



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
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.

April 20, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 19, 2020. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 11.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 60s.

Crops

Corn planting continued last week with much of the crop emerging and looking good. Preparations were being made for cotton and peanut planting. Some planting of cotton and peanuts had started, but was slowed by cold weather that moved in. There were some reports of standing water in fields and wind damaged crops due to severe storms in the state last week. Preparations were being made for the first cutting of hay. Vegetable planting was in full swing. Sweet corn, greens, green beans, and potatoes were looking good. Strawberries were being harvested with better yields being reported than in previous weeks. Blueberries were progressing well and harvesting is expected to begin soon.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were progressing rapidly due to favorable weather conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	83	50	80	76
Corn - Emerged.....	53	22	50	51
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	1	2
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	1	NA	2	2
Peaches - Blooming	95	88	95	99
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	NA	1	0
Tobacco - Transplanted ..	13	5	18	28
Winter wheat - Headed ..	36	31	54	38

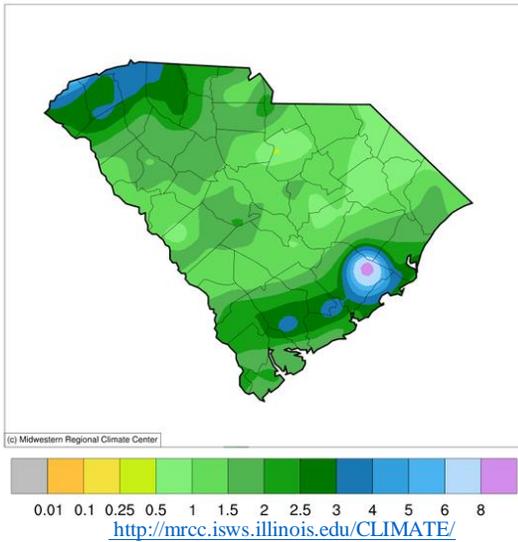
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	11	72	17
Pasture and range	1	3	36	48	12
Peaches.....	4	4	16	57	19
Winter wheat.....	1	5	50	38	6

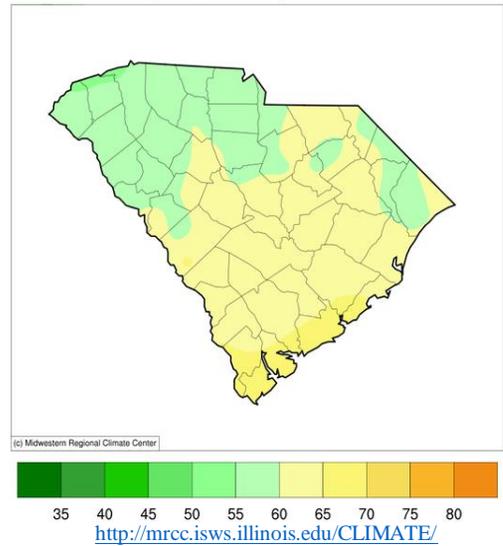
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/19/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	5	4
Adequate.....	84	82
Surplus	11	13
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	4	5
Adequate.....	72	80
Surplus	24	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020

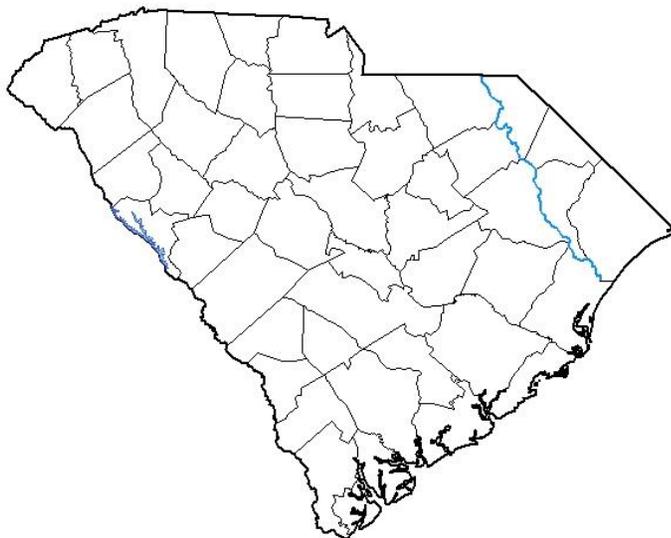


Average Temperature (°F)
April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.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 04-07-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-14-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
One Year Ago 04-16-2019	43.61	56.39	26.24	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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