



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 23, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s.

Crops

Hot and dry conditions persisted throughout the week with limited, isolated rainfall in the Lowcountry region. Irrigated corn continued relatively unaffected but high heat continued to stress dryland corn. Corn in the Lowcountry was reported to be mostly burned up and the Pee Dee region was experiencing early tasseling. Planting of soybeans slowed as producers held out hope for rain. Cotton planting was nearly complete with squaring progressing well. Some peanuts were maturing slowly because of the lack of moisture. Hay cutting progressed nicely which will be needed as pasture conditions decline.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition, but pasture has substantially deteriorated. Lack of rainfall, high heat, and steady winds dried out pastureland and some producers began feeding hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/23/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	70	60	85	74
Cotton - Planted.....	99	93	96	98
Cotton - Squaring.....	16	11	21	26
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	0	0	0	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	NA	0	23	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	36	32	44	41
Peanuts - Pegging.....	29	16	37	31
Soybeans - Planted.....	86	89	94	87
Soybeans - Emerged.....	71	74	79	75
Soybeans - Blooming.....	0	2	4	2
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	59	70	88	76

(NA) Not available.

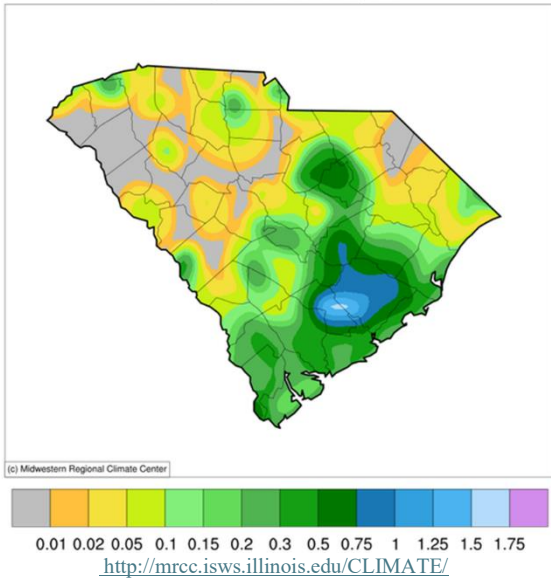
Conditions for Week Ending 06/23/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	36	53	6
Corn.....	15	34	34	16	1
Cotton.....	3	6	41	49	1
Pasture and range	11	19	32	38	0
Peaches.....	0	1	16	79	4
Peanuts.....	2	4	35	59	0
Soybeans.....	3	8	50	39	0

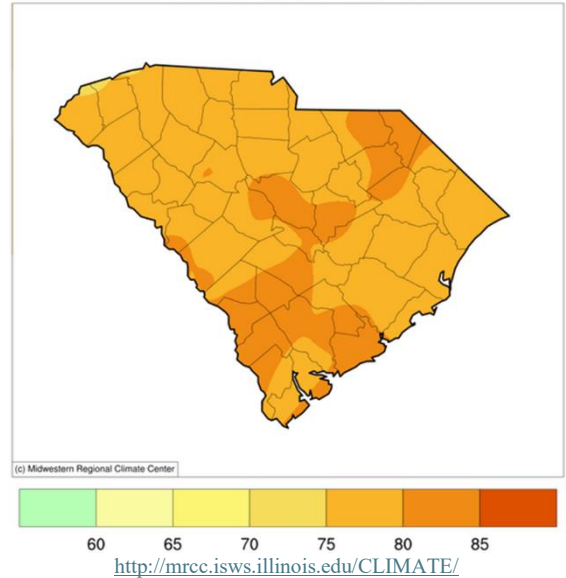
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/23/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	16	38
Short.....	52	48
Adequate.....	31	14
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	9	23
Short.....	54	49
Adequate.....	37	28
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 17, 2024 to June 23, 2024



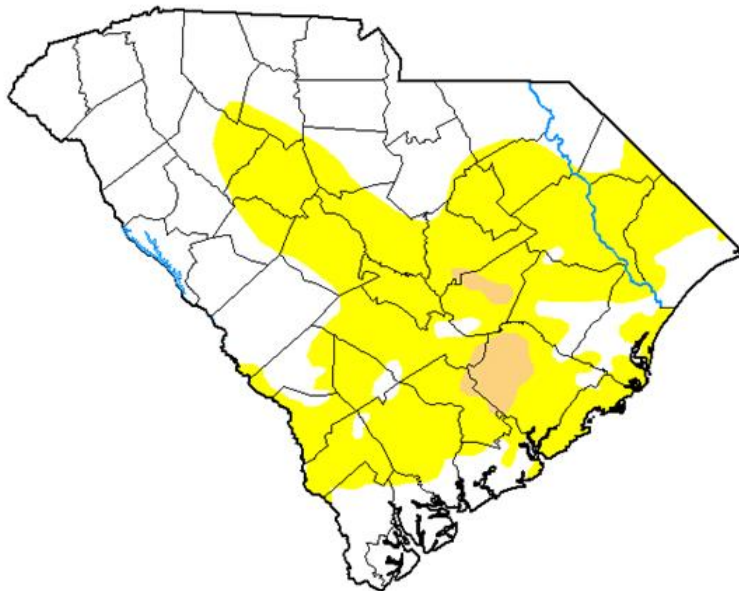
Average Temperature (°F)
June 17, 2024 to June 23, 2024



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

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	52.22	47.78	2.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-11-2024	85.59	14.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 03-19-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 06-20-2023	94.49	5.51	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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