



# 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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 10, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.5 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 most of the week. Severe storms and cool temperatures moved in later in the week and slowed some crop progress and fieldwork. Corn planting was wrapping up with most of the crop emerged. The development of corn slowed from the cool temperatures. Soybean, cotton, and peanut planting slowed due to storms and cool weather. Corn, small grains, peaches, strawberries, and tobacco experienced some damage from hail and wind in the Pee Dee area. Some tobacco may need to be re-transplanted after the storm damage. Hay cutting was progressing well.

## Livestock and Pastures

Overall, pastures were progressing well with some slowed growth from cool temperatures. Cattle were in good condition.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/10/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged .....	99	86	95	94
Cotton - Planted.....	34	11	23	33
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	43	21	35	34
Peanuts - Planted .....	41	24	37	32
Soybeans - Planted .....	6	6	10	9
Soybeans - Emerged .....	1	NA	2	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	84	75	90	88
Winter wheat - Headed ...	94	85	90	89

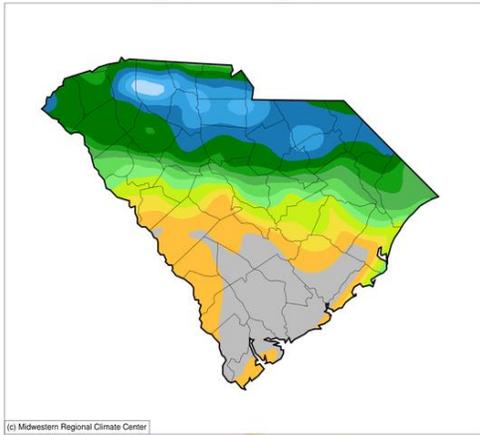
## Conditions for Week Ending 05/10/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	10	72	18
Corn .....	2	1	3	66	28
Pasture and range ..	0	1	15	66	18
Peaches .....	7	12	21	45	15
Tobacco.....	0	0	5	90	5
Winter wheat.....	2	7	21	61	9

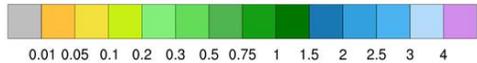
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/10/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	4	8
Adequate .....	87	85
Surplus .....	9	7
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short.....	2	3
Adequate .....	92	90
Surplus .....	6	6

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 04, 2020 to May 10, 2020

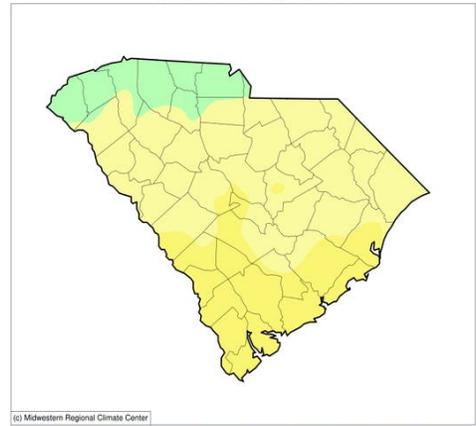


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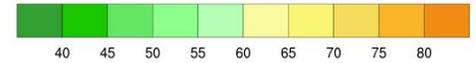


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 04, 2020 to May 10, 2020



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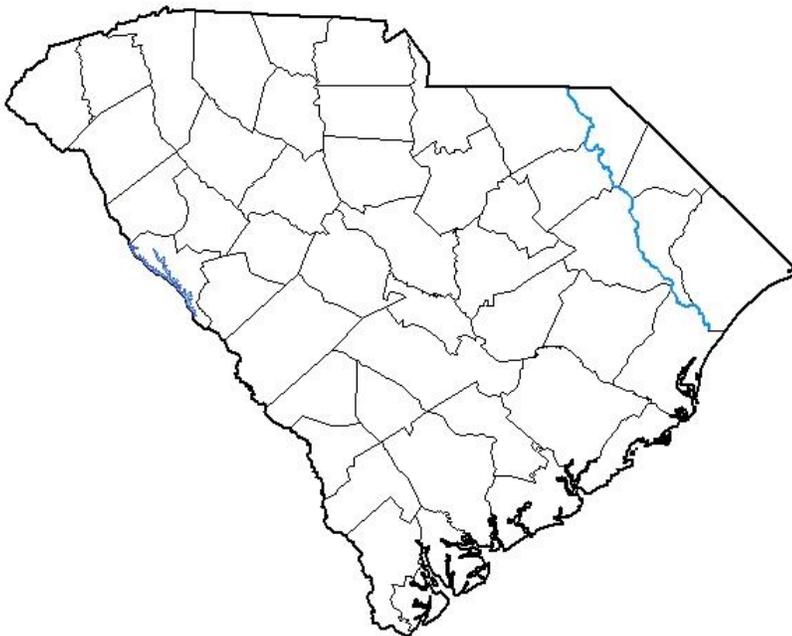
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2020.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php)

# U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**May 5, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, May 7, 2020)  
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> 04-28-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-04-2020	76.53	23.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-07-2019	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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