



# 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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 16, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from trace amounts to 2.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

## Crops

It was a dry and hot week for most of the state, with only a few isolated areas in the Midlands, Pee Dee, and Lowcountry regions receiving moderate amounts of precipitation. Operators with access to irrigation systems continued to use them to combat the dry weather. Many dryland crops were reported to be stressed and in need of rain to progress in their maturity. In many areas, dryland corn was showing significant signs of heat stress as the crop entered the critical stage for moisture needs. Reporters in the Lowcountry noted that some corn fields were no longer able to be salvaged due to the weather conditions. Dry soil conditions in much of the state also prevented some operators from finishing up their planting. Planting of cotton was nearing completion, and some producers were noted to have finished replanting fields that had failed. Later maturing soybeans were still being planted in some areas as of last week. The dry weather did allow for operators to nearly complete a first cutting of hay. Harvest activities last week included tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, okra, berries, and melons. Peaches continued to be in mostly good condition across the state.

## Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in mostly good condition around the state, although reporters noted that pastures continued to deteriorate due to the dry conditions.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 6/16/24

| Crop stage                  | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                             | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Silking.....         | 53        | 37        | 60        | 54         |
| Cotton - Planted.....       | 97        | 90        | 93        | 96         |
| Cotton - Squaring.....      | 8         | 2         | 11        | 15         |
| Hay - 1st Cutting.....      | 95        | 93        | 97        | 92         |
| Peaches - Harvested .....   | 30        | 25        | 32        | 33         |
| Peanuts - Planted .....     | 96        | 91        | 95        | 97         |
| Peanuts - Pegging.....      | 14        | 3         | 16        | 14         |
| Soybeans - Planted .....    | 78        | 82        | 89        | 79         |
| Soybeans - Emerged .....    | 61        | 65        | 74        | 65         |
| Soybeans - Blooming.....    | 0         | NA        | 2         | 0          |
| Winter wheat - Harvested .. | 50        | 55        | 70        | 57         |

(NA) Not available.

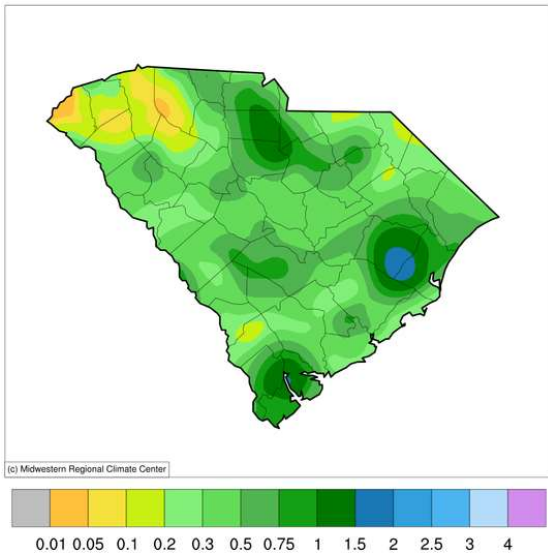
## Conditions for Week Ending 6/16/24

| Crop                  | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                       | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle.....           | 0         | 3         | 27        | 64        | 6         |
| Corn.....             | 7         | 16        | 39        | 29        | 9         |
| Cotton.....           | 1         | 6         | 33        | 49        | 11        |
| Pasture and range.... | 4         | 9         | 27        | 57        | 3         |
| Peaches.....          | 0         | 1         | 11        | 88        | 0         |
| Peanuts.....          | 0         | 0         | 29        | 69        | 2         |
| Soybeans.....         | 0         | 2         | 43        | 54        | 1         |

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 6/16/24

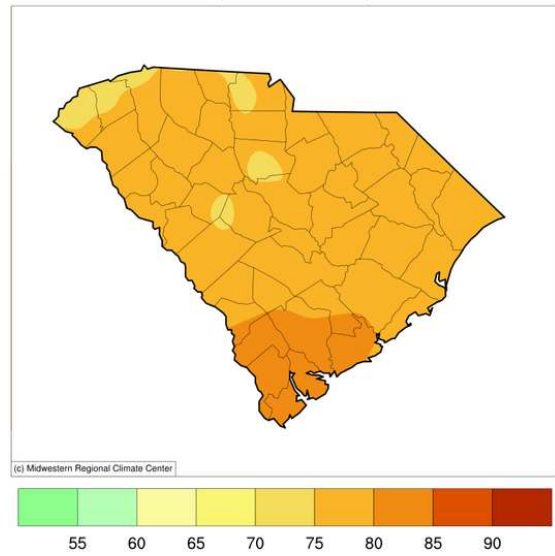
| Topsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 8             | 16        |
| Short.....      | 44            | 52        |
| Adequate.....   | 46            | 31        |
| Surplus.....    | 2             | 1         |
| Subsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 5             | 9         |
| Short.....      | 40            | 54        |
| Adequate.....   | 54            | 37        |
| Surplus.....    | 1             | 0         |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
June 10, 2024 to June 16, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
June 10, 2024 to June 16, 2024

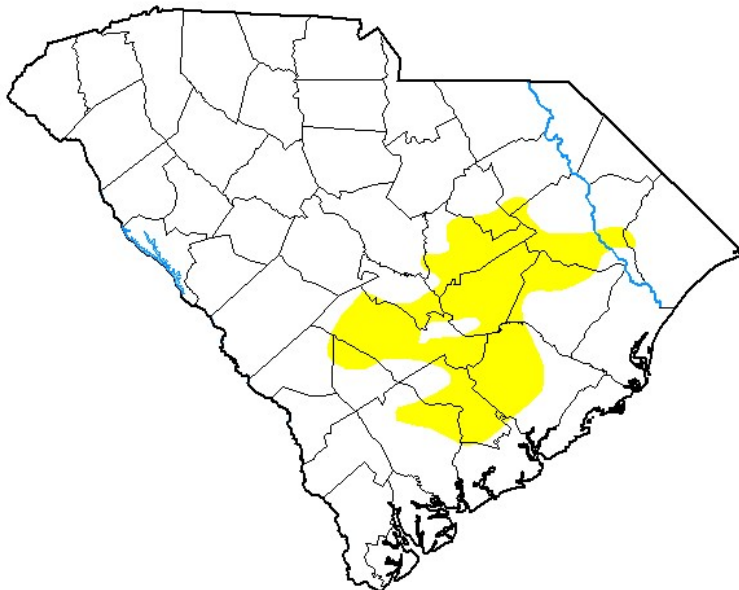


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2024.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**June 11, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Jun. 13, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 85.59  | 14.41 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>06-04-2024              | 86.51  | 13.49 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>03-12-2024           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-02-2024 | 60.82  | 39.18 | 16.08 | 1.61  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-26-2023    | 76.91  | 23.09 | 1.19  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>06-13-2023           | 95.39  | 4.61  | 0.00  | 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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