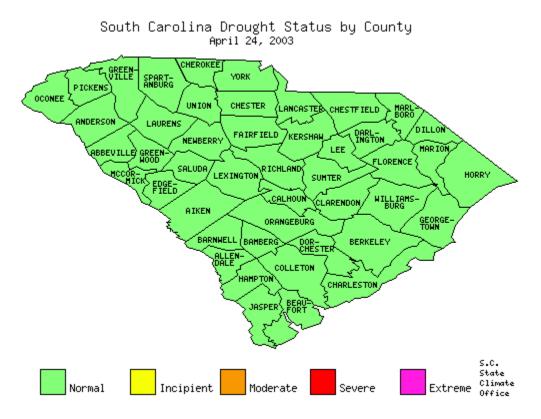
South Carolina Current Drought Status

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The S.C. Drought Response Committee removed the drought declaration for all South Carolina counties after meeting Thursday, April 24, in Columbia.

Almost all locations have received above-normal or much-above-normal rainfall since last September. The timing, amount, and duration of the rainfall have brought all drought indicators back to normal levels. Long-range forecasts presented by the S.C. State Climatology Office call for a more normal precipitation pattern this summer than received during the previous four summers.

The Drought Response Program will continue to monitor the drought conditions and will provide updates if there are any changes in the forecast.

Contact Dr. Mizzell in Columbia at (803) 734-9568 or e-mail at mizzellh@dnr.sc.gov for more information.

DNR protects and manages South Carolina's natural resources by making wise and balanced decisions for the benefit of the state's natural resources and its people. Find out more about DNR at the DNR Web site.

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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
Horry	Normal
Jasper	Normal
Kershaw	Normal
Lancaster	Normal
Laurens	Normal

County	Status
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