



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 21, 2022. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches to 4.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

## Crops

Another week of sporadic to heavy rainfall across the state brought some relief from heat and helped replenish soil moisture levels. Recent rains have caused disease pressure concerns.

Corn fields continued to mature, and harvest progressed as weather permitted. Cotton continued setting bolls as more bolls began to open. Cotton plants in the Lowcountry region were reported to be full of bolls and blooming in the top nodes. Nutrient deficiencies were also becoming evident in the sandy soils of the Lowcountry region. Cotton, soybean, and peanut crops in the Pee Dee region were anticipated to have good yields if sporadic rainfall continues. Soybeans fields continued to bloom and set pods.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle conditions improved with temperatures beginning to cool down. Pasture remained in fair to good conditions throughout the state.

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

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	90	79	84	89
Corn - Harvested .....	12	6	18	24
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	95	87	91	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	2	2	6	7
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	85	81	87	82
Peaches - Harvested .....	93	94	97	90
Soybeans - Blooming .....	83	71	77	82
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	42	35	43	42
Tobacco - Harvested .....	70	55	62	63

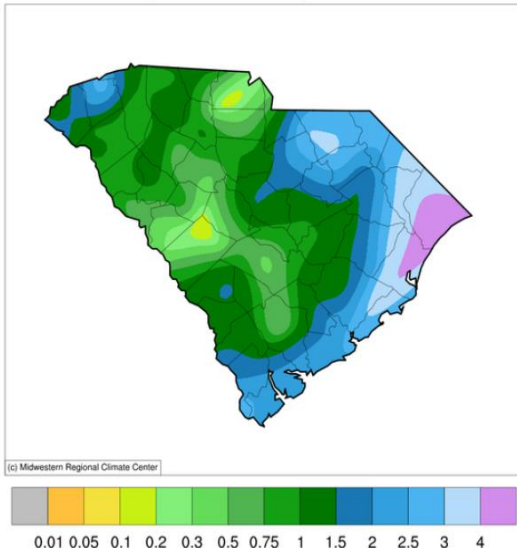
## Conditions for Week Ending 08/21/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	29	60	10
Corn .....	10	17	25	38	10
Cotton .....	1	3	23	57	16
Pasture and range ....	3	9	38	45	5
Peanuts .....	0	1	15	64	20
Soybeans .....	1	3	18	66	12

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

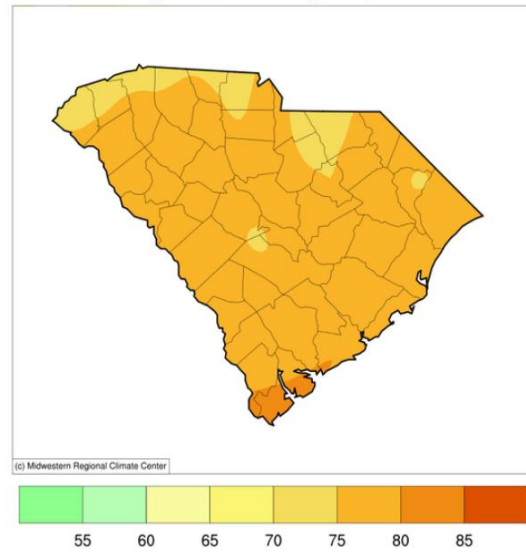
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	3
Short .....	34	25
Adequate .....	64	64
Surplus .....	0	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	3
Short .....	27	24
Adequate .....	72	71
Surplus .....	0	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 15, 2022 to August 21, 2022



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 15, 2022 to August 21, 2022



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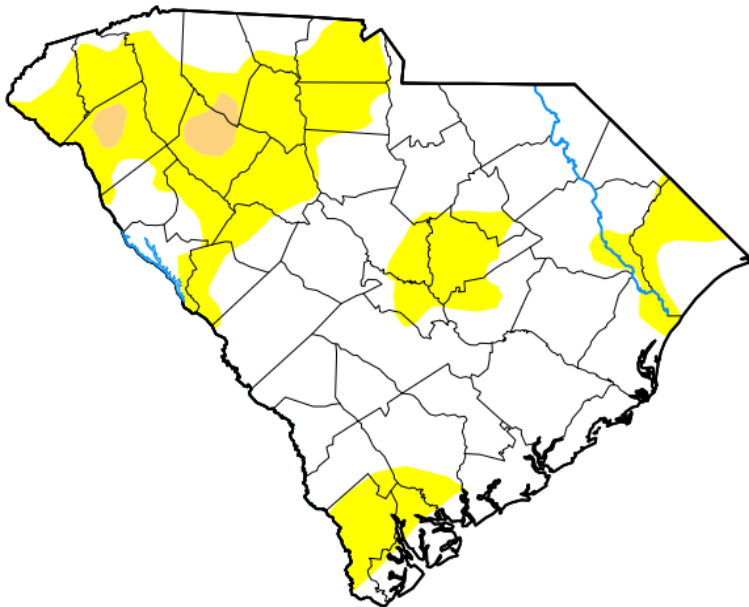
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2022.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2022.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**August 16, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	68.02	31.98	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-09-2022	75.44	24.56	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-17-2022	39.53	60.47	28.62	4.30	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> 08-17-2021	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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