

United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



Cooperating with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture

Southern Region, South Carolina Field Office · 208G Wholesale Lane · West Columbia, SC 29172 · (706) 713-5400 www.nass.usda.gov

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.

April 4, 2022 Media Contact: Jacqueline Moore

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 3, 2022. Precipitation ranged from little rain to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the high 50s.

Crops

Corn fields were prepared, and some producers have begun planting already. Tobacco plants have been developing and will be planted over the coming weeks. Strawberries not damaged by frost were harvested and young brassica had mostly recovered from the cold damage. Some pest damage was reported

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture were in good condition coming out of the winter.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/03/22

| Crop stage | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn - Planted | 25 | NA | 22 | 23 |
| Corn - Emerged | 11 | NA | 7 | 8 |
| Peaches - Blooming | 77 | NA | 75 | 78 |
| Winter wheat - Headed | 1 | NA | 5 | 6 |

(NA) Not available

Conditions for Week Ending 04/03/22

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | |
| Cattle | 0 | 0 | 7 | 80 | 13 | |
| Pasture and range | 0 | 1 | 14 | 73 | 12 | |
| Peaches | 0 | 5 | 20 | 65 | 10 | |
| Winter wheat | 0 | 5 | 21 | 72 | 2 | |

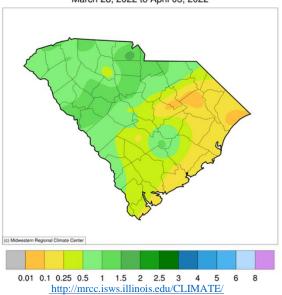
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/03/22

| Topsoil | Previous week | This week | |
|------------|---------------|-----------|--|
| | (percent) | (percent) | |
| Very short | NA | 2 | |
| Short | NA | 24 | |
| Adequate | NA | 72 | |
| Surplus | NA | 2 | |
| Subsoil | Previous week | This week | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | |
| Very short | NA | 3 | |
| Short | NA | 18 | |
| Adequate | NA | 79 | |
| Surplus | NA | 0 | |

(NA) Not Available

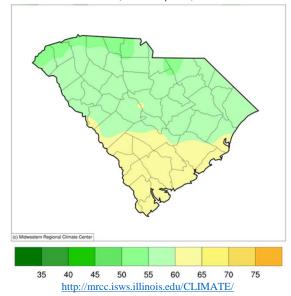
Accumulated Precipitation (in)

March 28, 2022 to April 03, 2022

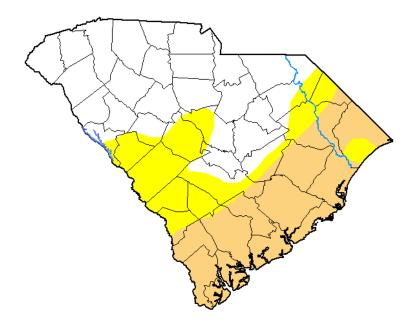


Average Temperature (°F)

March 28, 2022 to April 03, 2022



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



March 29, 2022

(Released Thursday, Mar. 31, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 48.50 | 51.50 | 30.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 03-22-2022 | 49.64 | 50.36 | 30.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Month s Ago 12-28-2021 | 18.36 | 81.64 | 40.47 | 22.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022 | 51.78 | 48.22 | 31.63 | 7.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 09-28-2021 | 98.41 | 1.59 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 03-30-2021 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

None D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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

Author:

Deborah Bathke

National Drought Mitigation Center









droughtmonitor.unl.edu