

South Carolina Current Drought Status

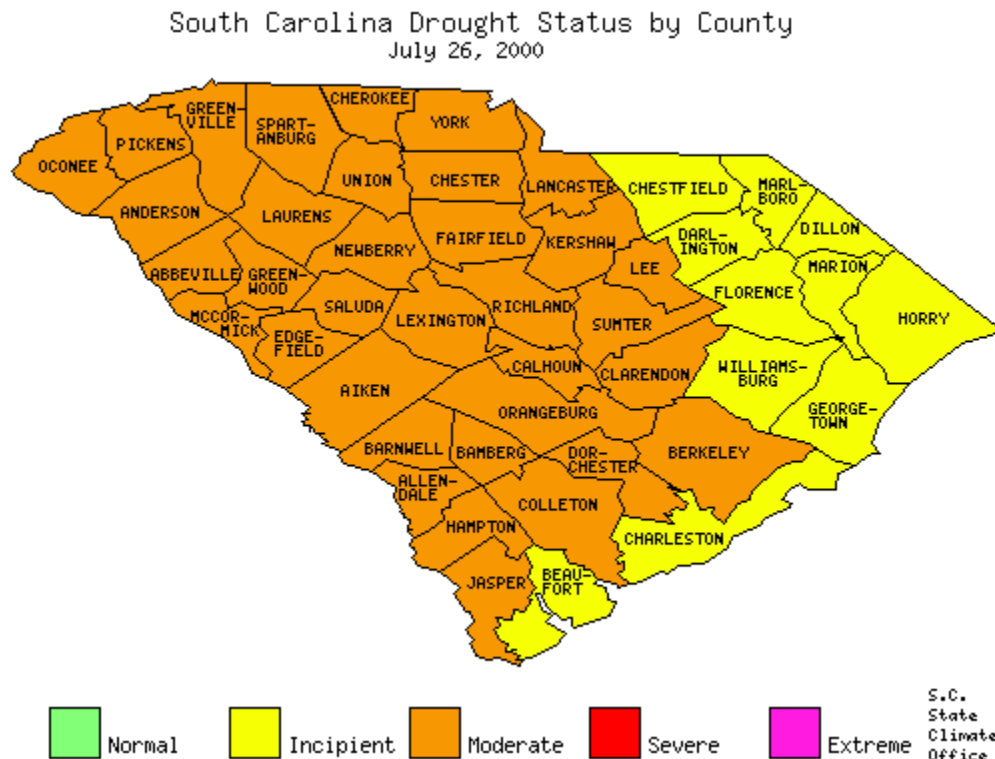
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MODERATE DROUGHT DECLARATION REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR MUCH OF S.C.



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[Drought Response Committee Meeting Sign-In sheet.](#)

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 Table

Current Drought Status by County				
Normal	Incipient	Moderate	Severe	Extreme
County Status	County Status	County Status	County Status	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	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				