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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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 13, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.3 inches to 3.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Most of the state received some much-needed rainfall, however with high temperatures moisture levels are expected to dissipate quickly. Corn fields continued to mature as some harvesting activities began. Some corn producers in the Pee Dee region were waiting for grain moisture levels to decrease before beginning to harvest. Cotton was finishing up squaring, continued setting bolls and was beginning to have bolls open in early fields. Cotton in the Lowcountry region was noted to be blooming heavy but appears to be a late season crop. Peanut pegging neared completion as soybeans blooming and setting pods progressed ahead of historical levels.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions were in mostly good to fair condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/13/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	78	69	80	75
Corn - Harvested	6	5	8	7
Cotton - Squaring.....	99	96	99	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	86	70	83	82
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	2	1	3	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	80	68	81	73
Peaches - Harvested	93	94	96	87
Peanuts - Pegging	96	96	98	95
Soybeans - Blooming.....	69	60	73	67
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	34	30	39	29
Tobacco - Harvested	53	46	59	54

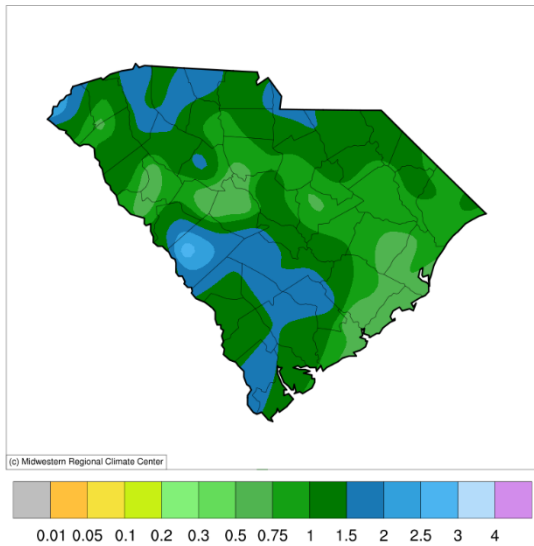
Conditions for Week Ending 08/13/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	9	26	59	4
Corn.....	2	3	18	62	15
Cotton.....	0	5	37	54	4
Pasture and range	2	12	41	44	1
Peanuts.....	0	1	11	81	7
Soybeans.....	6	8	32	51	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/13/23

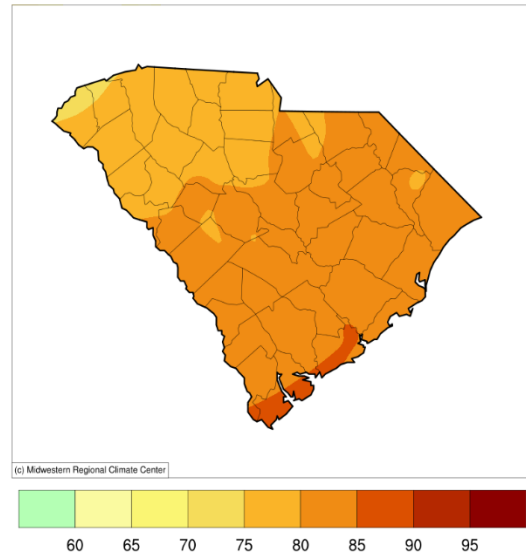
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	8	3
Short.....	13	22
Adequate.....	78	73
Surplus.....	1	2
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	7
Short.....	15	17
Adequate.....	75	74
Surplus.....	3	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 07, 2023 to August 13, 2023



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Average Temperature (°F)
August 07, 2023 to August 13, 2023



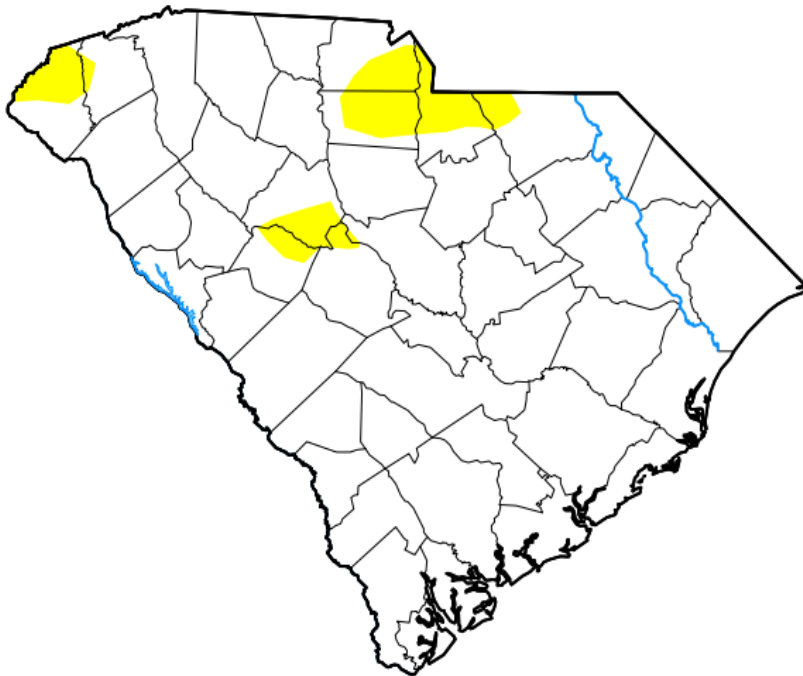
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 8, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.03	5.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-01-2023	88.03	11.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-09-2023	88.05	11.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-09-2022	75.44	24.56	1.48	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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