



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 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 20, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Scattered showers and varying amounts of rainfall improved crop and soil conditions throughout the state, but large amounts of rain continued to negatively impact some areas. Weather systems brought strong winds and hail to the Lowcountry region which damaged some corn and cotton. Farmers from the Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions reported that wet fields hampered field work, including halting fungicide application. Some farmers reported spraying peanuts via plane to try to prevent further damage. Downy mildew was reported in the Pee Dee region on squash, zucchini, and cucumbers. Wheat harvesting picked back up in some dryer areas but continued to be slowed slightly by the rain in others. The improved soil moisture benefitted corn, cotton, and peanuts, as well as vegetable crops in the Pee Dee region. Soybean, cotton, and peanut planting activities resumed and were nearing completion.

Reports from the Pee Dee region indicate that watermelons and cantaloupe are sizing well and should be ready for harvest soon. Blueberries were harvested in good volumes and quality with thrips reports low. Peach harvest picked up after a slow start with most in good condition.

Livestock and Pastures

Warm temperatures and moderate rain were favorable for pasture and range conditions. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/20/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	60	43	65	75
Cotton - Planted.....	93	95	98	97
Cotton - Squaring.....	19	10	22	23
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	97	91	92	89
Peaches - Harvested.....	45	30	40	35
Peanuts - Planted.....	98	96	98	98
Peanuts - Pegging.....	25	8	25	22
Soybeans - Planted.....	78	89	93	83
Soybeans - Emerged.....	63	82	87	68
Soybeans - Blooming.....	0	0	0	1
Tobacco - Topped.....	19	5	15	20
Winter wheat - Harvested...	65	55	70	79

(NA) Not available.

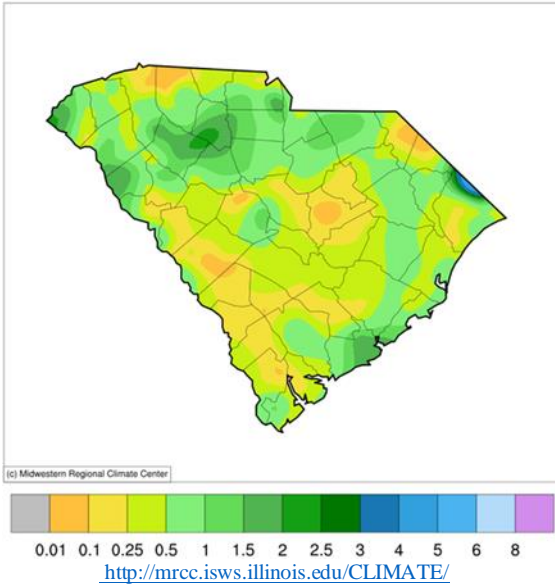
Conditions for Week Ending 06/20/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	10	71	15
Corn.....	2	3	13	70	12
Cotton.....	2	3	17	65	13
Pasture and range	0	8	20	49	23
Peaches.....	0	2	12	63	23
Peanuts.....	1	1	12	80	6
Soybeans.....	2	3	9	75	11
Tobacco.....	5	5	7	78	5

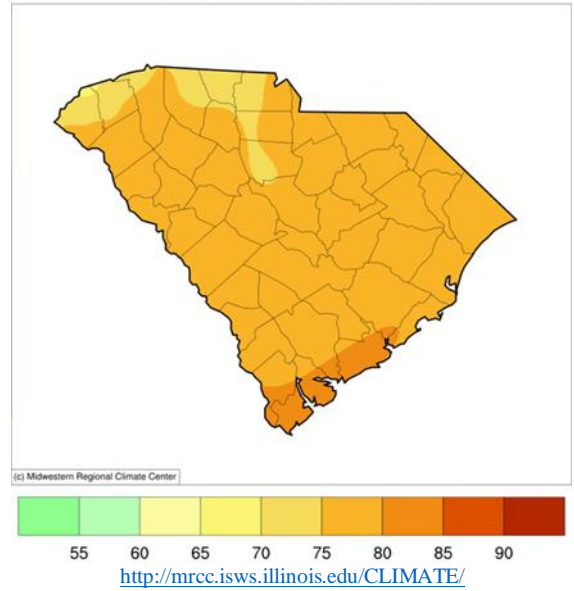
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/20/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	12	2
Adequate.....	75	73
Surplus.....	13	25
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	9	1
Adequate.....	83	86
Surplus.....	8	13

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 14, 2021 to June 20, 2021



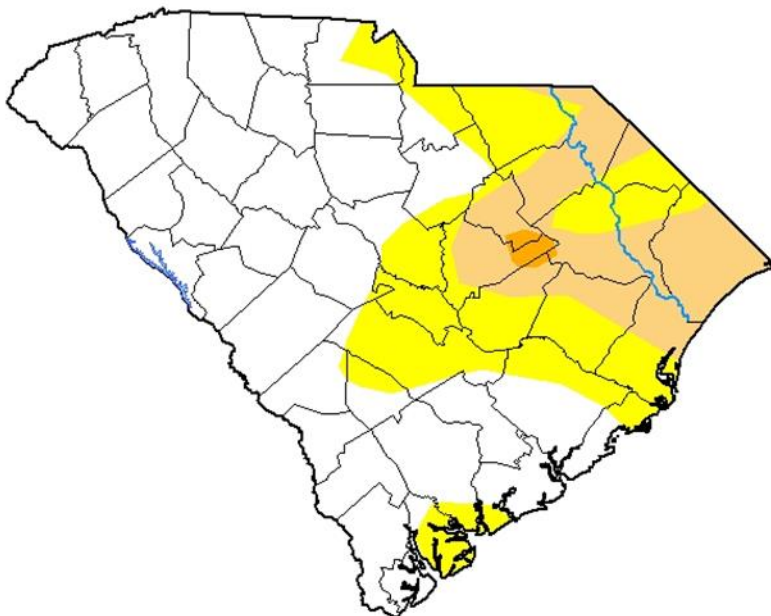
Average Temperature (°F)
June 14, 2021 to June 20, 2021



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.66	39.34	15.30	0.61	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-08-2021	56.28	43.72	34.43	4.30	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 03-16-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 06-16-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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