

South Carolina Current Drought Status

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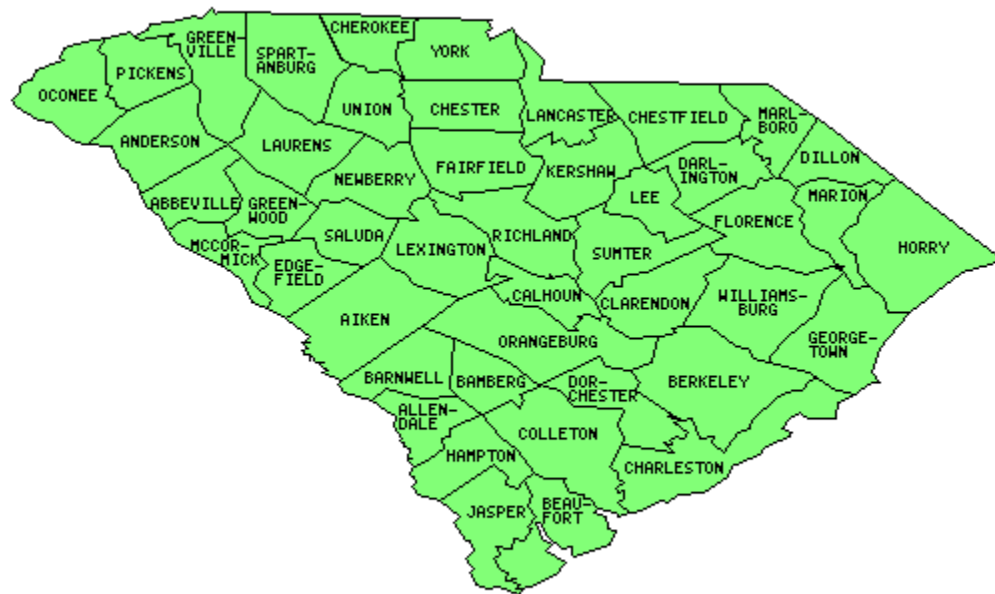
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Committee downgrades entire state to no drought status

South Carolina Drought Status by County
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The S.C. Drought Response Committee, meeting via conference call on Oct. 30, 2015, has downgraded the entire state to no drought status. This is due to the unprecedented heavy rain this month across much of the state with some areas receiving 14 to 28 inches since Oct. 1.

According to Scott Harder, S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Hydrology, "Most of the 21 streamflow gages used to monitor drought now have above normal flows compared to late September when flows were below normal. As bad as the flooding was for many parts of the state, the dry conditions leading up to the heavy rain may have reduced the severity of flooding in some basins."

The original Drought Committee meeting was postponed on Oct. 5 due to the state's emergency response to the historic rain and flooding event. The committee officially met Oct. 30, but decided to retroactively designate the date of the downgrade to Oct. 5. Hope Mizzell, S.C. State Climatologist explained, "It is important for documentation and future research that the drought designations timely reflect actual conditions. While Committee members were unable to convene to discuss the drought until late October it was unanimously recognized that

the drought ended following the historic rains in early October. The official designation will reflect no drought as of Oct. 5, 2015."

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Drought Status: 10-05-2015

County	Status
Abbeville	Normal
Aiken	Normal
Allendale	Normal
Anderson	Normal
Bamberg	Normal
Barnwell	Normal
Beaufort	Normal
Berkeley	Normal
Calhoun	Normal
Charleston	Normal
Cherokee	Normal
Chester	Normal
Chesterfield	Normal
Clarendon	Normal
Colleton	Normal
Darlington	Normal
Dillon	Normal
Dorchester	Normal
Edgefield	Normal
Fairfield	Normal
Florence	Normal
Georgetown	Normal
Greenville	Normal
Greenwood	Normal
Hampton	Normal

County	Status
Horry	Normal
Jasper	Normal
Kershaw	Normal
Lancaster	Normal
Laurens	Normal
Lee	Normal
Lexington	Normal
Marion	Normal
Marlboro	Normal
McCormick	Normal
Newberry	Normal
Oconee	Normal
Orangeburg	Normal
Pickens	Normal
Richland	Normal
Saluda	Normal
Spartanburg	Normal
Sumter	Normal
Union	Normal
Williamsburg	Normal
York	Normal