



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 2, 2023. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.1 inches to 5.9 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 50s.

Crops

Light scattered showers across most of the state and mild temperatures made for good conditions for fieldwork. Burndown herbicides were applied in preparation for cotton and peanut planting. Corn fields were being planted with early planted fields beginning to emerge. Peaches were blooming, although many were severely damaged due to freezing temperatures in mid-March. Early season varieties are expected to take the biggest hit. Blueberries and strawberries were both noted to be progressing well with strawberry harvest continuing. Spider mites populations were relatively low, although diseases are an issue.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in relatively good condition around the state. Livestock conditions were improving as pastures began to green up.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/02/23

| Crop stage | Prev year (percent) | Prev week (percent) | This week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Planted | 21 | NA | 24 | 20 |
| Corn - Emerged | 6 | NA | 6 | 7 |
| Peaches - Blooming..... | 74 | NA | 80 | 73 |
| Winter wheat - Headed | 4 | NA | 4 | 4 |

(NA)Not available

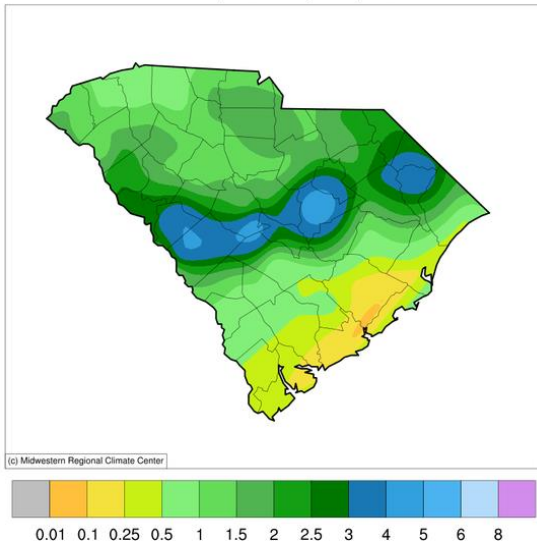
Conditions for Week Ending 4/02/23

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle..... | 1 | 2 | 29 | 63 | 5 |
| Pasture and range | 2 | 2 | 28 | 64 | 4 |
| Peaches | 0 | 9 | 30 | 61 | 0 |
| Winter wheat..... | 0 | 0 | 12 | 84 | 4 |

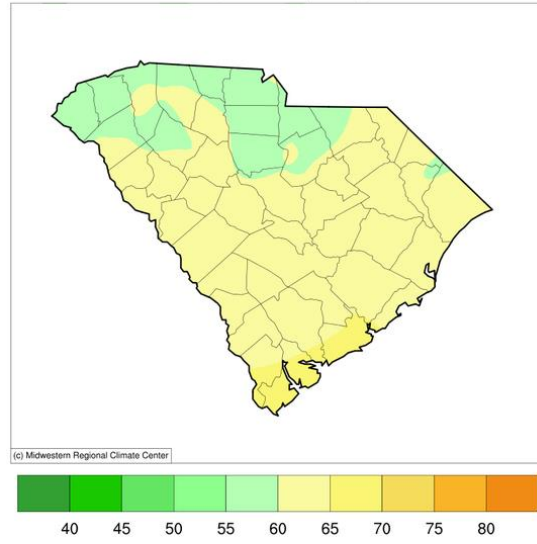
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/02/23

| Topsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short | NA | 0 |
| Short..... | NA | 9 |
| Adequate | NA | 87 |
| Surplus | NA | 4 |
| Subsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
| Very short | NA | 0 |
| Short..... | NA | 9 |
| Adequate | NA | 91 |
| Surplus | NA | 0 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 27, 2023 to April 02, 2023



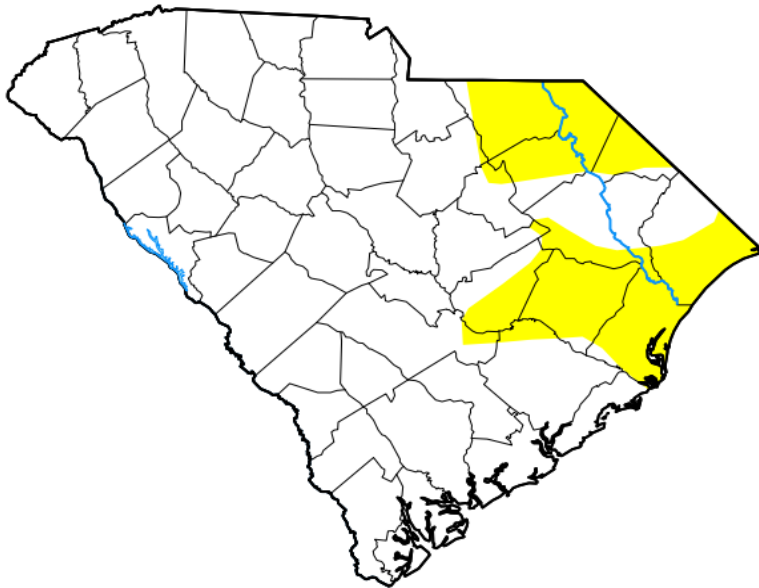
Average Temperature (°F)
March 27, 2023 to April 02, 2023



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2023.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

March 28, 2023
(Released Thursday, Mar. 30, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 82.62 | 17.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 03-21-2023 | 83.94 | 16.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 12-27-2022 | 49.44 | 50.56 | 10.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023 | 49.44 | 50.56 | 10.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 09-27-2022 | 63.65 | 36.35 | 4.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 03-29-2022 | 48.50 | 51.50 | 30.37 | 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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