



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 23, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 4.0 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Most of the state saw scattered showers, however the Pee Dee region saw excess rain for a second consecutive week. Some drowned tobacco, soybeans and cotton were noted in the low areas of fields with many producers experiencing a loss on their vegetables and row crops. Early corn varieties were beginning to change shuck color with harvest beginning in a few weeks. Yield potential for corn in the Pee Dee region was noted to be very good. Cotton fields continued squaring and setting bolls, although progress was slightly behind recent years. Peanut pegging progressed as growers applied fungicides and herbicides. Second cuttings of hay continued with Bermuda varieties noted to be growing quickly in the Upstate region.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures and ranges were in good to fair condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/23/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	50	32	43	30
Cotton - Squaring	89	66	79	82
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	61	19	41	46
Hay - 2nd Cutting	57	38	45	46
Peaches - Harvested.....	76	72	79	70
Peanuts - Pegging.....	86	81	90	81
Soybeans - Blooming	48	28	42	30
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	13	7	14	5
Tobacco - Topped	85	70	77	78
Tobacco - Harvested.....	21	7	20	19

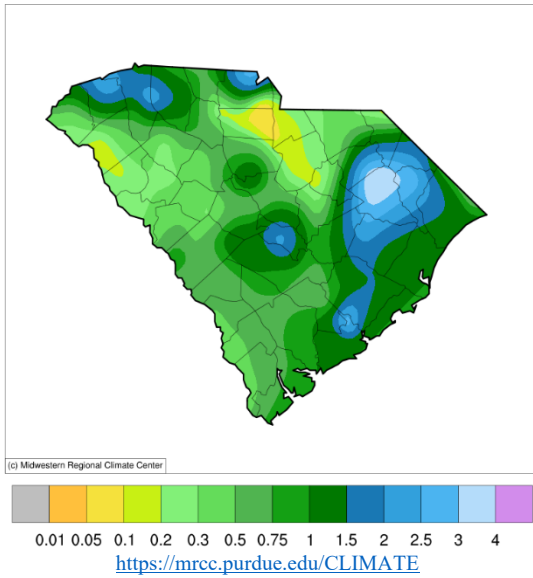
Conditions for Week Ending 07/23/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	4	5	26	57	8
Corn.....	1	5	16	58	20
Cotton.....	1	1	33	56	9
Pasture and range.....	4	5	27	56	8
Peanuts	0	1	23	70	6
Soybeans	3	7	23	60	7
Tobacco.....	6	15	24	47	8

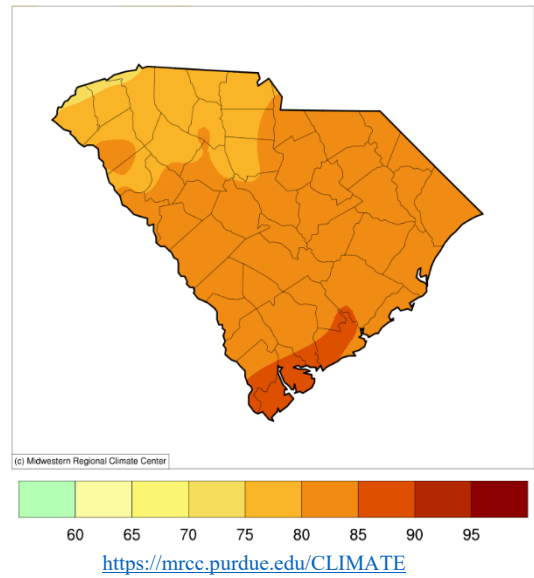
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/23/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	11	19
Adequate	73	68
Surplus	16	12
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	8	10
Adequate	77	73
Surplus	15	17

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 17, 2023 to July 23, 2023

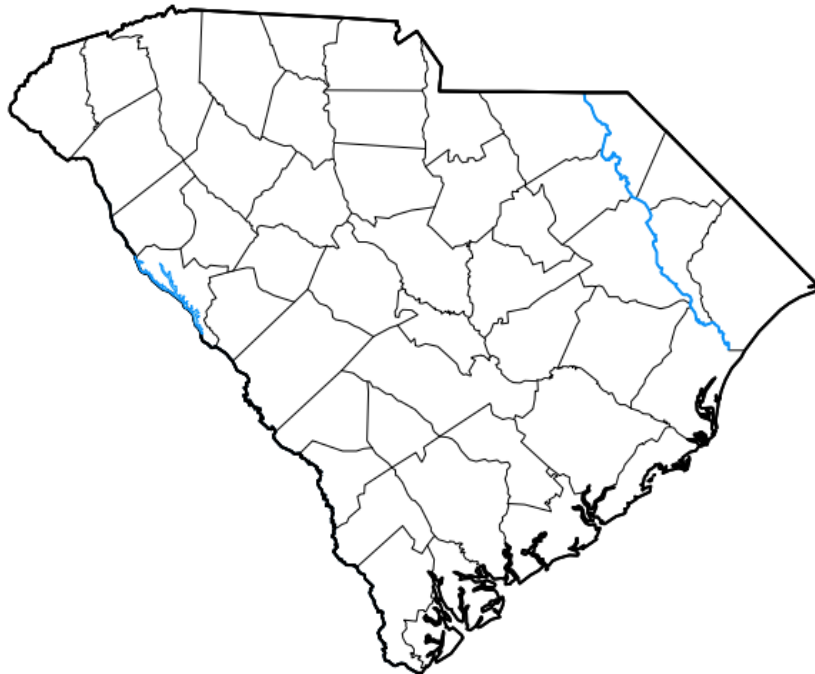


Average Temperature (°F)
July 17, 2023 to July 23, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-11-2023	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-18-2023	89.03	10.97	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 07-19-2022	72.78	27.22	0.32	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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