



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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 3, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Weather conditions were favorable for fieldwork throughout the state. Corn planting was wrapping up with the emerged corn crop looking good. Some erosion from winds and insect damage to crops was reported. Planting of peanuts, cotton, and soybeans was in full swing. Vegetables were looking good. Blueberry volume was light. Overall, strawberries were yielding heavily with some of the crop experiencing mold and water damage from rain in previous weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures continue greening and growth with adequate rainfall and warm temperatures. Cattle were looking good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	NA	91	96	NA
Corn - Emerged	91	77	86	87
Cotton - Planted	17	3	11	16
Hay - 1st Cutting	27	13	21	24
Peanuts - Planted	20	6	24	14
Soybeans - Planted	3	0	6	3
Tobacco - Transplanted ..	47	20	75	73
Winter wheat - Headed ...	76	80	85	78

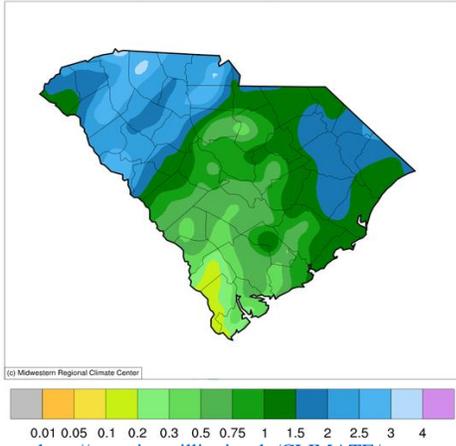
Conditions for Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	9	77	14
Corn	0	0	6	61	33
Pasture and range ..	0	1	13	73	13
Peaches	1	1	24	53	21
Winter wheat	0	5	35	54	6

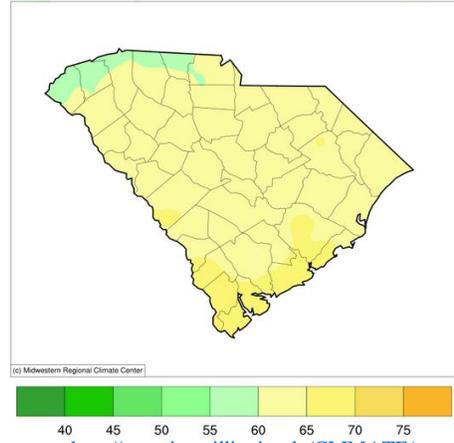
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/03/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	5	4
Adequate	78	87
Surplus	17	9
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	1	2
Adequate	87	92
Surplus	12	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 27, 2020 to May 03, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
April 27, 2020 to May 03, 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 04-21-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-28-2020	76.53	23.47	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 04-30-2019	45.71	54.29	23.20	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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