



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 21, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.1 inches to over 6 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

## Crops

It was a wet week for most of the state last week, with the Upstate and Pee Dee regions receiving the most precipitation. The rain was much needed, although reporters noted that some corn and soybean fields continued to struggle due to stalled development throughout the persistent dry and hot conditions over the past few weeks. Reporters noted that some operators with underdeveloped corn chose to feed the crop to their cattle instead of harvesting for grain. Many cotton and peanut fields benefited greatly from the recent rains. Peaches were in good condition, with harvest expected to finish soon.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were mostly fair to poor. Pastures were helped by the recent rain, with greening seen in some areas of the state.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/21/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	40	40	50	31
Cotton - Squaring.....	75	82	94	80
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	35	38	58	41
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	43	51	65	49
Peaches - Harvested .....	77	72	80	74
Peanuts - Pegging.....	87	83	91	84
Soybeans - Blooming.....	38	36	47	32
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	12	12	26	6

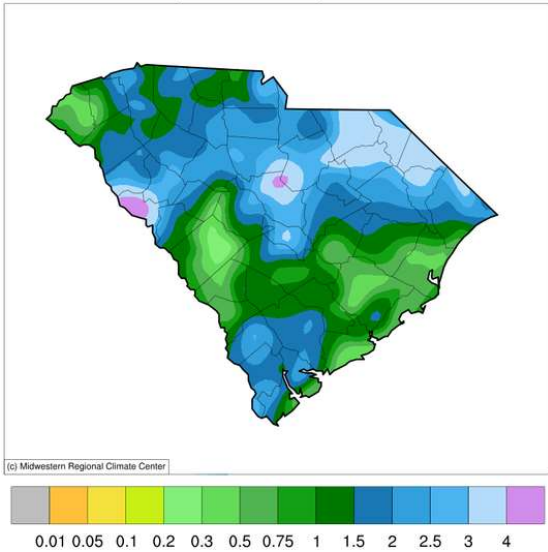
## Conditions for Week Ending 7/21/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	10	32	49	7
Corn.....	26	38	26	9	1
Cotton.....	4	12	36	45	3
Pasture and range....	10	32	41	16	1
Peanuts.....	0	7	34	55	4
Soybeans.....	4	18	45	32	1

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/21/24

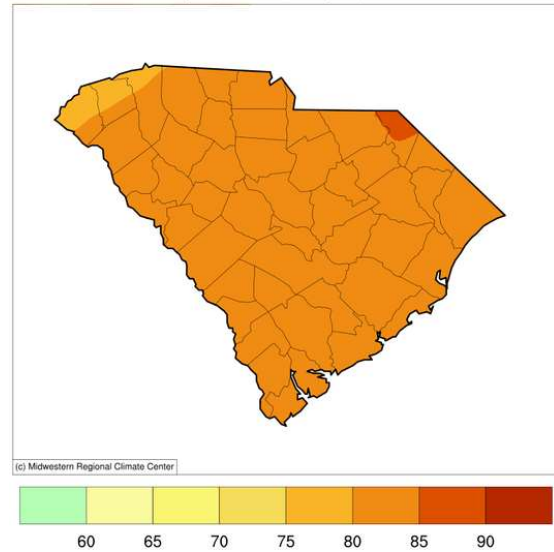
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	36	19
Short.....	35	37
Adequate .....	27	42
Surplus .....	2	2
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	35	23
Short.....	38	41
Adequate .....	26	35
Surplus .....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024

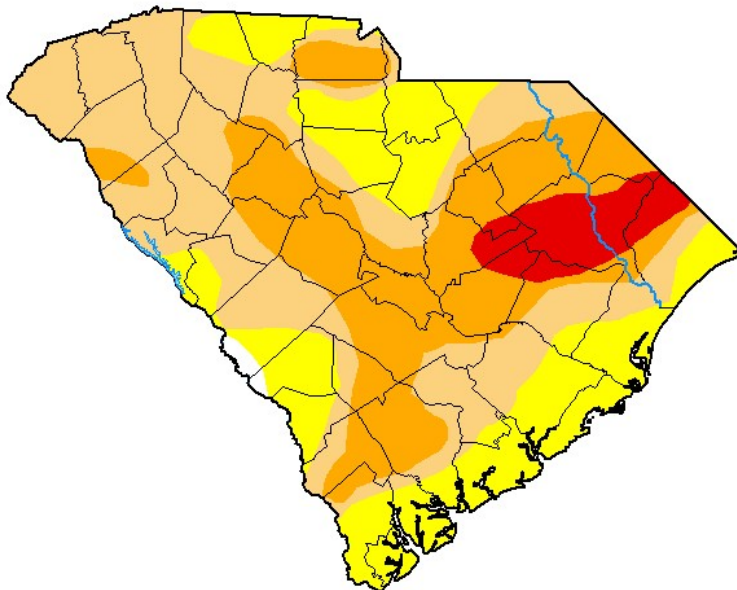


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2024.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 16, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 18, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.54	99.46	72.64	35.59	6.13	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-09-2024	0.54	99.46	72.73	29.98	5.55	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-16-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2024	60.82	39.18	16.08	1.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-18-2023	100.00	0.00	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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