



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.3 inches to 2.0 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 mid 50s.

Crops

It was a rainy week for most of the state, with the Upstate and Midlands regions receiving the most precipitation. Wet field conditions in some areas prevented field work, with corn planting still in the beginning stages in most areas. The corn that has been planted was noted to be emerging well, although some stands were reported to have a yellowish color due to the cool-wet soils. Producers were active spraying, fertilizing, discing, and tilling throughout the week in preparation for planting cotton and peanuts. Peaches were reported to be in good condition, with blooming close to completion. Reporters noted some instances of early vegetable planting underway throughout the week.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state. Pastures continued to improve with warmer temperatures and continued precipitation.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/7/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	38	16	29	34
Corn - Emerged	15	3	10	15
Peaches - Blooming.....	88	75	90	82
Winter Wheat - Headed	15	7	22	11

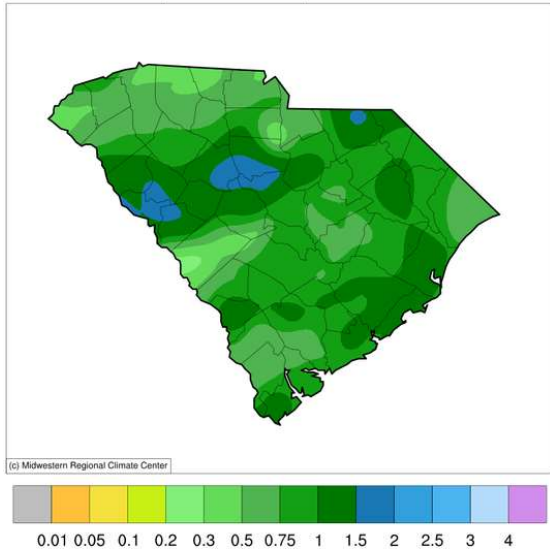
Conditions for Week Ending 4/7/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	10	75	14
Pasture and range	0	2	34	59	5
Peaches	0	3	5	92	0
Winter wheat.....	0	0	22	60	18

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/7/24

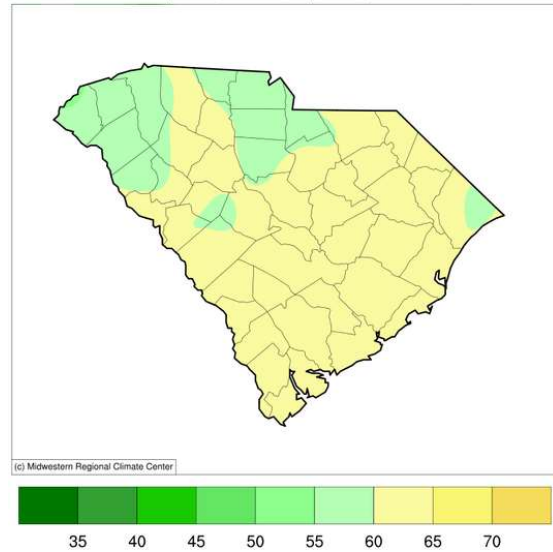
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0
Short.....	6	8
Adequate	67	74
Surplus	26	18
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	7	7
Adequate	69	77
Surplus	24	16

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024

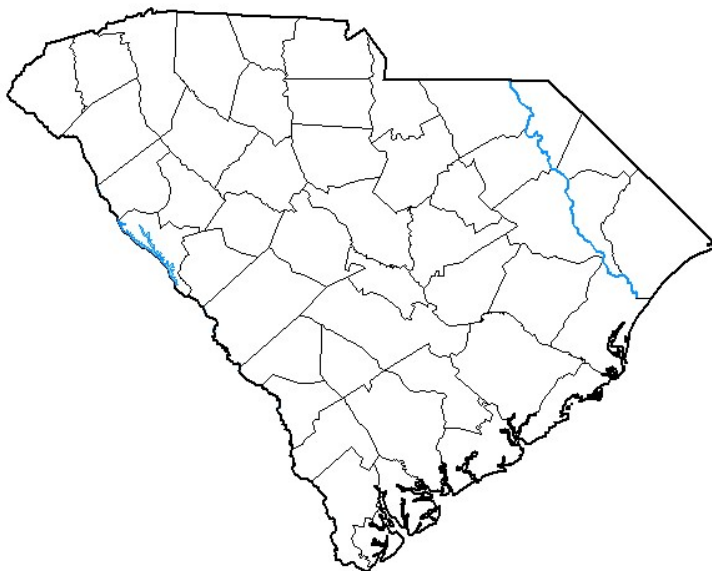


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

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 03-26-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	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 04-04-2023	74.71	25.29	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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