

South Carolina Current Drought Status

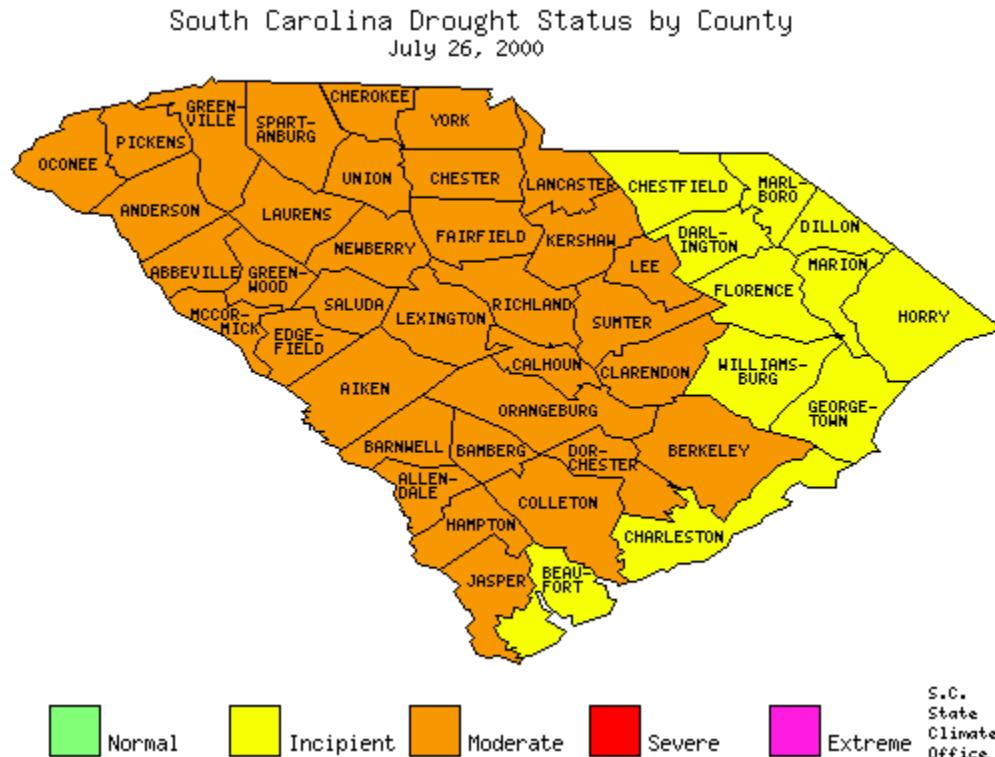
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MODERATE DROUGHT DECLARATION REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR MUCH OF S.C.



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A "moderate" drought declaration remains in effect for much of South Carolina. The S.C. Drought Response Committee met Wednesday, July 26 in Columbia to discuss drought conditions for the state. As a result, the S.C. Drought Response Committee has downgraded the drought status of two coastal South Carolina counties to "incipient," the first drought level. The remaining counties in the state are still listed as "moderate," the second level of drought.

Based on the amount of precipitation received over the past few weeks, the drought status of Beaufort and Charleston counties were downgraded from moderate to incipient, joining nine Pee Dee counties - Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg. A moderate drought declaration remains in effect for Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union and York counties. A moderate drought declaration, as specified in the Drought Response Act, means that drought conditions have continued to deteriorate and are expected to persist.

Water suppliers should continue to implement their drought plans and ordinances as necessary.

Freddy Vang, deputy director of the Land, Water and Conservation Division with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said "Our responsibility in this program is to ensure that we provide information to assist water users as best we can and be vigilant in monitoring the drought."

The DNR will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. Integrated drought information is available on the DNR's State Climatology Office Internet Web Site.

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](#).

Drought Status: 07-26-2000

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

County	Status
Marlboro	Incipient
McCormick	Moderate
Newberry	Moderate
Oconee	Moderate
Orangeburg	Moderate
Pickens	Moderate
Richland	Moderate
Saluda	Moderate
Spartanburg	Moderate
Sumter	Moderate
Union	Moderate
Williamsburg	Incipient
York	Moderate