



**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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 9, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

## Crops

Light showers during the week helped maintain soil moisture levels as temperatures and humidity levels continued to rise. Surplus soil moisture levels in the Lowcountry region were noted, which was putting crops under stress and may cause some yield losses. Corn fields were nearing completion of silking as they began to mature. Cotton continued squaring and setting bolls and was beginning to catch up after a slow start this year. Light rainfall during the week allowed producers to make good progress on their second cutting of hay. Vegetable crops were noted to be looking good and harvesting good volumes in the Pee Dee region.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures and ranges remained in good condition around the state. Heat stress was noted as a concern for cattle as temperatures and humidity levels have risen substantially over the last few weeks. Bermudagrass and bahiagrass fields that have been fertilized have responded well to the increased temperatures, although fescue fields have shown signs of stress in some areas.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/09/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	97	87	95	94
Corn - Mature.....	17	NA	15	8
Cotton - Squaring.....	66	27	42	58
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	26	NA	7	16
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	24	11	28	19
Peaches - Harvested.....	60	49	59	57
Peanuts - Pegging.....	70	48	71	65
Soybeans - Emerged.....	98	85	93	92
Soybeans - Blooming.....	27	6	9	14
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	0	0	1	0
Tobacco - Topped.....	71	28	57	52
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	99	82	96	97

(NA) Not available.

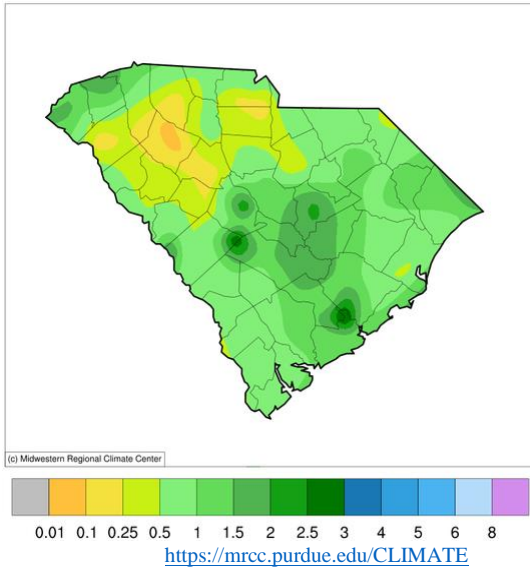
## Conditions for Week Ending 07/09/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	23	67	7
Corn.....	0	1	14	75	10
Cotton.....	0	2	36	60	2
Pasture and range....	1	2	31	63	3
Peanuts.....	0	0	16	83	1
Soybeans.....	2	1	15	79	3
Tobacco.....	3	6	13	66	12

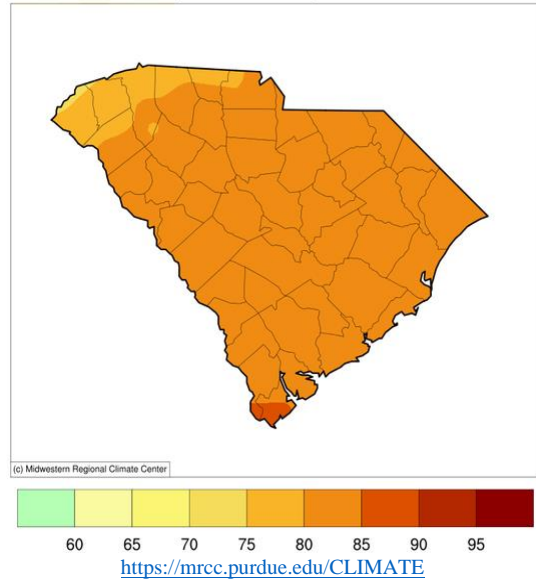
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/09/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	0
Short.....	13	15
Adequate.....	72	79
Surplus.....	8	6
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	15	9
Adequate.....	79	86
Surplus.....	6	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 03, 2023 to July 09, 2023

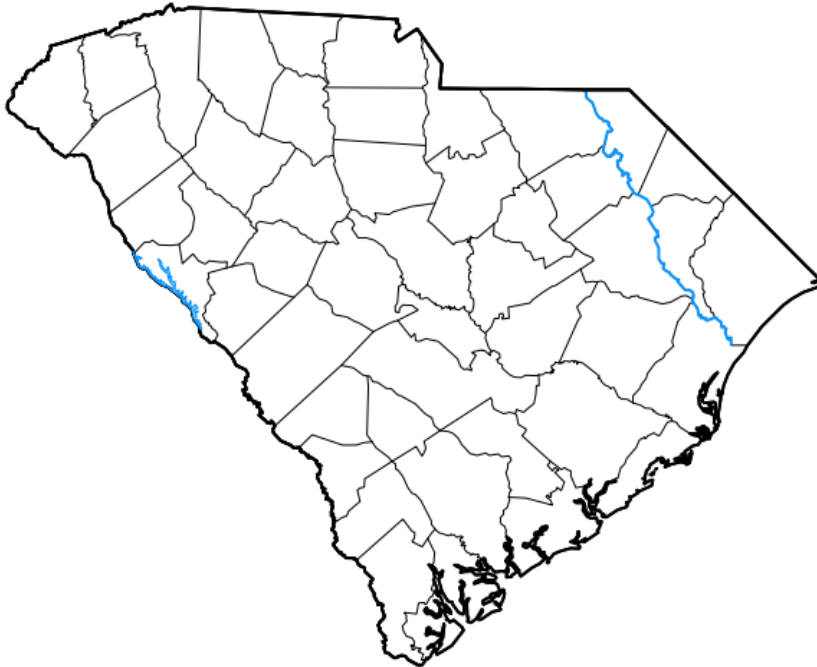


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 03, 2023 to July 09, 2023



# U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 4, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 6, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>06-27-2023</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-04-2023</i>	74.71	25.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2022</i>	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-05-2022</i>	4.49	95.51	50.05	7.16	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- None
- D2 Severe Drought
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate 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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