



**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.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to trace amounts of rain in limited locations. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Dry conditions throughout the state provided plenty of opportunity for fieldwork last week. Corn planting was complete in most areas. Some of the emerged corn crop began showing signs of stress from lack of rain. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting was in full swing where soil moisture was adequate. Producers made good progress cutting hay. Strawberry harvesting was wrapping up with a good quality crop being reported. Blueberries were looking good and harvest was expected soon. Damage to the peach crop, caused by storms in the previous week, was being assessed and delayed harvesting in some areas. Vegetable planting continued and standing crops were progressing well with favorable conditions.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were developing fast from warm temperatures. Cattle were in good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	58	23	45	55
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	59	35	53	43
Peaches - Harvested	1	NA	1	2
Peanuts - Planted	63	37	50	55
Soybeans - Planted	14	10	21	22
Soybeans - Emerged	5	2	10	10
Tobacco - Transplanted..	98	90	94	95
Winter wheat - Headed ...	99	90	93	95
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	NA	1	0

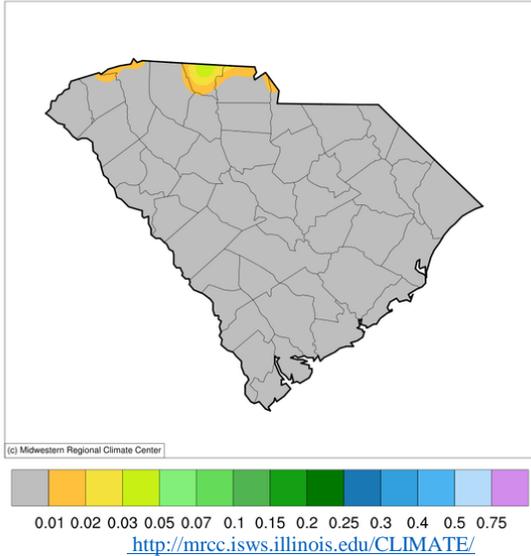
Conditions for Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	13	63	23
Corn	3	1	15	63	18
Pasture and range..	0	4	33	50	13
Peaches	8	10	21	46	15
Tobacco.....	3	4	12	75	6
Winter wheat.....	2	7	22	61	8

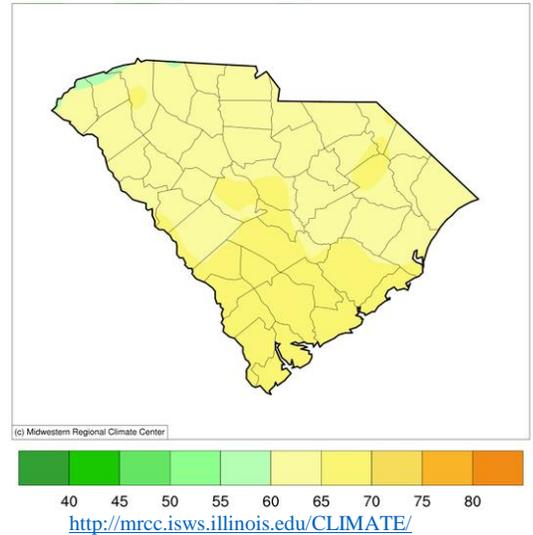
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/17/20

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	9
Short.....	8	23
Adequate	85	66
Surplus	7	2
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	6
Short.....	3	21
Adequate	90	73
Surplus	6	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



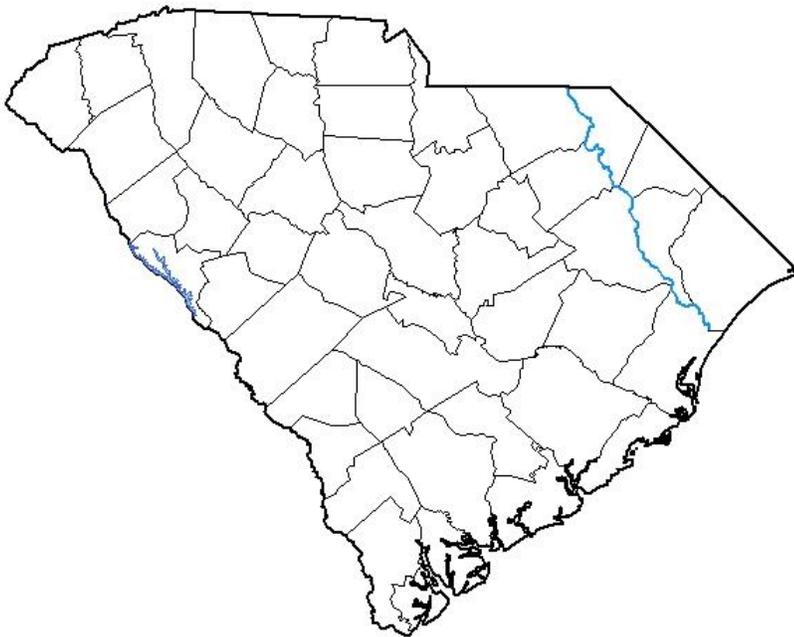
Average Temperature (°F)
May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



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 05-05-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-11-2020	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 05-14-2019	46.41	53.59	22.10	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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