



**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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 18, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

## Crops

Heavy localized rainfall and warmer temperatures positively impacted crop progress and conditions throughout the state. Winter wheat harvest was completed, and soybeans began setting pods. Reports from the Pee Dee region indicate that some non-irrigated fields that have not received adequate rain are showing signs of drought stress. Disease pressure continued to increase in other areas of the Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions due to excess soil moisture and humidity. Upstate farmers reported that things were looking good due to the timely rain events which brought mild drought relief. Pee Dee vegetable crops are still progressing well with blueberry harvest near completion and muscadines sizing up well.

## Livestock and Pastures

Warmer temperatures and moderate rainfall improved pasture and range conditions. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/18/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	17	11	26	25
Cotton - Squaring.....	67	63	75	73
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	13	20	36	30
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	65	25	38	33
Peaches - Harvested .....	81	58	65	64
Peanuts - Pegging .....	74	74	80	77
Soybeans - Blooming.....	18	18	27	21
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	NA	NA	2	NA
Tobacco - Topped.....	51	62	66	70
Tobacco - Harvested .....	NA	10	15	NA

(NA) Not available.

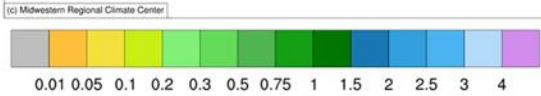
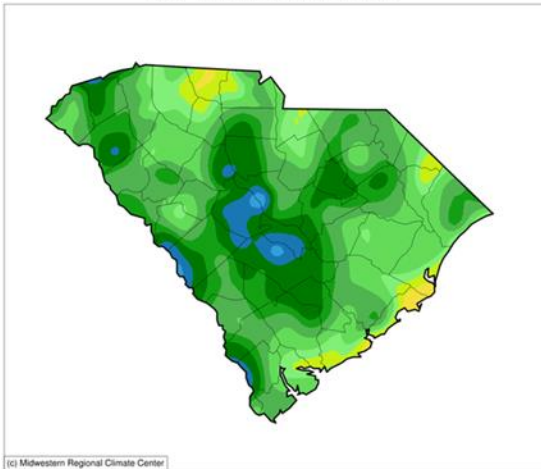
## Conditions for Week Ending 07/18/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	15	75	8
Corn .....	0	2	10	72	16
Cotton.....	0	0	22	72	6
Pasture and range ....	0	3	20	64	13
Peanuts .....	0	0	6	86	8
Soybeans .....	0	0	8	82	10
Tobacco.....	0	0	9	82	9

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/18/21

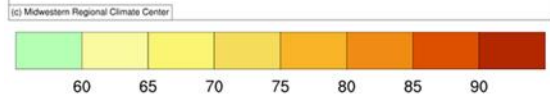
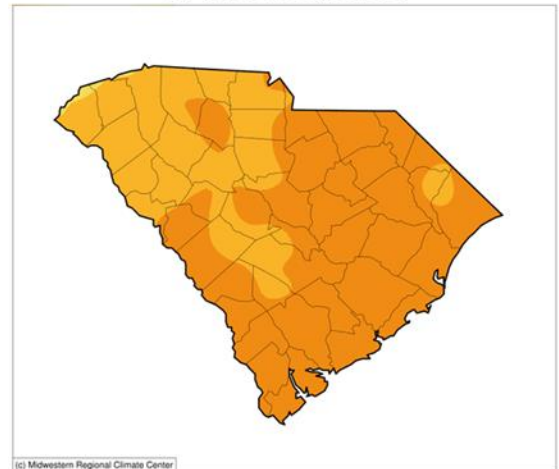
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	6	5
Adequate .....	81	82
Surplus .....	13	13
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	5	2
Adequate .....	93	97
Surplus .....	2	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 12, 2021 to July 18, 2021



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 12, 2021 to July 18, 2021

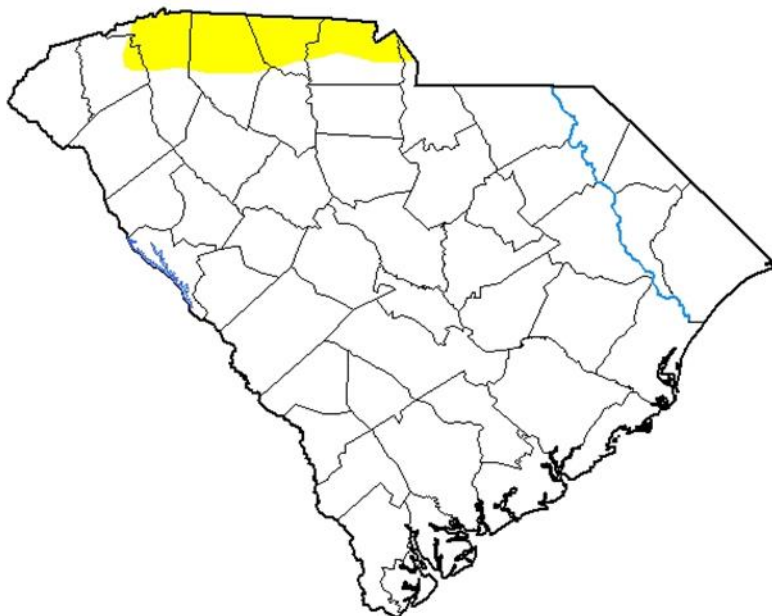


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 13, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 15, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	94.48	5.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-06-2021	75.24	24.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-13-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	86.70	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	99.42	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-14-2020	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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