

# 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.

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#### General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 27, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

### Crops

A mostly dry week helped soil conditions improve from previous rain events, although some heavy localized rainfall was reported. Planting of cotton and peanuts concluded while the first hay cutting neared completion. Soybean planting moved slowly towards wrapping up. Farmers in the Lowcountry region reported that the rain improved their crop conditions but caused a spike in diseases. Peanuts were sprayed with fungicide and herbicide, while cotton weed control was nearly complete. Reports from the Pee Dee region indicated that dryer fields helped producers catch up on field work. Farmers reported that their vegetable crops looked mostly good but sprayed to protect cucumbers and squash from downy mildew. Pee Dee region sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, peas, and blueberries were all harvested in good volumes with watermelon and okra harvest approaching. Peach conditions decreased as reports of thrips increased in the Pee Dee region.

## **Livestock and Pastures**

Warm temperatures and lesser amounts of rain mildly decreased pasture and range conditions. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/27/21

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|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Crop stage               | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|                          | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Silking           | 74        | 65        | 86        | 86         |
| Cotton - Squaring        | 31        | 22        | 32        | 34         |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls   | 2         | 0         | 1         | 2          |
| Hay - 1st Cutting        | 98        | 92        | 94        | 94         |
| Peaches - Harvested      | 55        | 40        | 45        | 42         |
| Peanuts - Pegging        | 44        | 25        | 39        | 42         |
| Soybeans - Planted       | 88        | 93        | 94        | 90         |
| Soybeans - Emerged       | 74        | 87        | 90        | 80         |
| Soybeans - Blooming      | 3         | 0         | 6         | 3          |
| Tobacco - Topped         | 29        | 15        | 38        | 30         |
| Winter wheat - Harvested | 79        | 70        | 85        | 90         |
|                          |           |           |           |            |

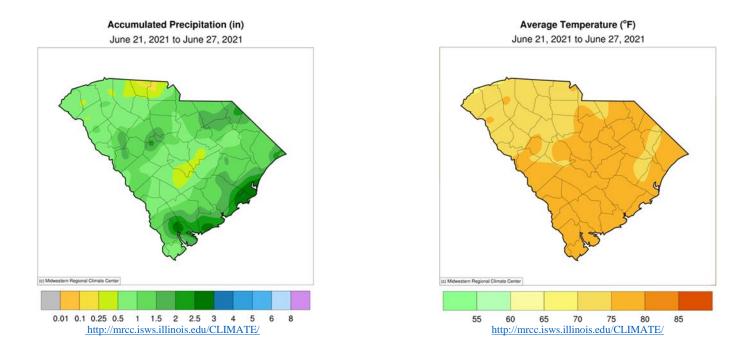
(NA) Not available.

## Conditions for Week Ending 06/27/21

| Crop              | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                   | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle            | 0         | 4         | 13        | 71        | 12        |
| Corn              | 4         | 11        | 17        | 56        | 12        |
| Cotton            | 2         | 4         | 27        | 52        | 15        |
| Pasture and range | 0         | 6         | 28        | 47        | 19        |
| Peaches           | 0         | 2         | 20        | 60        | 18        |
| Peanuts           | 0         | 1         | 33        | 64        | 2         |
| Soybeans          | 1         | 4         | 16        | 68        | 11        |
| Tobacco           | 5         | 5         | 6         | 78        | 6         |

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/27/21

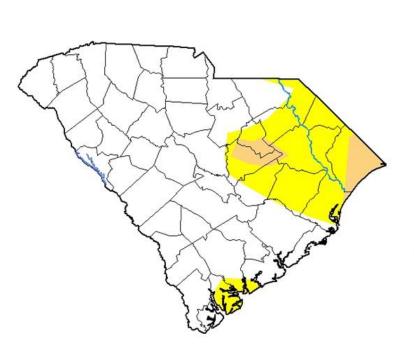
| Topsoil    | Previous week | This week |  |
|------------|---------------|-----------|--|
|            | (percent)     | (percent) |  |
| Very short | 0             | 1         |  |
| Short      | 2             | 11        |  |
| Adequate   | 73            | 82        |  |
| Surplus    | 25            | 6         |  |
| Subsoil    | Previous week | This week |  |
|            | (percent)     | (percent) |  |
| Very short | 0             | 1         |  |
| Short      | 1             | 5         |  |
| Adequate   | 86            | 91        |  |
| Surplus    | 13            | 3         |  |



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\_reports\_2021.php

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

## June 22, 2021 (Released Thursday, Jun. 24, 2021) Valid 8 a.m. EDT



|   | Drought Conditions (Percent Area) |       |       |       |       |      |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|   | None                              | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
| Current                                 | 75.65                             | 24.35 | 4.31  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Last Week<br>06-15-2021                 | 60.66                             | 39.34 | 15.30 | 0.61  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| 3 Month s Ago<br>03-23-2021             | 100.00                            | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Start of<br>Calendar Year<br>12-29-2020 | 86.70                             | 13.30 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Start of<br>Water Year<br>09-29-2020    | 99.42                             | 0.58  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago<br>06-23-2020              | 100.00                            | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

#### Intensity:



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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