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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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 29, 2022. Precipitation ranged from 0.4 inches to 11.0 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Although much of the state received an inch or more of rainfall, many producers noted that more rain was needed to help alleviate dry conditions. Many producers continued to run irrigation for their crops. The rainfall helped provide enough moisture to allow most producers to resume planting of soybeans, cotton, and peanuts. Producers noted that some of the early planted corn began silking. Hay producers continued to make progress on their first cutting while winter wheat harvest continued at a steady pace. Peach harvest was off to a strong start although some early peaches were still showing signs of the freeze damage from the late freeze in March.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range conditions remained in mostly fair to good condition. Rainfall helped regrowth in dry pastures throughout the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/29/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking	1	NA	2	5
Cotton - Planted	83	65	81	79
Hay - 1st Cutting	65	65	73	62
Peaches - Harvested	7	8	11	6
Peanuts - Planted	88	68	80	85
Soybeans - Planted	71	39	49	51
Soybeans - Emerged	52	11	23	31
Winter wheat - Harvested	19	4	12	13

(NA) Not available

Conditions for Week Ending 05/29/22

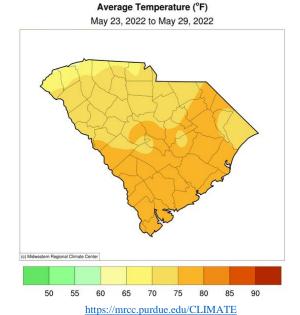
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	14	68	17
Corn	1	3	28	54	14
Cotton	0	0	63	31	6
Pasture and range	1	13	39	43	4
Peaches	3	7	16	70	4
Peanuts	0	0	7	89	4
Tobacco	1	4	25	51	19
Winter wheat	0	0	27	65	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/29/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	16	15
Short	60	45
Adequate	24	38
Surplus	0	2
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	4
Short	51	49
Adequate	41	46

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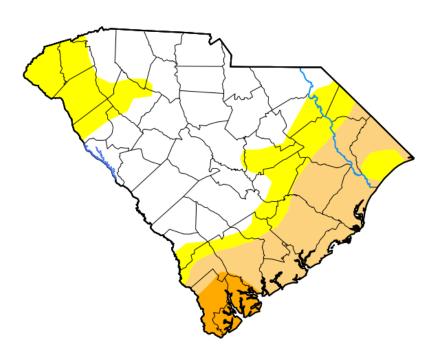
Accumulated Precipitation (in)



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 24, 2022 (Released Thursday, May. 26, 2022) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.10	48.90	25.73	3.95	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-17-2022	39.53	60.47	28.62	4.30	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-22-2022	50.78	49.22	15.65	0.00	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 05-25-2021	54.37	45.63	28.27	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

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