



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 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 24, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain in some areas to 8.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Heavy rains prevented fieldwork most of last week. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting continued but was slowed by steady downpours throughout the state. Progress on hay cutting was slowed as well. Emerging crops experienced some flooding. Vegetables were progressing well; however, disease pressure was increasing with the excess moisture.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were in mostly good condition but had some flooding from excess rain.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking	2	NA	1	1
Cotton - Planted.....	83	45	56	70
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	67	53	60	53
Peaches - Harvested	4	1	5	2
Peanuts - Planted	86	50	65	74
Soybeans - Planted	32	21	37	37
Soybeans - Emerged	14	10	21	19
Tobacco - Transplanted..	100	94	96	98
Winter wheat - Headed ...	100	93	95	97
Winter wheat - Harvested	11	1	6	4

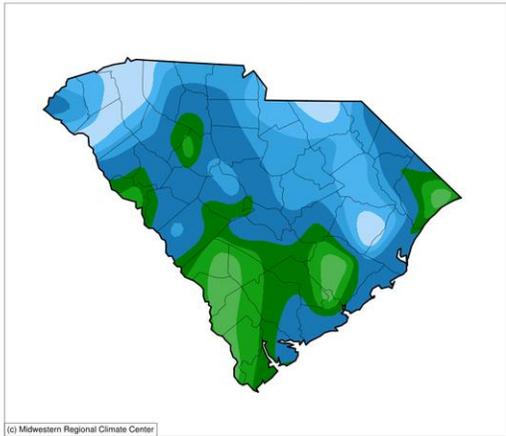
Conditions for Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	12	64	24
Corn	3	1	12	57	27
Pasture and range ..	0	1	38	45	16
Peaches	0	11	23	42	24
Peanuts	3	3	13	79	2
Tobacco.....	3	2	21	52	22
Winter wheat.....	0	7	25	47	21

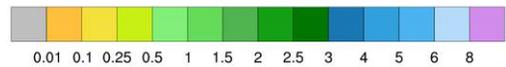
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/24/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	0
Short.....	23	0
Adequate	66	54
Surplus	2	46
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	0
Short.....	21	5
Adequate	73	54
Surplus	0	41

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 18, 2020 to May 24, 2020

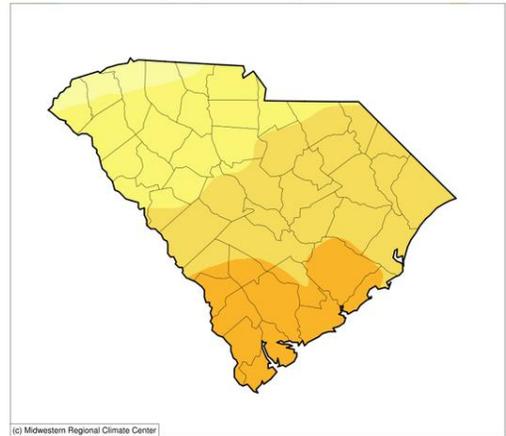


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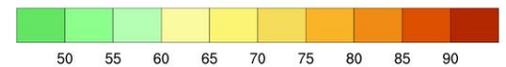


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Average Temperature (°F)
May 18, 2020 to May 24, 2020



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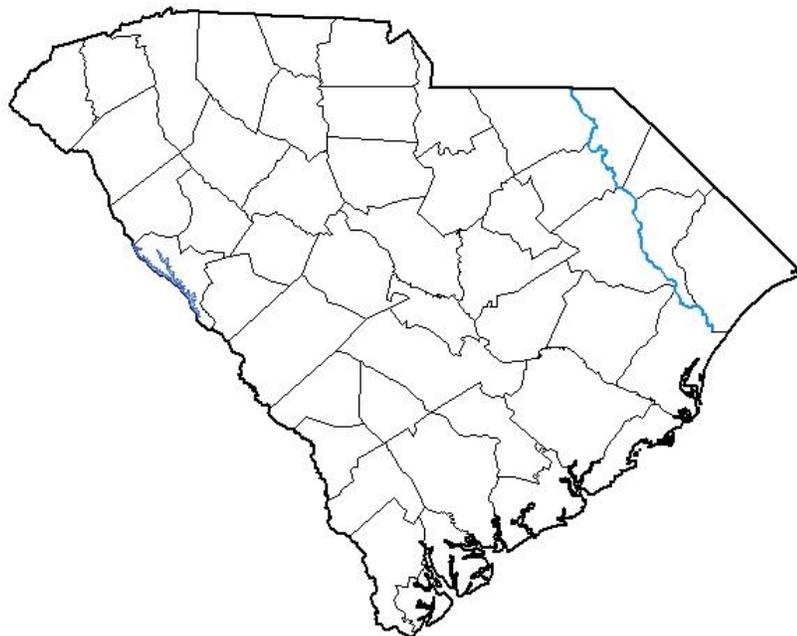


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

May 19, 2020
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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 05-12-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-18-2020	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 05-21-2019	44.43	55.57	23.78	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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