



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 22, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Much of the state continued to experience hot and dry conditions throughout the week. Rain showers over the weekend helped soil conditions and allowed producers to continue planting crops they had delayed due to dry soils. Although much of the state received rainfall on Sunday, many producers noted the need for more rain events as some crops were showing drought stress. Soybeans and cotton were planted with producers planning to pick up activities with improved soil conditions given the rainfall on Sunday. All corn in the state has emerged. Hay producers made progress on their first cutting of hay while winter wheat harvest began. Tobacco continued to develop at a good pace and peach harvest was off to a strong start.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition. Dry conditions prompted cattle producers to continue feeding supplemental hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/22/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	71	48	65	64
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	55	60	65	54
Peaches - Harvested	6	3	8	3
Peanuts - Planted	80	56	68	71
Soybeans - Planted	58	29	39	36
Soybeans - Emerged	39	2	11	20
Tobacco - Transplanted	93	88	95	97
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	7	NA	4	4

(NA) Not available.

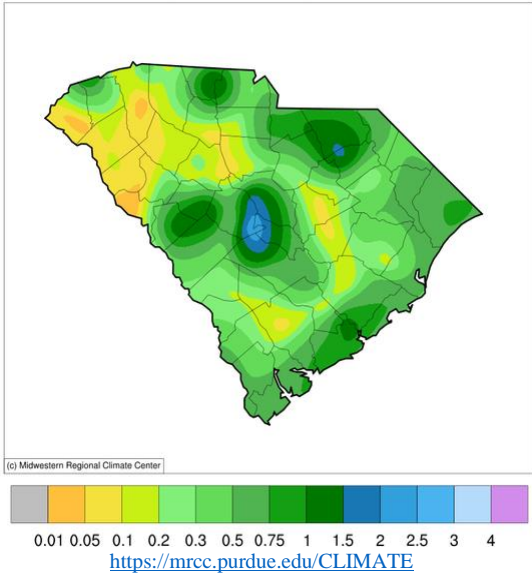
Conditions for Week Ending 05/22/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	22	59	18
Corn	0	5	29	61	5
Cotton.....	0	0	76	24	0
Pasture and range	1	15	48	36	0
Peaches	4	5	13	71	7
Peanuts	0	0	13	87	0
Tobacco.....	0	5	25	60	10
Winter wheat.....	0	0	33	62	5

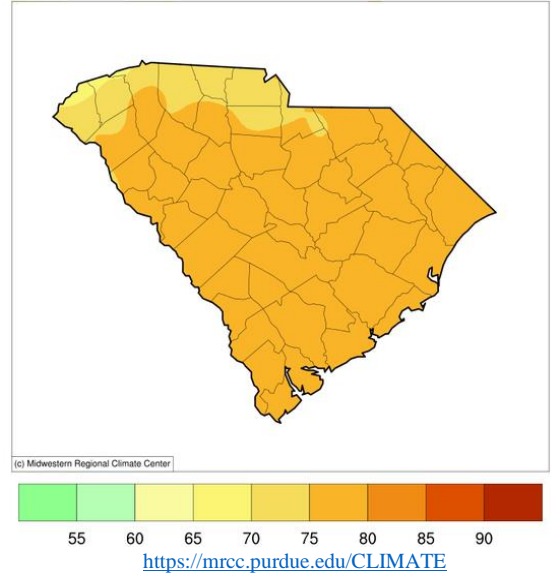
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/22/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	8	16
Short.....	54	60
Adequate	38	24
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	8
Short.....	39	51
Adequate	58	41
Surplus	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 16, 2022 to May 22, 2022



Average Temperature (°F)
May 16, 2022 to May 22, 2022



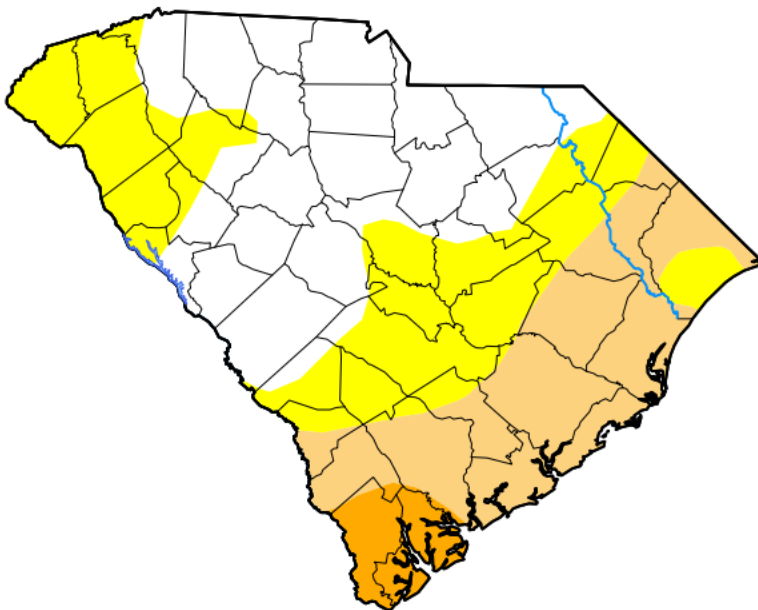
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

May 17, 2022
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.53	60.47	28.62	4.30	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-10-2022</i>	50.72	49.28	27.18	4.30	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-15-2022</i>	68.20	31.80	5.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2021</i>	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-18-2021</i>	59.98	40.02	18.35	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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