

March 25, 2024

South Carolina: March temperatures ranged from 1.5 to 6.5 degrees warmer than historical averages depending on location. Total rainfall during the month ranged from 3.7 inches in Horry County to 10.2 inches in Charleston County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the state had no drought classification by month's end, compared to 10.8 percent abnormally dry at the beginning of the month.

South Carolina saw good rainfall amounts and mostly mild temperatures during the month. Fields were being prepared for spring planting. Some corn fields were beginning to be planted, however wet soil conditions delayed planting in many areas. Small grains were noted to be improving due to the rainfall, warmer temperatures, and nitrogen applications. Pasture conditions were also improving, and hay inventory was noted to be sufficient for the winter months. Low chill peaches flowered with good fruit set and no issues. Later varieties were in full bloom with excellent flower numbers and some early fruit set.