

# South Carolina Current Drought Status

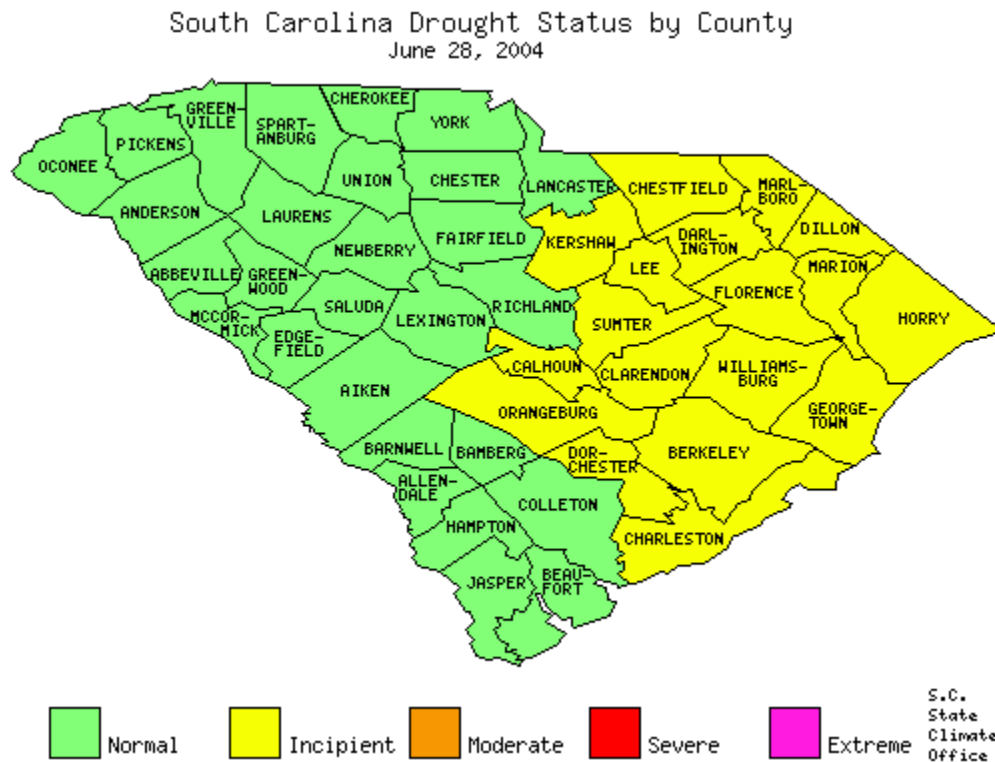
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## DROUGHT DOWNGRADED FOR MANY SC COUNTIES



Recent rains have relieved the Normal drought conditions for many South Carolina counties. According to Hope Mizzell, SC State Climatologist, some locations have received over 10 inches this month while others are reporting less than one inch. Overall, the situation has improved since the incipient drought declaration was issued June 8th. The SC Department of Natural Resources will leave the incipient drought declaration in place for counties reporting below normal June rainfall. These counties are Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg. Localized heavy rainfall is expected across the State during the upcoming week that may alleviate drought conditions in some areas currently under the incipient drought. 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](mailto: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
<b>ABBEVILLE</b> Normal	<b>AIKEN</b> Normal	<b>ALLENDALE</b> Normal	<b>ANDERSON</b> Normal	<b>BAMBERG</b> Normal
<b>BARNWELL</b> Normal	<b>BEAUFORT</b> Normal	<b>BERKELEY</b> Incipient	<b>CALHOUN</b> Incipient	<b>CHARLESTON</b> Incipient
<b>CHEROKEE</b> Normal	<b>CHESTER</b> Normal	<b>CHESTERFIELD</b> Incipient	<b>CLARENDON</b> Incipient	<b>COLLETON</b> Normal
<b>DARLINGTON</b> Incipient	<b>DILLON</b> Incipient	<b>DORCHESTER</b> Incipient	<b>EDGEFIELD</b> Normal	<b>FAIRFIELD</b> Normal
<b>FLORENCE</b> Incipient	<b>GEORGETOWN</b> Incipient	<b>GREENVILLE</b> Normal	<b>GREENWOOD</b> Normal	<b>HAMPTON</b> Normal
<b>HORRY</b> Incipient	<b>JASPER</b> Normal	<b>KERSHAW</b> Incipient	<b>LANCASTER</b> Normal	<b>LAURENS</b> Normal
<b>LEE</b> Incipient	<b>LEXINGTON</b> Normal	<b>MARION</b> Incipient	<b>MARLBORO</b> Incipient	<b>MCCORMICK</b> Normal
<b>NEWBERRY</b> Normal	<b>OCONEE</b> Normal	<b>ORANGEBURG</b> Incipient	<b>PICKENS</b> Normal	<b>RICHLAND</b> Normal
<b>SALUDA</b> Normal	<b>SPARTANBURG</b> Normal	<b>SUMTER</b> Incipient	<b>UNION</b> Normal	<b>WILLIAMSBURG</b> Incipient
<b>YORK</b> Normal				