

South Carolina Current Drought Status

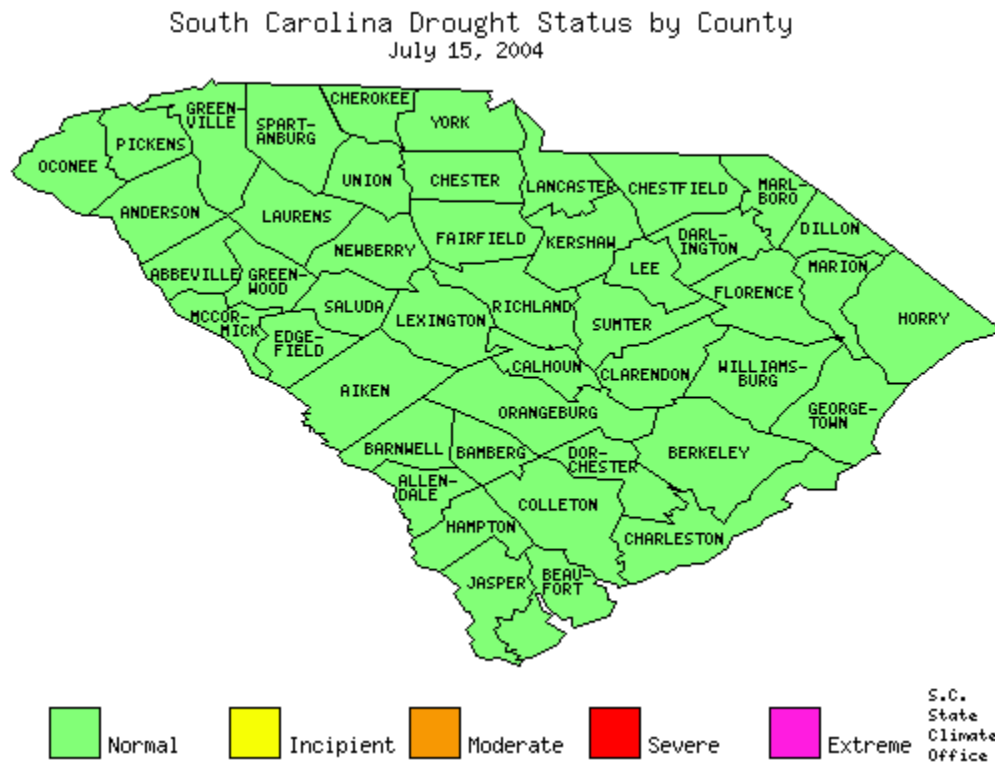
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DROUGHT DOWNGRADED FOR REMAINING 18 COUNTIES



Increased rainfall frequency and coverage have alleviated the incipient drought conditions for those counties remaining in drought. According to Hope Mizzell, SC State Climatologist, the 18 counties reporting below normal June rainfall have received enough rainfall to reduce drought concerns at this time. On June 28th the incipient drought declaration was removed for most South Carolina counties. The remaining 18 counties being downgraded today are Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg. Mizzell points out that isolated locations within South Carolina have received below normal rainfall for the past two months, but no impacts have been reported. A pattern of near normal precipitation is forecasted statewide for July 19-24, 2004. The SC Department of Natural Resources will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

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

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Drought Status: 07-15-2004

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