



**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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 2, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

## Crops

Most of the state continue to be in abnormally dry designation. Continued lack of rainfall has farmers choosing which fields to plant based on soil moisture. Most corn has recovered from previous frost damage. Topsoil moisture is getting short in some areas. Most of the corn is up, and off to a good start. Cotton and peanut planting have progressed slowly due to moisture concerns but will likely ramp up due to time constraints with a hope of rains to come. Planting/transplanting of tobacco has all but stopped due to low soil moisture. There were some reports of freeze damage to wheat and other small grains. Concerns were noted that the lack of moisture during grain fill may negatively impact wheat yields.

Vegetable planting is currently paused on non-irrigated fields due to dry conditions. It will resume as soon as it rains, and soil moisture conditions improve. Vegetable crop conditions are good. Newly planted blueberries are looking good. Blueberries are sizing well, and picking should begin in a couple of weeks. Strawberry yields are starting to decline slightly in some locations, but the crop's condition is very good. Muscadines were damaged by the Easter freeze, but are recovering nicely. The condition of all fruit crops are very good due to the dry conditions we have been experiencing.

## Livestock and Pastures

Continued dry weather and cool nighttime temperatures have limited growth of warm season pastures, but cool season hay cutting has increased as a result of the dry weather.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/02/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	95	88	95	NA
Corn - Emerged .....	85	71	84	87
Cotton - Planted.....	10	7	18	14
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	20	13	31	27
Peanuts - Planted .....	21	9	19	14
Soybeans - Planted .....	5	2	8	4
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	67	24	55	69
Winter wheat - Headed .....	84	73	88	79

(NA) Not available.

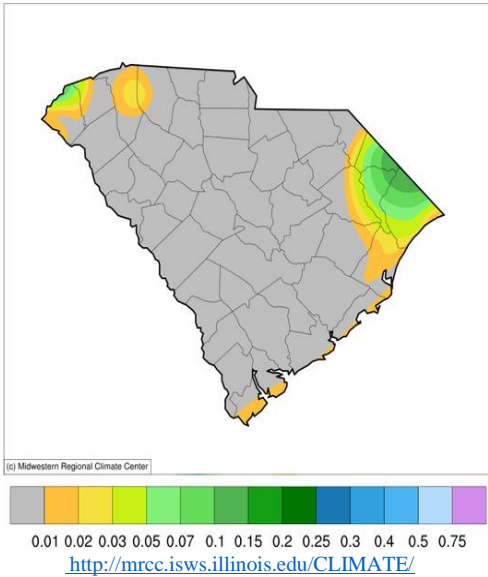
## Conditions for Week Ending 05/02/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	12	74	10
Corn .....	0	7	34	54	5
Pasture and range .....	2	17	31	42	8
Peaches .....	0	0	20	70	10
Winter wheat.....	2	17	25	51	5

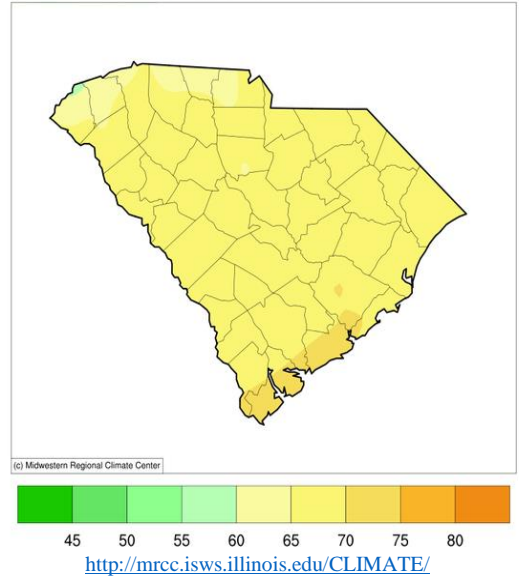
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/02/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	19	22
Short.....	27	51
Adequate .....	53	27
Surplus .....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	14	2
Short.....	22	52
Adequate .....	63	45
Surplus .....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021

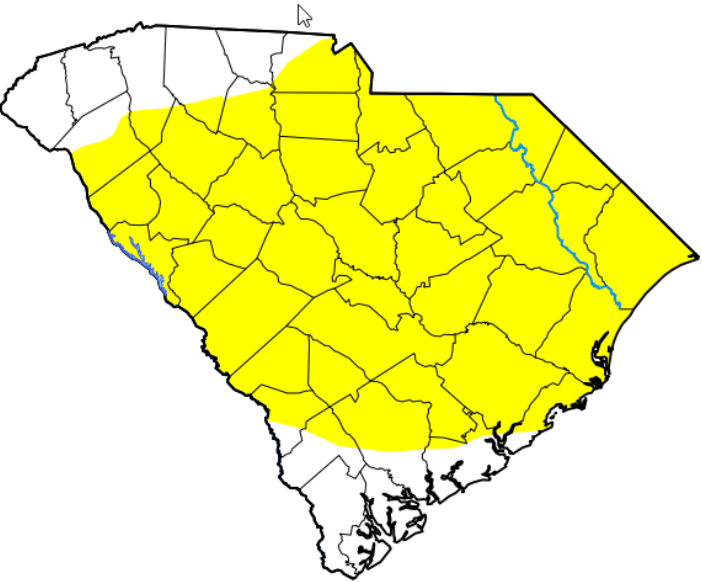


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



**April 27, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 29, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	19.71	80.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-20-2021</i>	18.57	81.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-26-2021</i>	90.61	9.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2020</i>	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-28-2020</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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