



**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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 4, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from 0.1 inches to over 5 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

## Crops

Most of the state received at least some rain last week, with the Upstate and Midlands regions receiving the most precipitation. Reporters noted that operators in the Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions were anticipating potentially significant rain amounts from Hurricane Debby. Despite the rain, corn continued to struggle from prolonged drought conditions and the resulting issues with pollination. Cotton, peanuts and soybeans were noted to have improved significantly over the last couple of weeks because of recent rains. Reporters noted peanut operators were active spraying throughout the week to combat disease. Armyworms and other pests continued to be an issue for some operators, particularly in soybean fields. Tobacco operators were reported to have completed harvest activities for the year and peach harvest was quickly nearing completion.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were mostly fair to poor. Pastures were reported to have improved due to recent rains.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/4/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	65	62	72	58
Corn - Harvested .....	4	2	8	2
Cotton - Squaring.....	95	97	99	93
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	66	72	88	66
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	1	NA	1	NA
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	65	68	78	68
Peaches - Harvested .....	92	86	92	87
Peanuts - Pegging .....	95	94	97	93
Soybeans - Blooming.....	58	60	75	53
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	28	32	46	20

(NA) Not Available

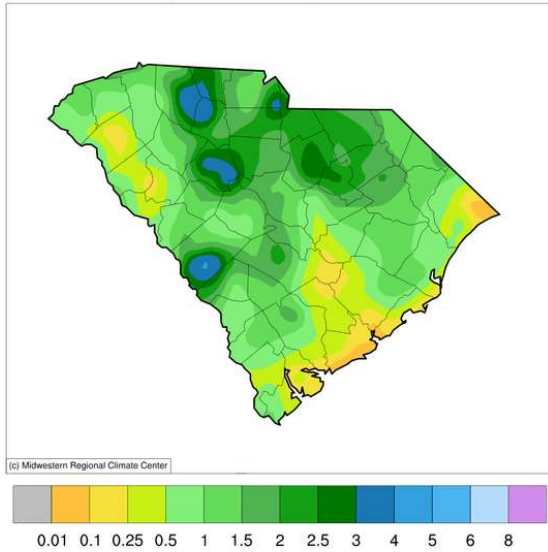
## Conditions for Week Ending 8/4/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	14	33	47	6
Corn .....	38	29	22	11	0
Cotton.....	6	8	34	48	4
Pasture and range ....	13	26	34	23	4
Peanuts .....	2	7	30	56	5
Soybeans .....	8	12	41	37	2

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/4/24

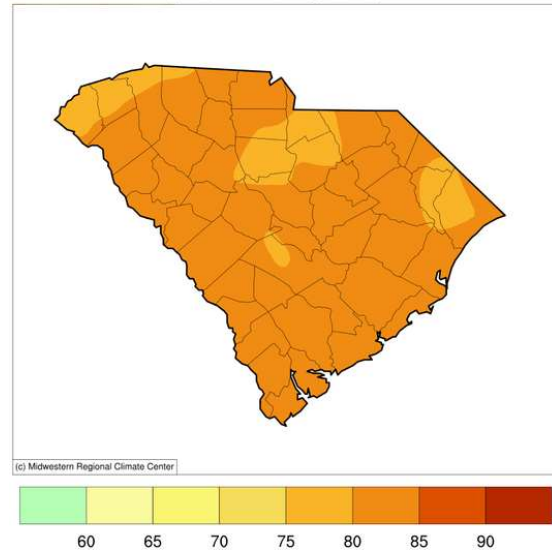
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	18	16
Short.....	27	19
Adequate .....	52	60
Surplus .....	3	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	21	17
Short.....	32	27
Adequate .....	46	52
Surplus .....	1	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 29, 2024 to August 04, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 29, 2024 to August 04, 2024

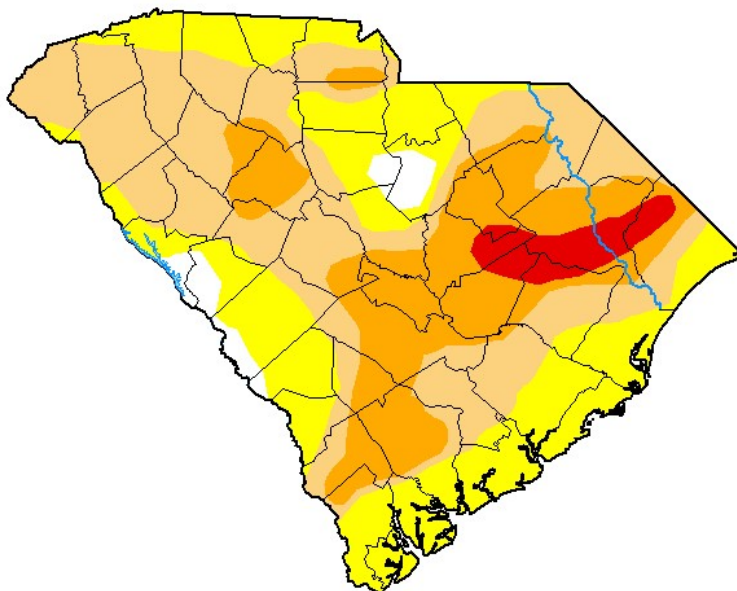


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary: [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2024.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2024.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**July 30, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	3.12	96.88	64.95	27.00	3.93	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-23-2024	0.52	99.48	72.07	35.56	5.88	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-30-2024	78.62	21.38	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> 08-01-2023	88.03	11.97	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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