



**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.

July 31, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 30, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches to 3.6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Scattered showers across most of the state helped to maintain adequate soil moisture levels. Parts of the Upstate region have had a lack of rain and are substantially dry. Corn fields were continuing to mature with some harvest activities beginning. Cotton fields progressed squaring and setting bolls as farmers were making insecticide applications. Some cotton in the Lowcountry region was noted to be slightly behind and not blooming heavy. Peanuts were pegging as producers were working on controlling grass. Soybeans were blooming and setting pods, and tobacco was topped and being harvested. Tobacco condition levels continued to decline due to the excessive rains and high winds that hit Horry County on July 14th.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures and ranges were in good to fair condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/30/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	58	43	56	42
Corn - Harvested	1	NA	2	0
Cotton - Squaring	93	79	93	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	69	41	55	56
Hay - 2nd Cutting	64	45	59	54
Peaches - Harvested.....	84	79	88	77
Peanuts - Pegging.....	90	90	93	87
Soybeans - Blooming	52	42	52	40
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	22	14	24	11
Tobacco - Topped	90	77	90	87
Tobacco - Harvested.....	29	20	37	29

(NA) Not available.

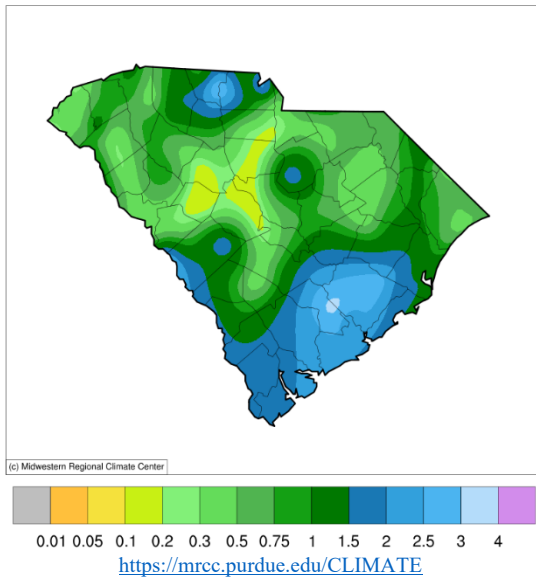
Conditions for Week Ending 07/30/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	3	10	24	59	4
Corn.....	1	3	17	55	24
Cotton.....	1	3	38	51	7
Pasture and range.....	5	10	35	48	2
Peanuts	0	1	21	73	5
Soybeans	4	5	28	55	8
Tobacco.....	7	18	36	30	9

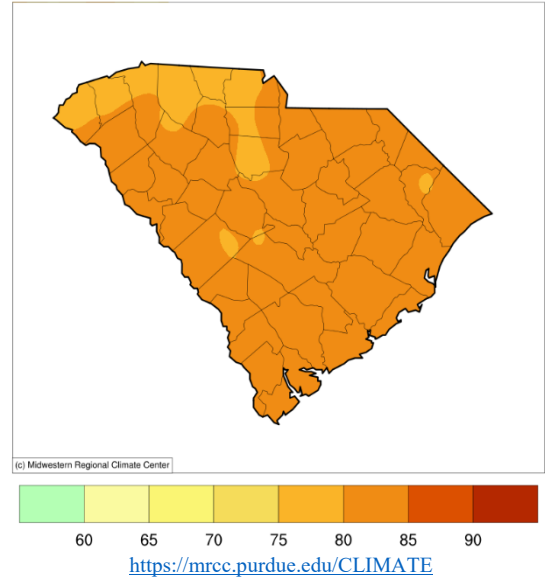
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/30/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	19	18
Adequate	68	72
Surplus	12	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	10	14
Adequate	73	78
Surplus	17	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023



Average Temperature (°F)
July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023

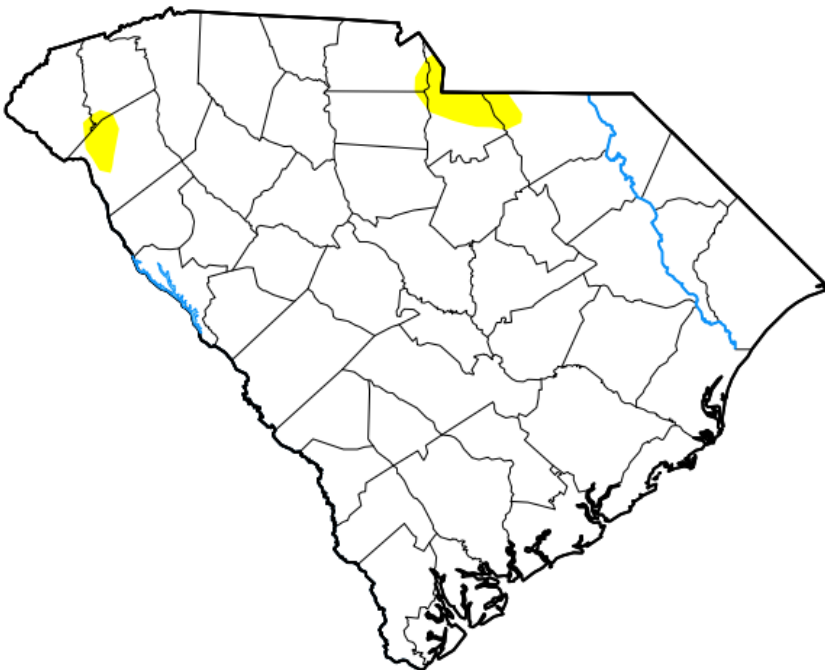


U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

July 25, 2023
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	98.11	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-18-2023</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-25-2023</i>	91.44	8.56	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>07-26-2022</i>	77.58	22.42	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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