



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 31, 2022. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

## Crops

Parts of the state received scattered rainfall throughout the week, however high temperatures were beginning to cause dry conditions for many areas. Disease pressure was also reported to be high across all crops and a concern of farmers.

Corn harvest began in some areas as fields continued to mature. Insecticides and growth regulators were applied to cotton fields as squaring neared completion. The second cutting of hay continued to progress in areas where conditions allowed. Tobacco topped neared completion and harvest continued in line with historic progress. Okra blooms were reported to be aborting and peas not filling out properly due to heat in central South Carolina.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly fair to good condition. Pastures were in fair condition but continued to deteriorate in some areas due to high temperatures and a lack of rain.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/31/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	49	52	59	45
Corn - Harvested.....	0	NA	1	0
Cotton - Squaring.....	93	90	94	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	65	64	70	55
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	62	59	65	52
Peaches - Harvested .....	81	77	85	75
Peanuts - Pegging .....	91	87	90	87
Soybeans - Blooming.....	58	49	53	42
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	15	14	23	12
Tobacco - Topped.....	89	86	91	89
Tobacco - Harvested .....	33	23	30	30

(NA) Not available.

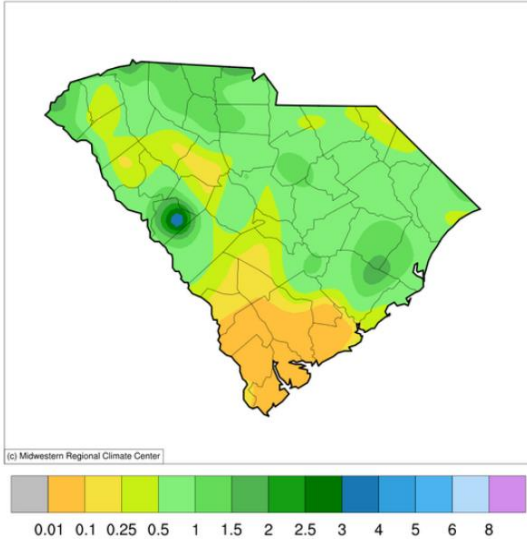
## Conditions for Week Ending 07/31/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	45	39	14
Corn .....	3	15	35	44	3
Cotton.....	0	5	20	61	14
Pasture and range ....	1	12	49	31	7
Peanuts .....	0	0	17	64	19
Soybeans .....	0	3	28	56	13
Tobacco.....	0	0	19	60	21

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/31/22

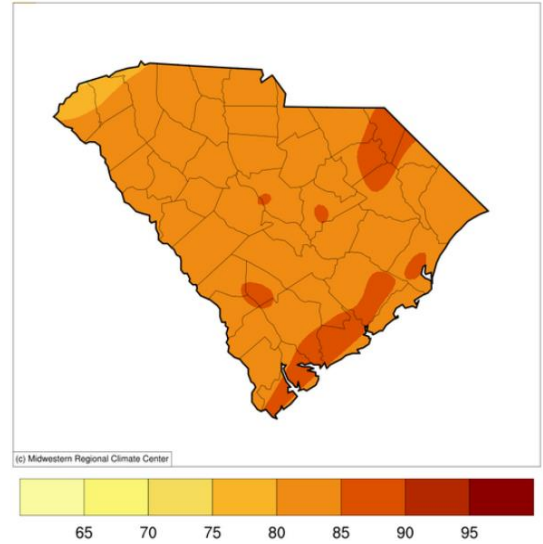
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	9
Short.....	21	27
Adequate .....	73	64
Surplus .....	5	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short.....	18	24
Adequate .....	82	75
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 25, 2022 to July 31, 2022



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 25, 2022 to July 31, 2022

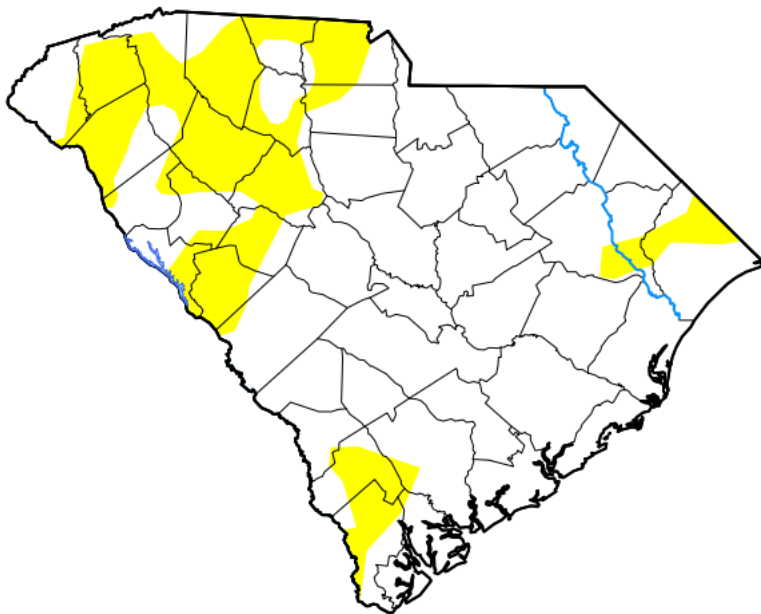


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2022.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 26, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 28, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.58	22.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-19-2022	72.78	27.22	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-26-2022	59.20	40.80	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	51.78	48.22	31.63	7.87	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2021	98.41	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-27-2021	99.81	0.19	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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