



**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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 22, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.72 inches to 8.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s.

## Crops

Heavy rainfall throughout the week benefitted many crops in areas where suboptimal moisture levels were present. A variety of vegetables were harvested and marketed last week. Due to persistent humid conditions, corn has been slow to dry down for harvest. Corn harvest was further delayed last week because of heavy rains from Tropical Storm Fred. Cotton finished squaring with most bolls set and some bolls beginning to open.

## Livestock and Pastures

Pasture and cattle remained in mostly good condition last week.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/22/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	88	85	91	90
Corn - Harvested .....	34	5	13	33
Cotton - Squaring.....	93	100	100	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	82	90	96	89
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	2	0	2	8
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	93	82	85	84
Peaches - Harvested .....	98	90	94	92
Peanuts - Pegging .....	100	98	100	98
Soybeans - Blooming.....	79	75	84	83
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	46	33	43	44
Tobacco - Harvested .....	67	60	72	62

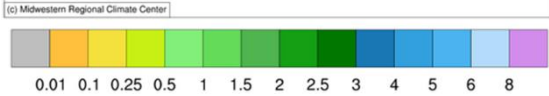
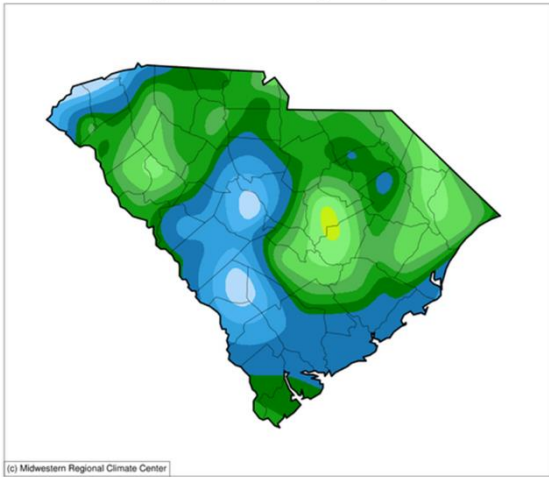
## Conditions for Week Ending 08/22/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	16	68	13
Corn .....	2	2	20	55	21
Cotton.....	0	0	17	65	18
Pasture and range ....	0	3	22	63	12
Peanuts .....	0	0	5	85	10
Soybeans .....	0	0	9	71	20

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/22/21

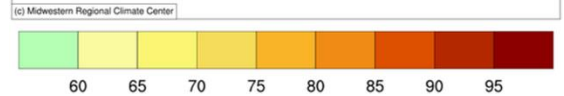
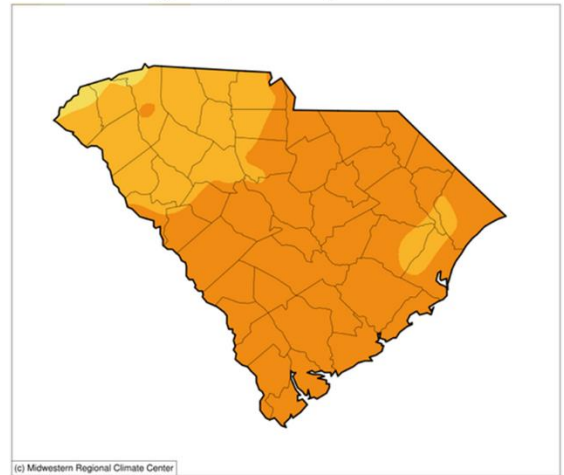
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	15	1
Adequate .....	79	95
Surplus .....	6	4
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	6	3
Adequate .....	89	94
Surplus .....	5	3

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 16, 2021 to August 22, 2021



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 16, 2021 to August 22, 2021

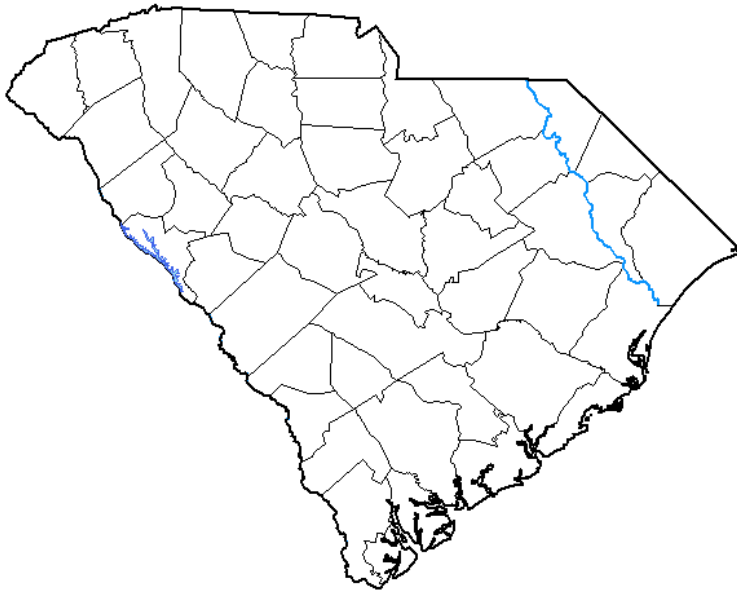


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2021.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2021.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**August 17, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-10-2021	99.86	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-18-2021	59.98	40.02	18.35	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> 08-18-2020	90.75	9.25	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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