



**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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 4, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

## Crops

Adequate rainfall and warm temperatures improved crop conditions throughout the state. Soybean planting and the first hay cutting continued towards completion. Corn began maturing in mostly good condition. Farmers in the Pee Dee region reported that their vegetable crops still looked mostly good. Harvest of sweet corn, peppers, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, and peas progressed with good volumes, while okra and melon harvest are set to begin soon. Pest management practices continued in the Pee Dee region to protect blueberries and muscadines. Lowcountry farmers reported that their crops are progressing well and looking great. In the Midlands, Lowcountry and Pee Dee regions, there is concern that incoming Tropical Storm Elsa will bring heavy rain and winds that could shorten the growing season and increase disease pressures.

## Livestock and Pastures

Warm temperatures and heavy amounts of localized rain increased the presence of annual summer weeds in pastures, which mildly decreased pasture and range conditions. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/04/21

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	84	86	95	91
Corn - Mature .....	0	NA	5	3
Cotton - Squaring.....	36	32	47	46
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	4	1	7	7
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	100	94	96	97
Peaches - Harvested .....	68	45	53	51
Peanuts - Pegging.....	52	39	54	56
Soybeans - Planted .....	92	94	96	95
Soybeans - Emerged .....	84	90	92	87
Soybeans - Blooming.....	6	6	12	7
Tobacco - Topped.....	33	38	57	39
Tobacco - Harvested .....	NA	NA	0	NA
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	90	85	92	96

(NA) Not available.

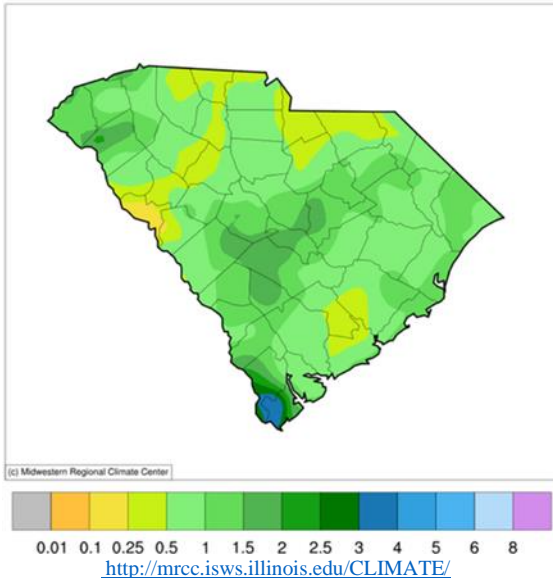
## Conditions for Week Ending 07/04/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	9	21	55	15
Corn .....	2	5	12	69	12
Cotton.....	1	2	24	61	12
Pasture and range .....	0	6	35	40	19
Peaches .....	0	2	20	60	18
Peanuts .....	1	3	18	71	7
Soybeans .....	0	1	23	65	11
Tobacco.....	5	5	6	78	6

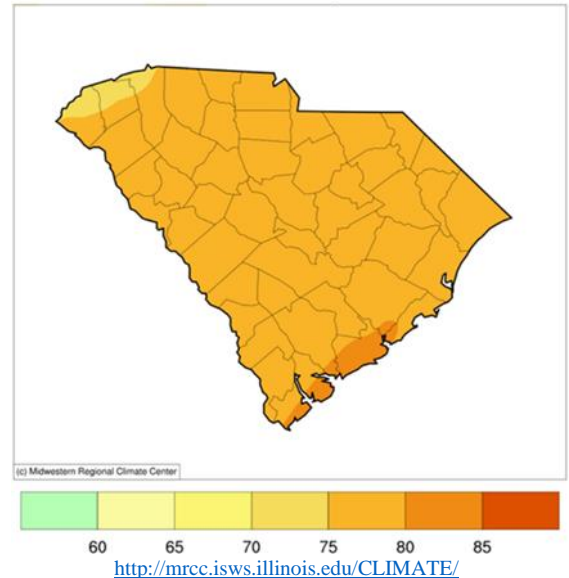
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/04/21

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	11	11
Adequate .....	82	86
Surplus .....	6	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	5	5
Adequate .....	91	93
Surplus .....	3	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
June 28, 2021 to July 04, 2021



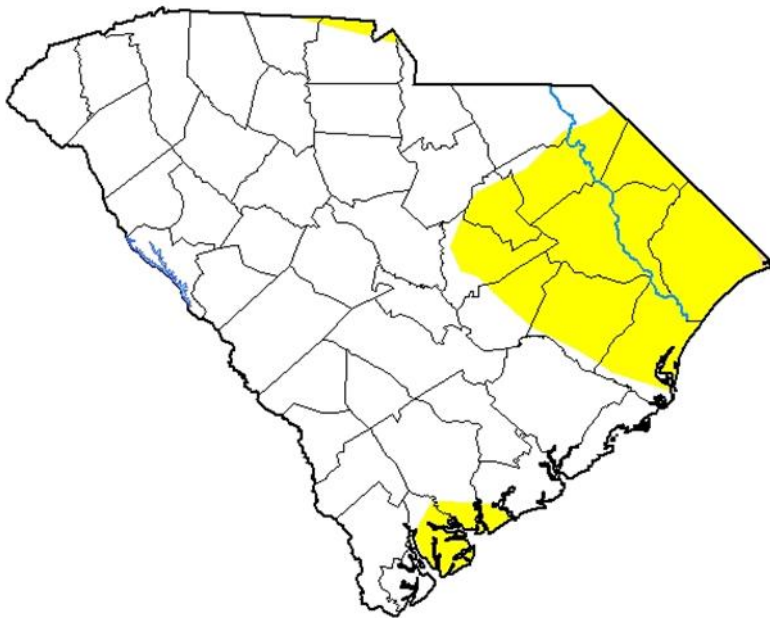
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
June 28, 2021 to July 04, 2021



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**June 29, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 1, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.56	22.44	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>06-22-2021</i>	75.65	24.35	4.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>03-30-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2020</i>	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>06-30-2020</i>	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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