

Upstate in drought, say state officials

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SENECA — The entire Upstate has been categorized as either abnormally dry or in a moderate drought after the S.C. Drought Response Committee met Thursday.

A lot of the state had below-normal precipitation — and above-normal temperatures — during June, which made conditions “rapidly decline” across the state, the agency said in a news release.

Moderate drought conditions were expanded, and severe drought conditions were added in areas with the strongest lack of precipitation over the past 60 days.

The committee categorized 33 counties as in incipient drought and 13 in moderate drought conditions. The committee will meet again in July to reassess conditions and update the drought map.