United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report

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.

July 15, 2024   *Media Contact: Jacqueline Moore*

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 14, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from trace amounts to over 4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Most of the state received some rain last week, with the Pee Dee and Midland regions receiving the most precipitation. Despite the rain, drought conditions continued to worsen due to high temperatures and winds. Corn fields struggled across the state and fields that were planted late were reported to be in particularly poor shape. Soybeans were reported to be in better shape, but still in need of more rain. Many operators continued to be unable to conduct a second cutting of hay due to dry conditions. Peaches continued to be harvested at a strong rate, with harvest expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were mostly fair to poor. Pastures continued to struggle in most areas of the state. Reporters noted that some operators sold some of their cattle to preserve their grazing and hay inventories.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/14/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	27	22	40	19
Cotton - Squaring..............	59	65	82	67
Cotton - Setting Bolls	16	22	38	24
Hay - 2nd Cutting...............	35	44	51	36
Peaches - Harvested	68	64	72	67
Peanuts - Pegging	78	68	83	75
Soybeans - Emerged	94	93	97	95
Soybeans - Blooming.........	23	24	36	22
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	5	2	12	2

Conditions for Week Ending 7/14/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle........................	5	19	28	44	4
Corn	33	32	23	12	0
Cotton......................	10	13	36	39	2
Pasture and range	16	31	46	7	0
Peanuts	2	9	34	51	4
Soybeans	9	17	41	33	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/14/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	28	36
Short..	31	35
Adequate	38	27
Surplus	3	2
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	27	35
Short..	41	38
Adequate	30	26
Surplus	2	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 08, 2024 to July 14, 2024

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| 0.01 | 0.1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |

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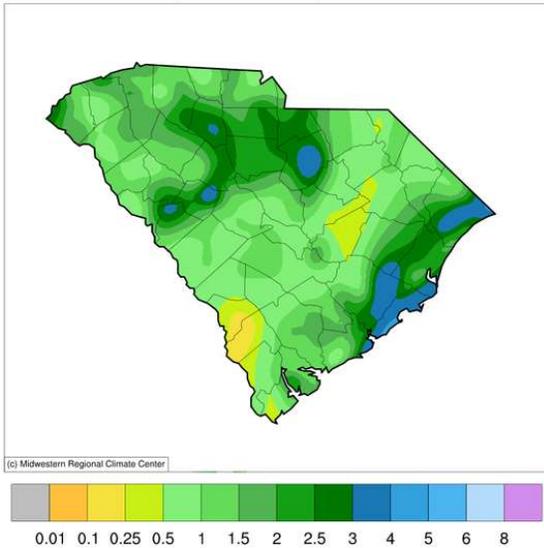
Average Temperature (°F)
July 08, 2024 to July 14, 2024

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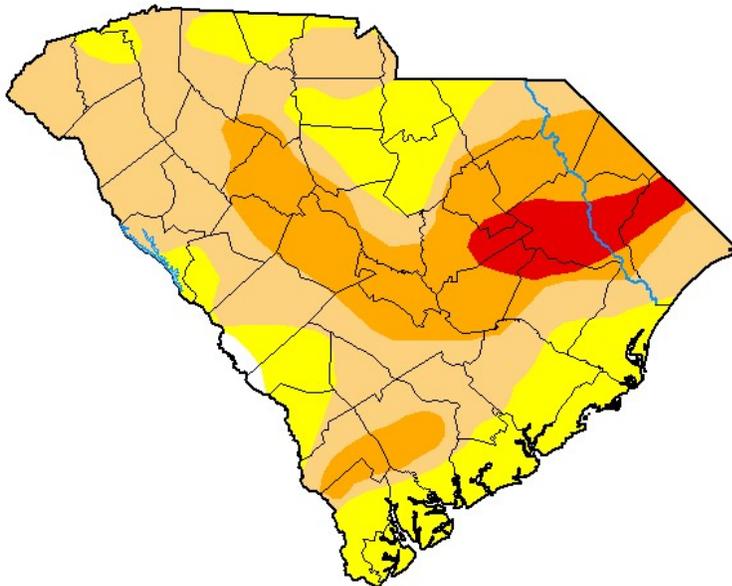| 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 90 | 95 |

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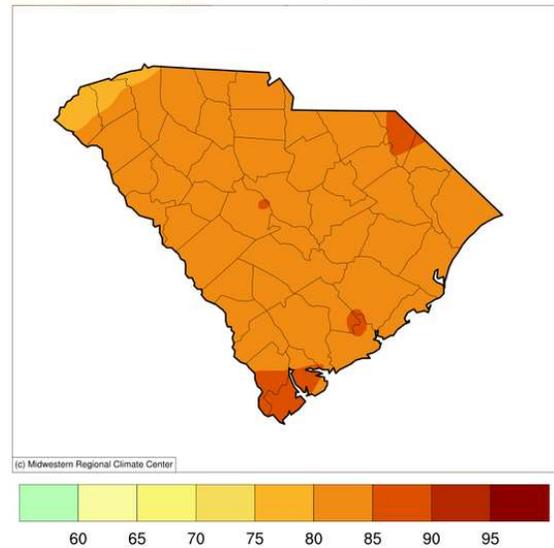
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php

U.S. Drought Monitor
South Carolina

July 9, 2024
(Released Thursday, Jul. 11, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.54	99.46	72.73	29.98	5.55	0.00
Last Week 07-02-2024	0.01	99.99	71.11	16.84	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-09-2024	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 07-11-2023	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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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