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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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 16, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 7.5 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Rainfall levels were varying across the state with some areas of the Pee Dee region receiving nearly 8 inches while the Upstate region saw little to no rain. Corn fields continued to mature and is anticipated to be an above average crop if showers continue to finish kernel fill. Some producers were concerned the hot temperatures could hinder pollination of the corn crop. Cotton progressed squaring and setting bolls. Some cotton struggled germinating early in the spring due to the cool temperatures, however the recent warmer temperatures have helped improved condition levels. Soybean emergence neared completion as fields were blooming and beginning to set pods. Deer pressure in the Upstate region was noted to be an issue for cotton and soybeans. Peanut pegging progressed as growers applied fungicides and herbicides.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures and ranges remained in good condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/16/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	35	15	32	19
Cotton - Squaring.....	83	42	66	71
Cotton - Setting Bolls	40	7	19	29
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	45	28	38	33
Peaches - Harvested	70	59	72	64
Peanuts - Pegging	82	71	81	74
Soybeans - Emerged	100	93	95	96
Soybeans - Blooming.....	37	9	28	21
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	4	1	7	1
Tobacco - Topped.....	77	57	70	62
Tobacco - Harvested.....	7	NA	7	8

(NA) Not available.

Conditions for Week Ending 07/16/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	2	3	25	64	6
Corn	1	2	17	66	14
Cotton.....	1	2	33	58	6
Pasture and range	2	3	35	56	4
Peanuts	0	1	19	76	4
Soybeans	3	6	17	69	5
Tobacco.....	7	13	16	55	9

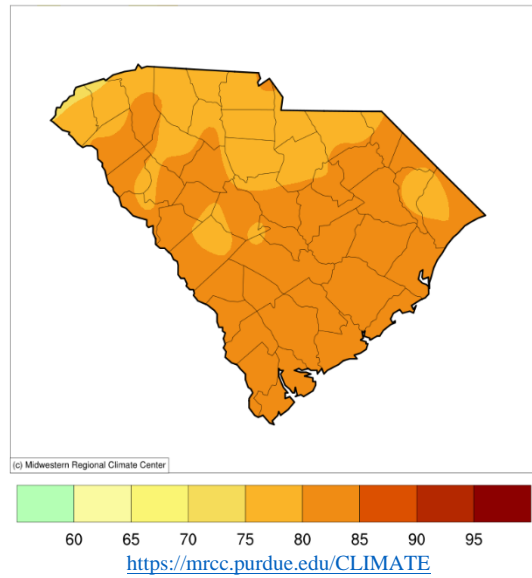
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/16/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	15	11
Adequate	79	73
Surplus	6	16
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	9	8
Adequate	86	77
Surplus	5	15

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 10, 2023 to July 16, 2023

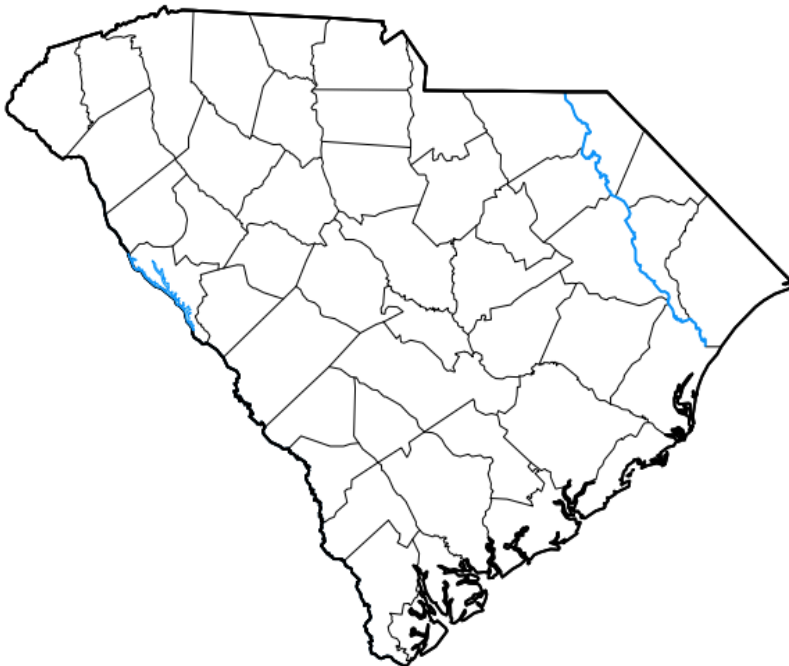


Average Temperature (°F)
July 10, 2023 to July 16, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

July 11, 2023
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-04-2023</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-11-2023</i>	89.70	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>07-12-2022</i>	49.90	50.10	7.20	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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