



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 6, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches to 3.8 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Good rainfall amounts across most of the state helped to maintain adequate soil moisture levels. Corn fields were continuing to mature with harvest expected to ramp up over the next few weeks. Cotton fields were finishing squaring, setting bolls, and beginning to have bolls open. Insecticide applications were being made to control stinkbugs in the Lowcountry region. Peanut pegging neared completion as fungicide applications continued on schedule with no major disruptions. Soybeans were blooming and setting pods, and tobacco was topped and being harvested. Tobacco in the Pee Dee region was noted to still be showing signs of damage from recent storms. Fall vegetables were being planted and summer vegetables were still being harvested in good volumes.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/06/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	69	56	69	57
Corn - Harvested	3	2	5	2
Cotton - Squaring	97	93	96	93
Cotton - Setting Bolls	79	55	70	69
Cotton - Bolls Opening	1	NA	1	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting	72	59	68	64
Peaches - Harvested	89	88	94	82
Peanuts - Pegging	93	93	96	91
Soybeans - Blooming	58	52	60	51
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	26	24	30	17
Tobacco - Topped	94	90	97	93
Tobacco - Harvested	39	37	46	41

(NA) Not available.

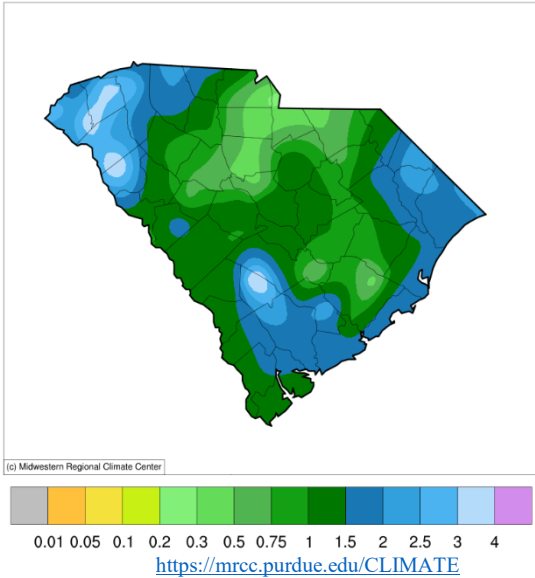
Conditions for Week Ending 08/06/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	2	10	20	66	2
Corn	1	2	17	58	22
Cotton	1	3	36	55	5
Pasture and range	3	13	37	45	2
Peanuts	0	1	19	73	7
Soybeans	6	5	30	52	7
Tobacco	6	18	39	28	9

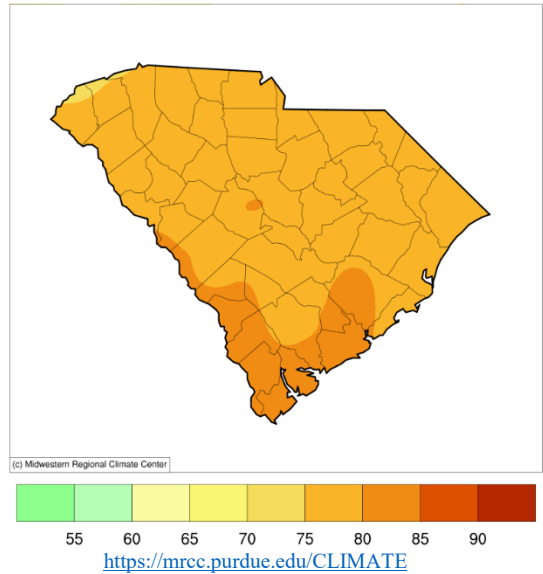
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/06/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	8
Short	18	13
Adequate	72	78
Surplus	8	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	7
Short	14	15
Adequate	78	75
Surplus	8	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023

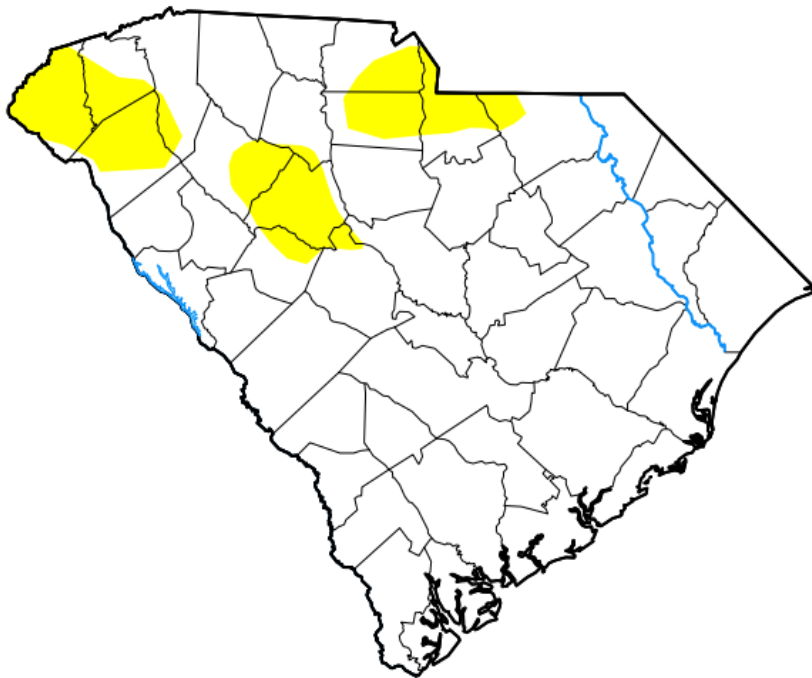


Average Temperature (°F)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.03	11.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-25-2023</i>	98.11	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-02-2023</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>08-02-2022</i>	78.63	21.37	0.47	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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