

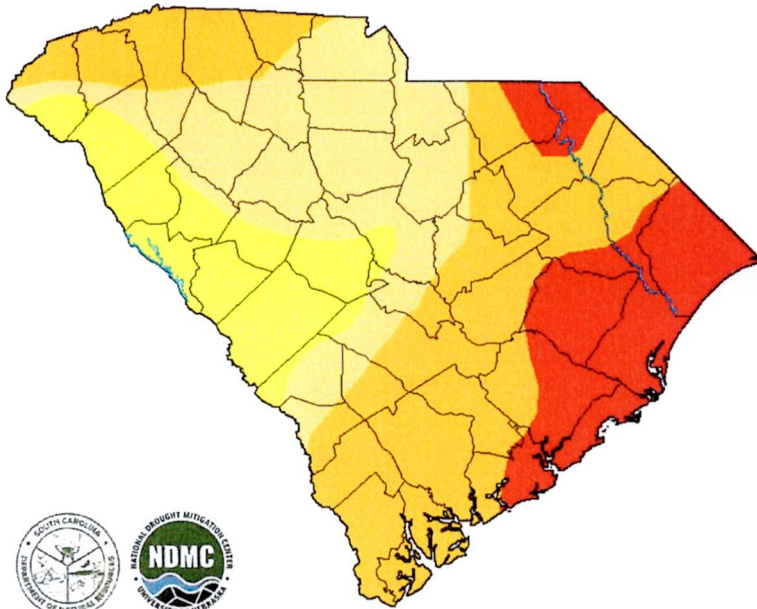
South Carolina Drought Briefing – July 2, 2026



U.S Drought Monitor Update for South Carolina

Assessment Period Ending June 30, 2026

This week's USDM Map is based on input from local, state, and federal partners.



Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Categorical Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	15.47%	-2.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	28.15%	-0.48%
D2: Severe Drought	38.59%	-4.95%
D3: Extreme Drought	17.79%	+7.43%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

*Plus sign on "Change Since Last Week" indicates the expansion of the category area, and the minus sign indicates the reduction of the category area.



Condition Change:



Drought Executive Summary

Water Resources

Based on data from SCDES Ending July 1, 2026

- Localized rainfall has helped improve some streamflows; however, others continue to decline due to below-normal precipitation.
- Reservoir levels continue to hold steady.
- 15 water systems are requiring mandatory water conservation.
- 40 water systems are requesting voluntary water conservation measures.

Agriculture

Based on USDA FSA Reports Ending June 30, 2026

- Rainfall amounts varied across counties, with some areas receiving up to 2 inches while others saw little to no rain.
- Recent rain provided some short-term benefits to crops, but temperatures and continued dryness are causing stress, particularly corn.
- Hay yields are significantly below normal, and overall crop conditions range from decent to poor depending on local rainfall received.

The South Carolina Drought Response Committee (DRC) voted on **June 11, 2026**, and voted to downgrade 11 counties from severe to moderate drought status.

The next DRC Meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 10 A.M.**