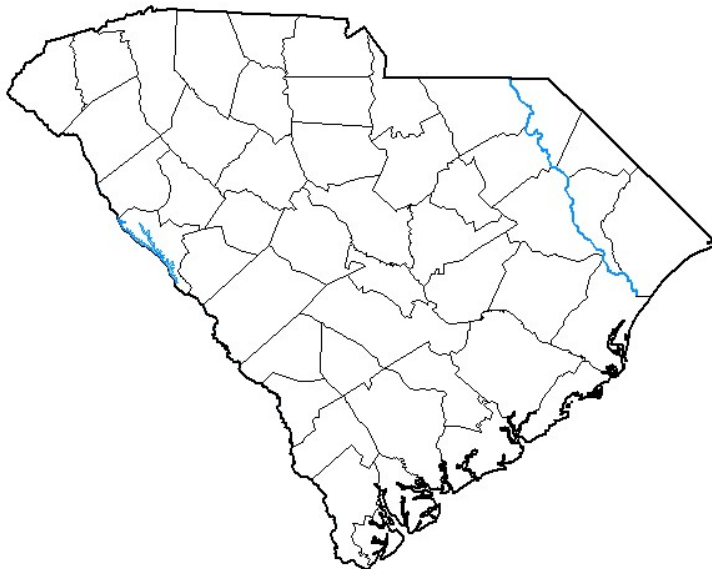


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

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 04-02-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-09-2024	83.79	16.21	2.07	0.50	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 04-11-2023	89.70	10.30	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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