



# 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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 17, 2022. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 7.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

## Crops

Scattered thunderstorms brought varying amounts of rainfall throughout the state. Some producers in the southern part of the state had to slow their harvesting activities due to the waterlogged conditions in fields. With the past couple of week's wet and humid conditions, producers noted an increase in disease pressure on their crops. Insect activity also intensified as worms were active in hayfields, while stinkbugs and aphids were observed in cotton. With more of the corn crop matured, producers applied another, potentially final, round of fungicide on their crop. Most of the cotton in the state was squared with nearly half of the crop setting bolls. Soybeans continued to bloom and some early planted fields began setting pods. The second cutting of hay progressed as the weather permitted, and peanut producers noted that most of their crop has pegged. Topping of tobacco continued as harvest began to ramp up in some areas. Peach harvest continued at a steady pace closer to completion.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly fair to good condition. With adequate rainfall to promote growth, pastures and ranges moved to mostly fair and good conditions.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/17/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	24	19	38	22
Cotton - Squaring.....	73	69	85	71
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	34	28	42	30
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	36	26	48	28
Peaches - Harvested .....	64	61	72	62
Peanuts - Pegging .....	79	73	83	75
Soybeans - Blooming.....	26	28	39	20
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	2	NA	5	0
Tobacco - Topped.....	65	73	78	64
Tobacco - Harvested .....	14	2	8	11

(NA) Not available.

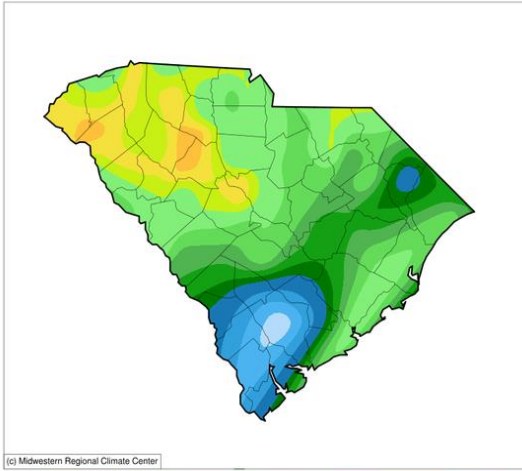
## Conditions for Week Ending 07/17/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	42	47	11
Corn .....	10	14	26	43	7
Cotton.....	1	5	20	62	12
Pasture and range ....	0	18	45	32	5
Peanuts .....	0	0	21	63	16
Soybeans .....	0	0	18	74	8
Tobacco.....	0	0	17	58	25

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/17/22

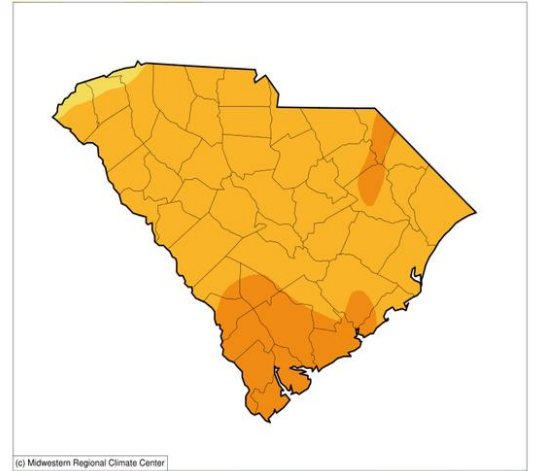
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	6	1
Short.....	20	12
Adequate .....	64	73
Surplus .....	10	14
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	0
Short.....	24	17
Adequate .....	68	76
Surplus .....	6	7

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 11, 2022 to July 17, 2022



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 11, 2022 to July 17, 2022

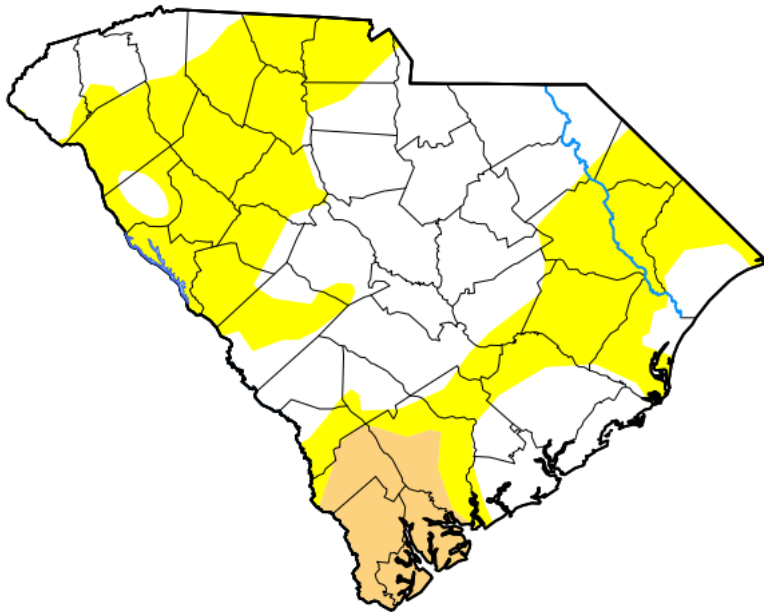


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2022.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 12, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 14, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	49.90	50.10	7.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-05-2022</i>	4.49	95.51	50.05	7.16	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-12-2022</i>	57.08	42.92	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2022</i>	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-13-2021</i>	94.48	5.52	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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