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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.

*June 20, 2023*

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 18, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

## Crops

Scattered showers during the week helped maintain adequate soil moisture levels for most of the state. Corn fields continued silking as some fungicides were applied. Corn was noted to have good yield potential in the Lowcountry region if rain events continue. Cotton growth was improving with the warmer weather throughout the week as more plants began to square. Peanuts continued to peg, and gypsum was being applied to some fields. Winter wheat harvest continued to progress, however intermittent rain showers in the Upstate region delayed some harvesting as well as double cropped soybean planting. Peaches were being harvested, although at a low volume in the Upstate region. Quality issues persisted for peaches with brown rot noted to be present.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures and ranges remained in good condition around the state. Sporadic rain helped maintain pasture and range conditions from drying out.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/18/23

| Crop stage | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn - Silking | 62 | 36 | 60 | 63 |
| Cotton - Squaring | 12 | 1 | 11 | 19 |
| Hay - 1st Cutting | 94 | 91 | 96 | 89 |
| Peaches - Harvested | 33 | 24 | 32 | 33 |
| Peanuts - Pegging | 10 | 4 | 18 | 19 |
| Soybeans - Planted | 89 | 69 | 82 | 83 |
| Soybeans - Emerged | 74 | 52 | 65 | 69 |
| Tobacco - Topped | 9 | 0 | 9 | 17 |
| Winter wheat - Harvested | 67 | 44 | 53 | 69 |

(NA) Not available.

## Conditions for Week Ending 06/18/23

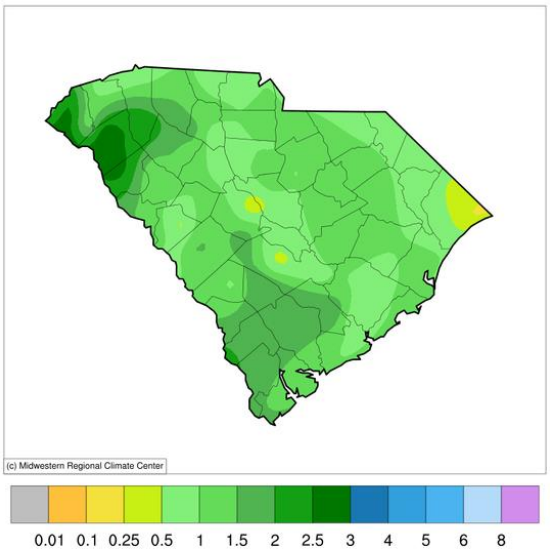
| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 1 | 1 | 19 | 76 | 3 |
| Corn | 0 | 2 | 21 | 72 | 5 |
| Cotton | 0 | 1 | 34 | 63 | 2 |
| Pasture and range | 1 | 7 | 16 | 73 | 3 |
| Peaches | 5 | 15 | 42 | 38 | 0 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 1 | 13 | 85 | 1 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 1 | 13 | 84 | 2 |
| Tobacco | 0 | 5 | 16 | 74 | 5 |
| Winter wheat | 0 | 0 | 28 | 70 | 2 |

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/18/23

| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 0 | 0 |
| Short | 32 | 29 |
| Adequate | 61 | 70 |
| Surplus | 7 | 1 |

| Subsoil | Previous week | This week |
|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 2 | 2 |
| Short | 18 | 21 |
| Adequate | 75 | 76 |
| Surplus | 5 | 1 |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**
June 12, 2023 to June 18, 2023

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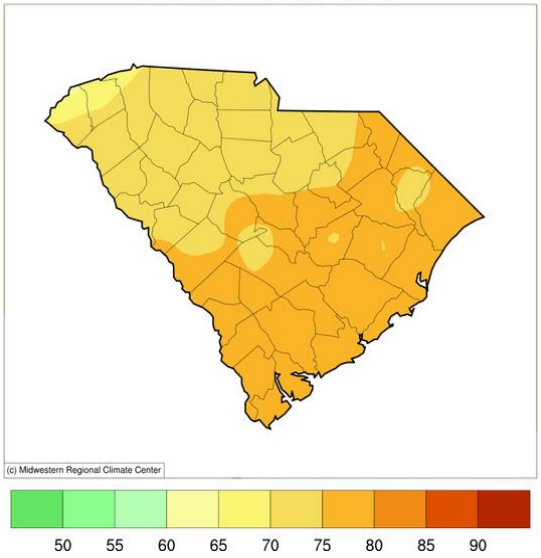
**Average Temperature (°F)**
June 12, 2023 to June 18, 2023

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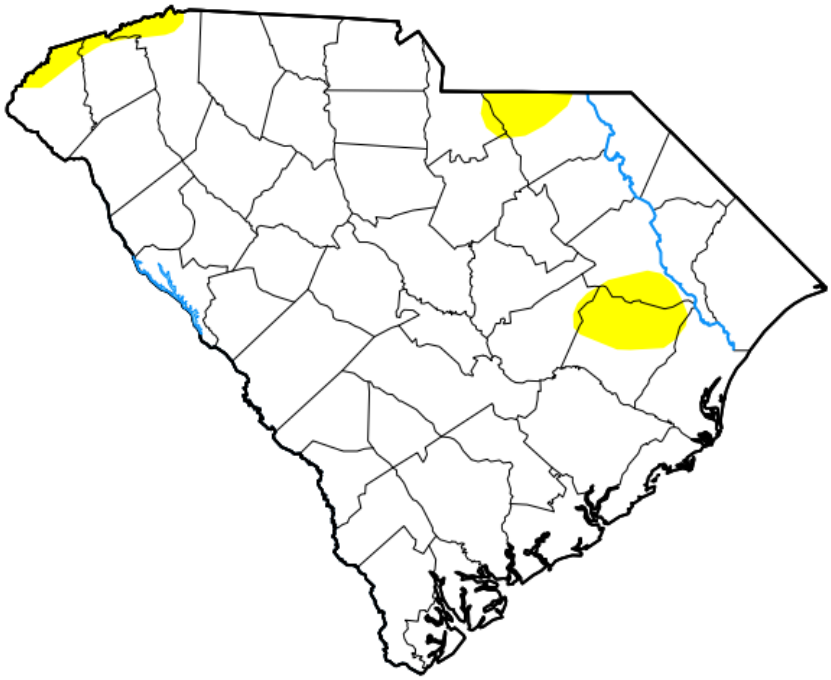
# South Carolina



## June 13, 2023
***(Released Thursday, Jun. 15, 2023)***
**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 95.39 | 4.61 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Last Week** *06-06-2023* | 92.77 | 7.23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **3 Months Ago** *03-14-2023* | 97.12 | 2.88 | 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** *06-14-2022* | 29.54 | 70.46 | 29.11 | 3.95 | 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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