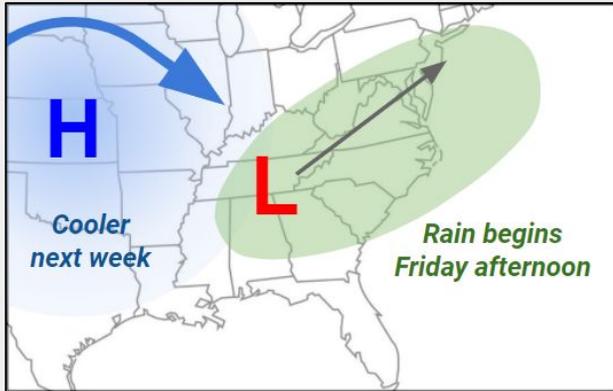


Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

Week 1:

December 3 to 9, 2020



Rain on Friday and Saturday



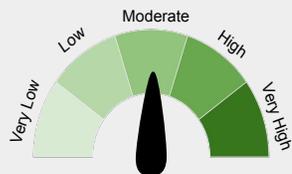
A low pressure system will bring rainfall across the state beginning Friday evening. Expect totals of 0.25 to 1.0 inches, with the highest amounts in the north and west, before rain ends along the coast Saturday afternoon. The rest of the week should be mostly dry.

Cooler Again by Sunday



Temperatures will moderate into the low 60s on Friday as warm air and cloud cover move in from the south with the rain system. After that, high pressure building in from the west will drop our daytime highs into the 50s through the middle of next week.

Forecast Confidence



Models differ in how quickly the rain moves out on Saturday. Some also show a chance of showers on Monday night.

Week 2:

December 10 to 16, 2020



Up-and-Down Temperatures



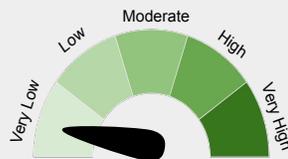
A fast-evolving and highly variable weather pattern is expected this week. Temperatures may approach 60° F over the weekend, followed by a potential blast of cooler air by Monday, December 14 if Arctic high pressure moves in as some models show.

Drier Weather Expected



A cold front ahead of the high pressure system could bring some rain showers next Sunday or Monday, but the forecast otherwise looks dry, as high pressure would likely shield us from any major precipitation-producing weather systems.

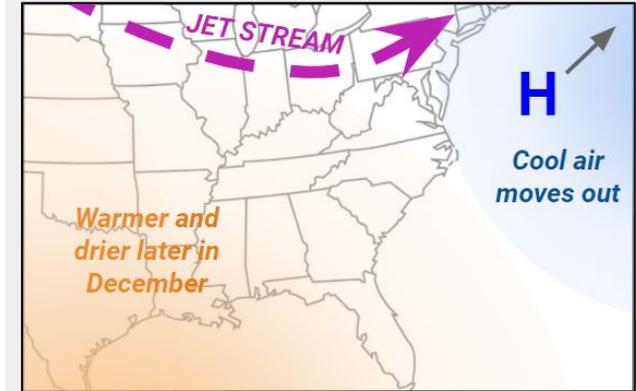
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The variability in the large-scale pattern also creates model disagreement about the temperature forecast for the eastern US.

Weeks 3-4:

December 17 to 30, 2020



Warmer By Late December



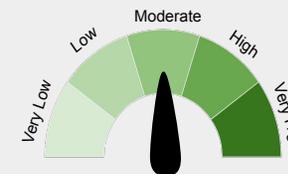
Cooler weather from the end of Week 2 may persist into Week 3, but an eventual warm-up is expected as the jet streams retreat northward and bring about a milder pattern by late December. Highs should rise above their normal levels in the low to mid 50s.

Likely Becoming Drier



If the jet streams do move into a more typical La Niña-like configuration, much of the Southeast region can expect drier weather through the second half of December, with the storm track and best rain chances confined to the northeastern US.

Forecast Confidence



Models are in better agreement for this period, but with some uncertainty about when temperatures switch from cool to warm.