



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 20, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

## Crops

Limited rainfall and hot temperatures persisted throughout most portions of the state over the past week. As many corn fields reached maturity, harvesting activities ramped up given favorable conditions. Early reports had producers optimistic about this year's corn yield. Cotton continued setting bolls with some producers noting that some early planted varieties have opened bolls. Hay producers finished up their second cutting of hay given the favorable conditions. Soybeans continued to mature, with most fields now having bloomed and set pods.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture conditions were in mostly good to fair condition around the state. Producers noted that pastures are beginning to dry up and could use additional rainfall.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/20/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	83	80	90	86
Corn - Harvested .....	16	8	22	18
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	90	83	89	89
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	5	3	6	5
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	86	81	87	81
Soybeans - Blooming .....	76	73	81	79
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	42	39	51	40
Tobacco - Harvested .....	61	59	74	63

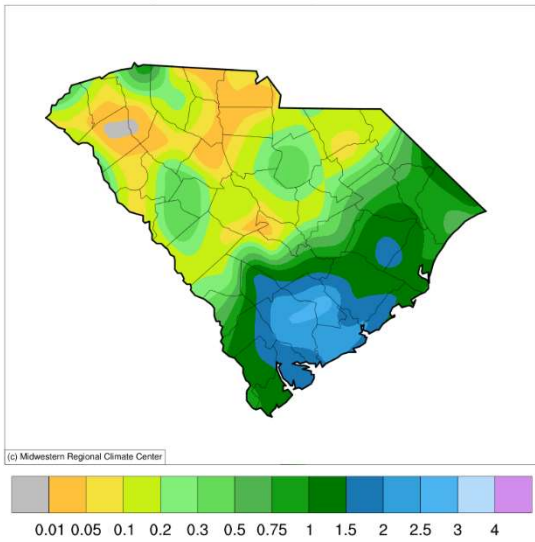
## Conditions for Week Ending 08/20/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	4	9	30	51	6
Corn .....	0	3	15	65	17
Cotton .....	1	2	31	60	6
Pasture and range ....	5	17	41	35	2
Peanuts .....	0	1	5	90	4
Soybeans .....	3	5	24	60	8

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/20/23

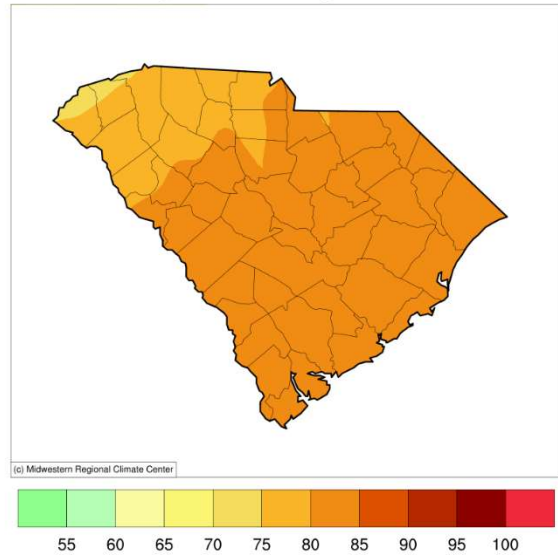
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	2
Short .....	22	31
Adequate .....	73	67
Surplus .....	2	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	7	3
Short .....	17	26
Adequate .....	74	70
Surplus .....	2	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



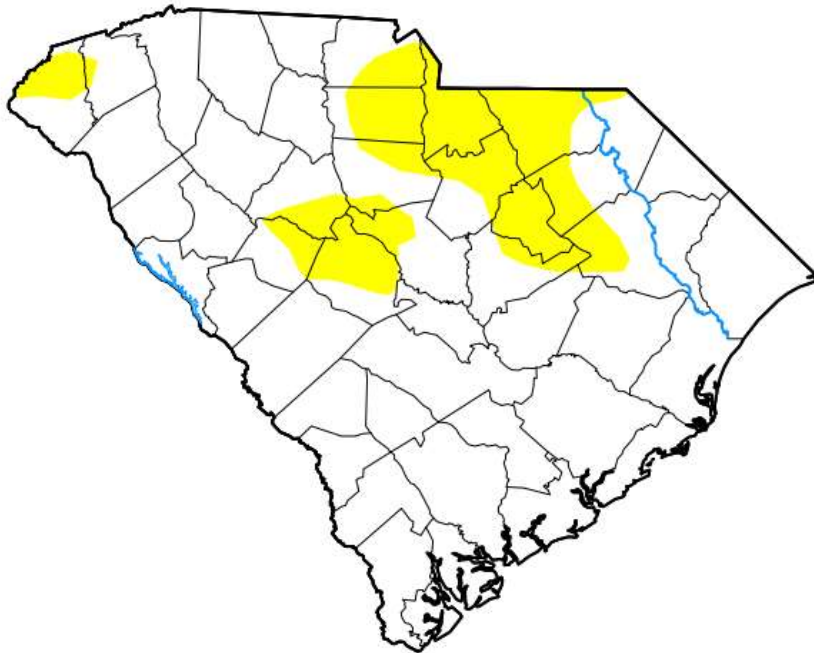
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# U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**August 15, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023)  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	82.93	17.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-08-2023	94.03	5.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-16-2023	77.08	22.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-16-2022	68.02	31.98	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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