



**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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 23, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.7 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 50s.

## Crops

Ideal weather conditions across most of the state during the week allowed farmers ample time for fieldwork. Corn planting and emergence progressed with early planted fields in the Pee Dee region noted to be looking good. Cotton and peanut planting began in some areas, however cool nighttime temperatures in the Lowcountry region last week delayed plantings. Winter wheat continued to progress and was ahead of historical levels. Wheat conditions were mostly good, although Hessian flies were reported in the Pee Dee region and is expected to decrease yield potential.

## Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in relatively good condition around the state.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/23/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	82	71	84	87
Corn - Emerged .....	59	43	60	63
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	1	2
Hay - First Cutting.....	7	3	10	7
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	0	2	3
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	19	4	18	26
Winter wheat - Headed .....	57	48	70	57

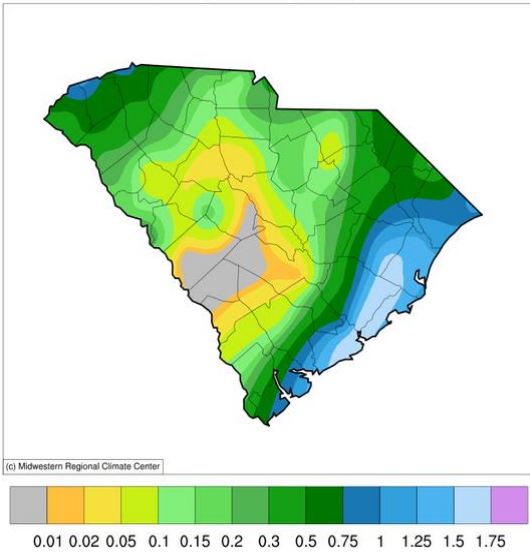
## Conditions for Week Ending 04/23/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	2	12	78	6
Pasture and range .....	2	4	26	61	7
Peaches .....	0	13	46	41	0
Winter wheat.....	0	3	18	77	2

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/23/23

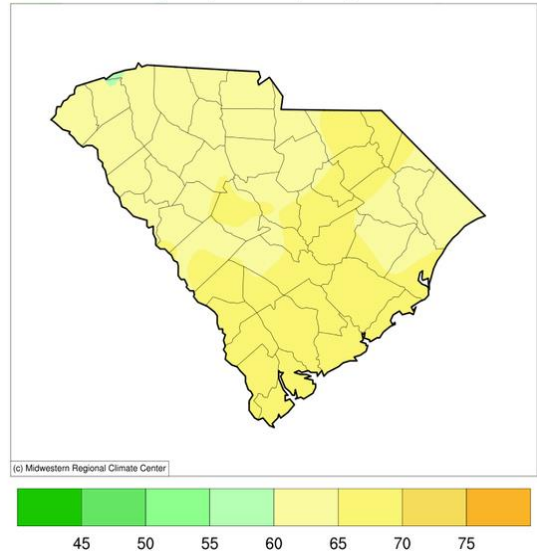
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	2
Short.....	0	12
Adequate .....	79	72
Surplus .....	21	14
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short.....	0	9
Adequate .....	81	75
Surplus .....	19	15

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 17, 2023 to April 23, 2023



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 17, 2023 to April 23, 2023



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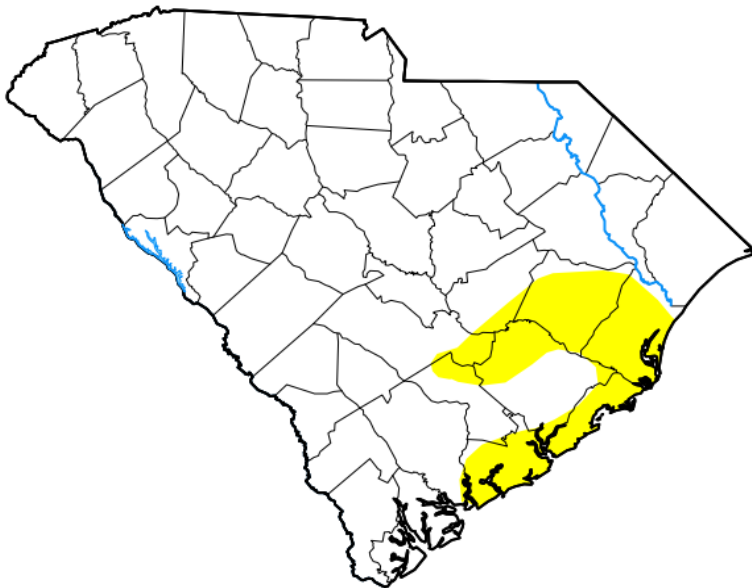
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2023.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2023.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 18, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 20, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	89.03	10.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-11-2023	89.70	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-17-2023	48.83	51.17	24.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-19-2022	59.20	40.80	24.33	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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