



# 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, April 21, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 2.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

## Crops

Conditions were generally dry in the state last week, with only the northern portions of the state receiving a significant amount of precipitation. Warmer than normal temperatures and windy conditions last week were noted to have quickly dried out soils. The drier and warmer weather allowed operators to conduct more field work last week after several weeks of wet conditions. Crop conditions were reported to be good, although there were some reports of shorter winter wheat than usual. Corn planting continued throughout the week with previously planted fields noted to be emerging nicely. Many hay producers took advantage of the dry weather to harvest their first cutting of hay throughout the week. Vegetable crops continued to be planted last week and fall cover crops continued to be chemically burned down in preparation for planting.

## Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/21/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted .....	80	52	76	82
Corn - Emerged .....	57	32	52	57
Cotton - Planted.....	1	1	4	1
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	8	1	18	5
Peanuts - Planted .....	1	1	4	2
Soybeans - Planted .....	0	NA	3	0
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	64	42	68	55

(NA) Not Available

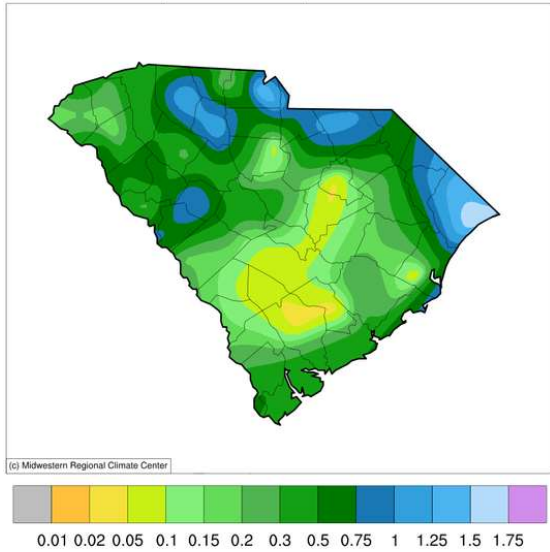
## Conditions for Week Ending 4/21/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	14	73	11
Pasture and range .....	0	1	15	81	3
Peaches .....	3	13	13	68	3
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	16	73	11

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/21/24

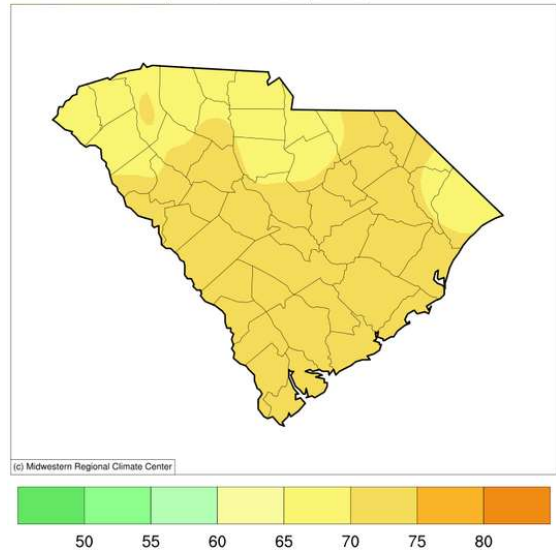
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	4	15
Adequate .....	78	82
Surplus .....	18	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	0
Short.....	3	8
Adequate .....	76	88
Surplus .....	20	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024

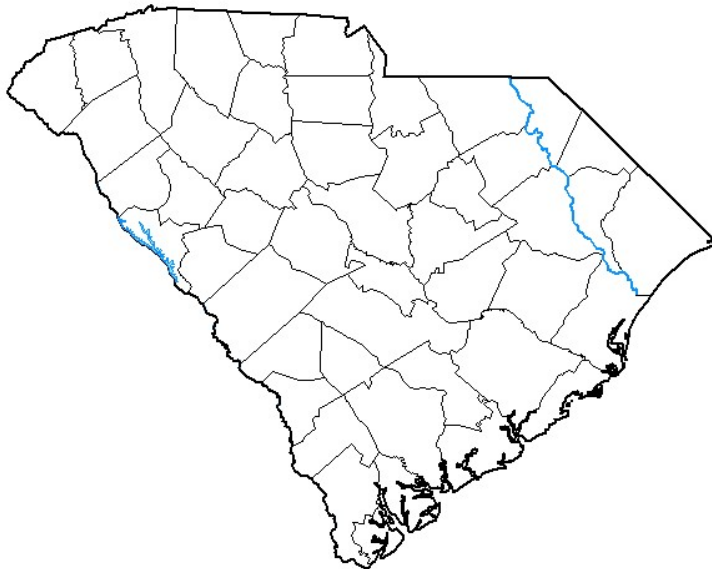


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2024.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 16, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 18, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-09-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-16-2024	97.93	2.07	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-18-2023	89.03	10.97	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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