



# 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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 28, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 1.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

## Crops

It was another dry week for the state, with only the Upstate and Lowcountry regions of the state receiving moderate amounts of precipitation. Reporters noted that some operators turned on irrigation systems for the first time due to the dry weather. The weather allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work last week, although some held off on planting cotton and peanuts due to the dry conditions. Reporters noted some dry land corn could be negatively impacted if rain was not received soon. Tobacco planting was reported to be nearing completion. Hay production continued to progress well thanks to the dry weather. Peaches were reported to be in mostly good condition, although there were reports of isolated disease issues appearing in some varieties.

## Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state. Pasture conditions continued to improve due to continued warming temperatures.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/28/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	89	76	87	92
Corn - Emerged .....	71	52	75	77
Cotton - Planted .....	2	4	10	6
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	26	18	30	19
Peanuts - Planted .....	6	4	13	8
Soybeans - Planted .....	2	3	12	2
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	81	68	86	73

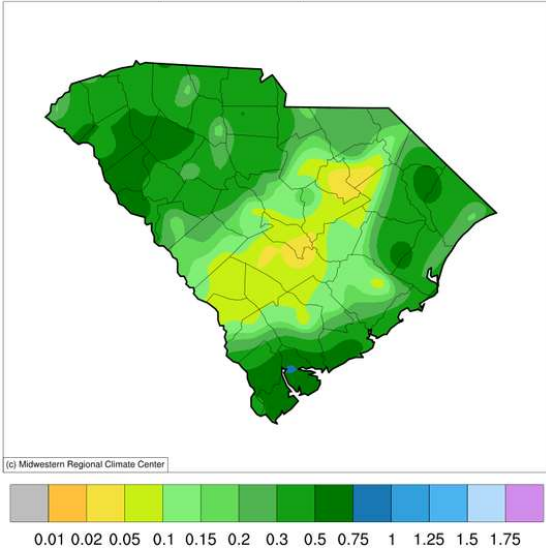
## Conditions for Week Ending 4/28/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	21	72	5
Corn .....	0	0	23	64	13
Pasture and range .....	0	1	21	72	6
Peaches .....	0	6	22	60	12
Winter Wheat .....	0	0	16	69	15

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/28/24

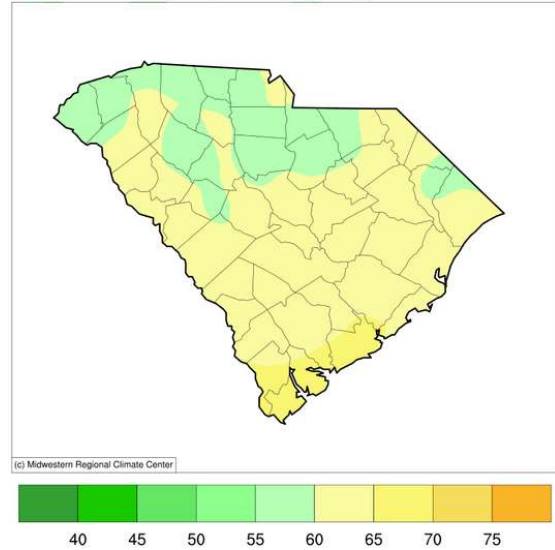
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	2
Short .....	15	31
Adequate .....	82	65
Surplus .....	3	2
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short .....	8	18
Adequate .....	88	80
Surplus .....	4	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 22, 2024 to April 28, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 22, 2024 to April 28, 2024

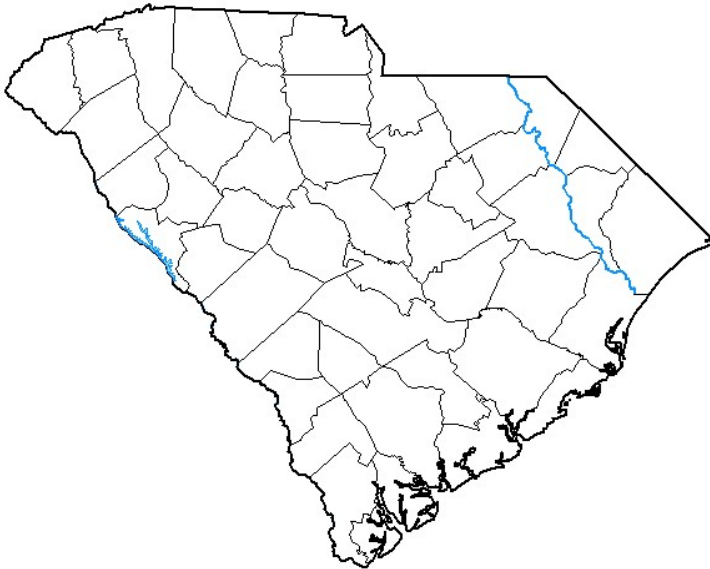


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2024.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 23, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 25, 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> 04-16-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-23-2024	97.90	2.10	0.00	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> 04-25-2023	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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