

South Carolina Current Drought Status

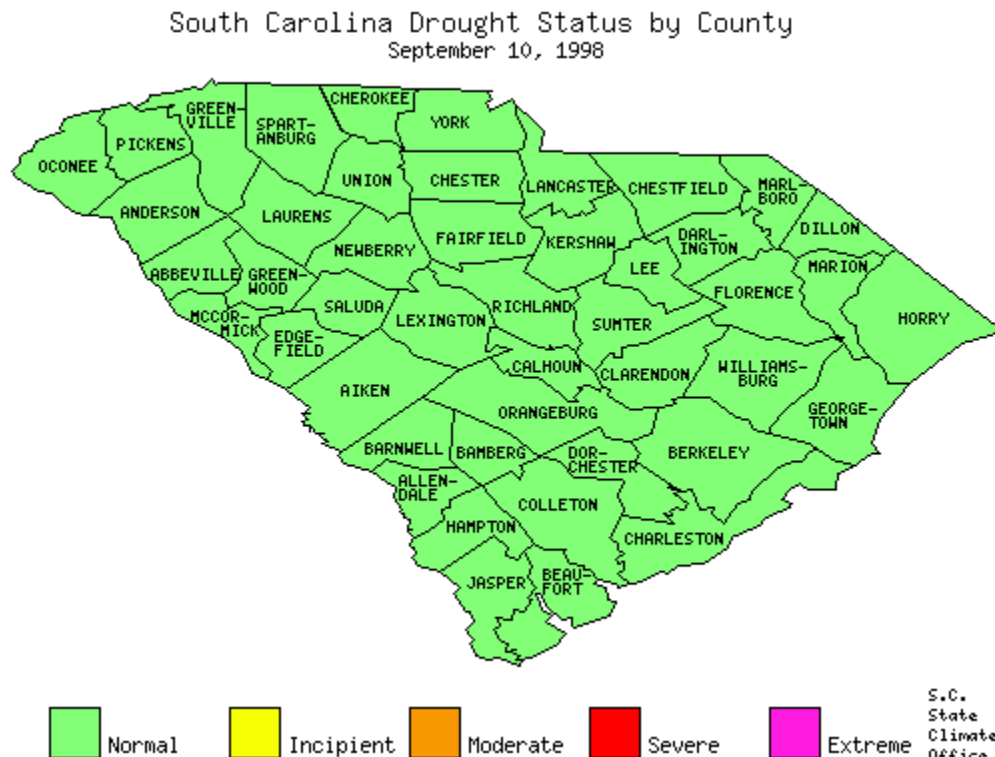
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WIDESPREAD RAINFALL ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL SYSTEM EARL RELIEVES DROUGHT CONDITIONS



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Widespread rainfall produced by tropical system Earl has alleviated drought conditions. Many areas of the state received over four inches of rain last week during the passage of tropical system Earl, according to state climatologist Dr. Michael Helfert with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). The statewide average for the event was 3.50 inches (see Rainfall Summary Table). The SCDNR had earlier downgraded the moderate declaration for all counties except Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg,

and Saluda. This announcement lifts the moderate declaration for the above listed nine counties as well as the incipient declaration statewide. The SCDNR's Land, Water & Conservation Division will continue to monitor state water supplies and assess the potential for a dry winter and early spring.

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

Drought Status Table

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