



**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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 28, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.7 inches to over 8 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

## Crops

Most of the state saw scattered rainfall throughout the week, with the Midlands and Pee Dee regions receiving the most precipitation. Corn fields continued to mature with some of the earliest fields beginning to be harvested. The rain helped corn fields that were struggling with the dry conditions; however, many areas expect there to be significant yield losses. Cotton, peanuts and soybeans all benefited greatly from the recent rains and were responding well.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were mostly fair to poor. Pastures were beginning to green up and improve with the recent rainfall. There were reports of armyworms in grazing and hay crops in the Upstate and Midlands regions.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/28/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	52	50	62	45
Corn - Harvested .....	NA	NA	2	NA
Cotton - Squaring .....	89	94	97	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	51	58	72	54
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	55	65	68	58
Peaches - Harvested .....	85	80	86	81
Peanuts - Pegging .....	92	91	94	89
Soybeans - Blooming .....	49	47	60	42
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	21	26	32	13

(NA) Not Available

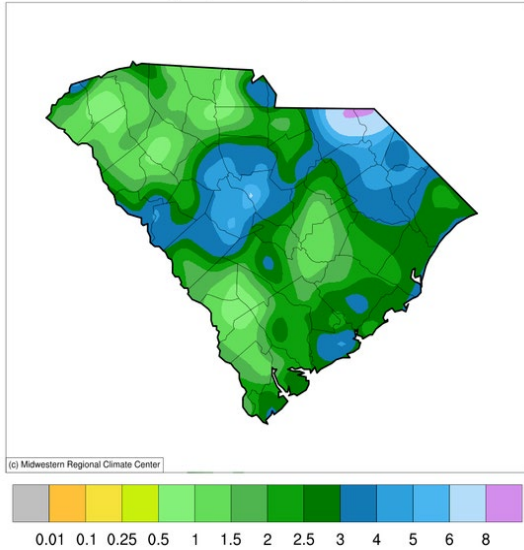
## Conditions for Week Ending 7/28/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	11	30	55	3
Corn .....	30	34	24	12	0
Cotton .....	5	9	37	46	3
Pasture and range ....	10	29	41	19	1
Peanuts .....	2	8	30	56	4
Soybeans .....	6	15	43	35	1

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/28/24

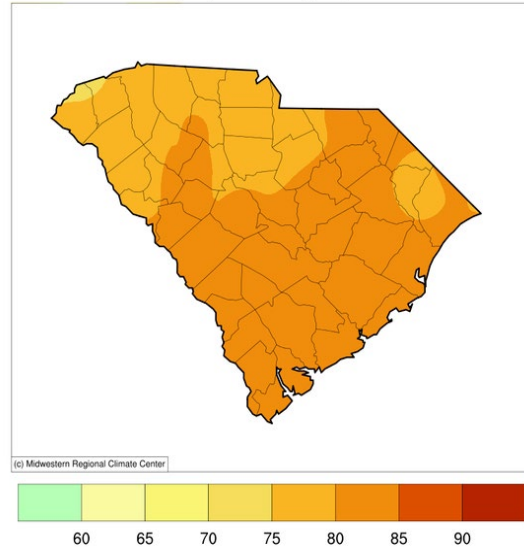
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	19	18
Short .....	37	27
Adequate .....	42	52
Surplus .....	2	3
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	23	21
Short .....	41	32
Adequate .....	35	46
Surplus .....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 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 23, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 25, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.52	99.48	72.07	35.56	5.88	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-16-2024	0.54	99.46	72.64	35.59	6.13	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-23-2024	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> 07-25-2023	98.11	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

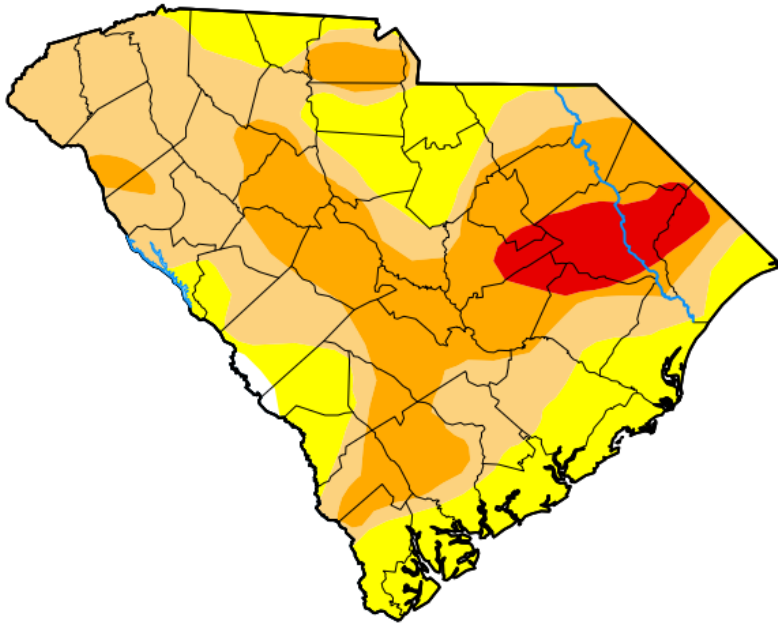
**Intensity:**

- 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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