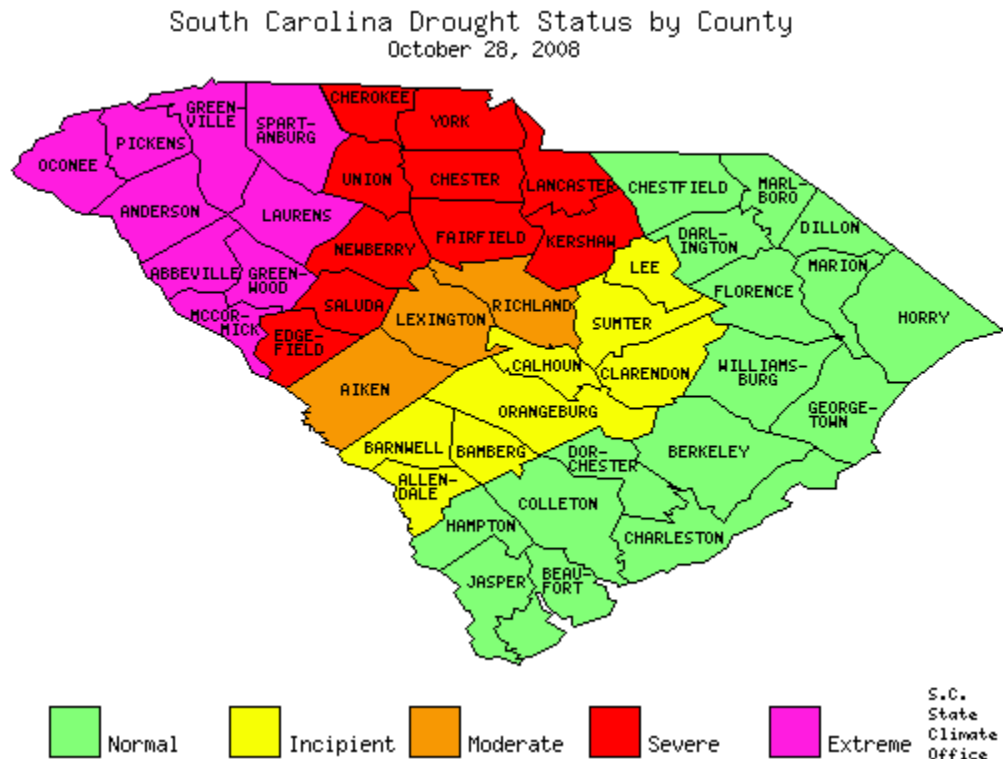


South Carolina Current Drought Status

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Extreme Drought Continues for 9 Western South Carolina Counties.



Discussion:

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources convened the S.C. Drought Response Committee on Oct. 28, 2008 in Columbia and nine Upstate counties still remain in extreme drought. Ten counties were maintained at severe and three remain at moderate status. Recent rains prompted the Drought Response Committee to remove the drought declaration for five counties: Beaufort, Chesterfield, Darlington, Hampton and Jasper. Eleven counties remained at no drought status.

The counties remaining in the extreme category are: Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens, Greenwood and McCormick counties. For more information about drought and to see a drought status by county map, visit the Office of State Climatology drought Website at: www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/Drought/drought_current_info.php.

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 www.dnr.sc.gov. For more drought information contact State Climatologist Hope Mizzell in Columbia at (803) 734-9568 or e-mail MizzellH@dnr.sc.gov.

Drought Status: 10-28-2008

County	Status
Abbeville	Extreme
Aiken	Moderate
Allendale	Incipient
Anderson	Extreme
Bamberg	Incipient
Barnwell	Incipient
Beaufort	Normal
Berkeley	Normal
Calhoun	Incipient
Charleston	Normal
Cherokee	Severe
Chester	Severe
Chesterfield	Normal
Clarendon	Incipient
Colleton	Normal
Darlington	Normal
Dillon	Normal
Dorchester	Normal
Edgefield	Severe
Fairfield	Severe
Florence	Normal
Georgetown	Normal
Greenville	Extreme
Greenwood	Extreme
Hampton	Normal
Horry	Normal
Jasper	Normal
Kershaw	Severe
Lancaster	Severe

County	Status
Laurens	Extreme
Lee	Incipient
Lexington	Moderate
Marion	Normal
Marlboro	Normal
McCormick	Extreme
Newberry	Severe
Oconee	Extreme
Orangeburg	Incipient
Pickens	Extreme
Richland	Moderate
Saluda	Severe
Spartanburg	Extreme
Sumter	Incipient
Union	Severe
Williamsburg	Normal
York	Severe