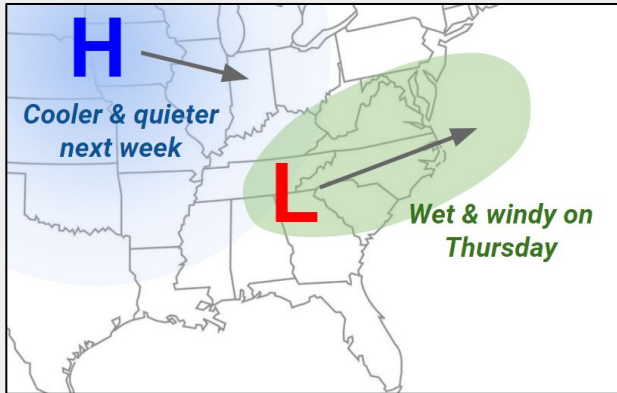


# Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

## Week 1:

Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, 2020



### A Wet, Windy Thursday



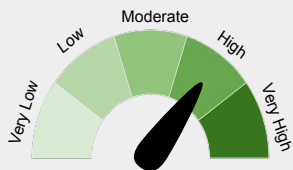
The remnants of Hurricane Zeta are moving through today and will generate wind gusts of 40+ mph statewide. Rainfall accumulations will decrease from west to east, with isolated totals of 2 inches or more in parts of the Mountains.

### Cool and Dry by the Weekend



High pressure to the north will drop our temperatures into the 50s this weekend through early next week, with a possible frost or freeze in western NC on Monday morning. Temperatures will remain below normal through the middle of next week.

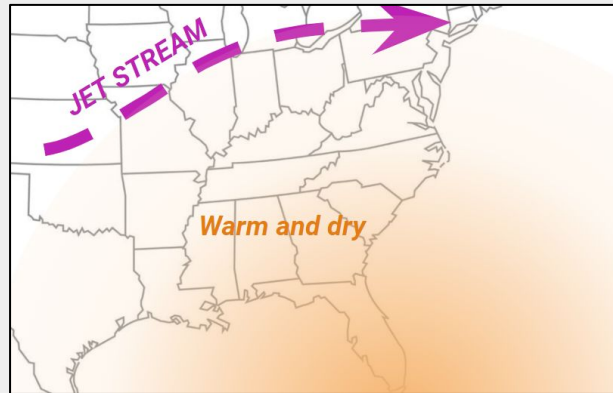
### Forecast Confidence



The rainfall gradient today will be tight, with an inch or more falling in the western Piedmont and a tenth or less at the southern coast.

## Week 2:

November 5 to 11, 2020

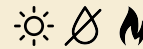


### Warming Up Again



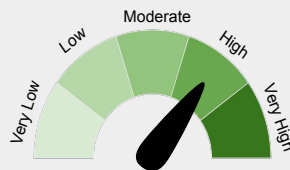
As the jet stream migrates northward over the eastern US, warm air will move in from the south and elevate our temperatures back above normal through the second week of November. Highs may reach the mid-70s across the Coastal Plain by Nov. 7-8.

### A Dry Week



Under jet stream ridging, any major rain-producing systems should pass by to our north, leaving us dry throughout the week. Dew points may be in the 40s on Thursday and Friday, yielding several low-humidity days that could see increased fire danger.

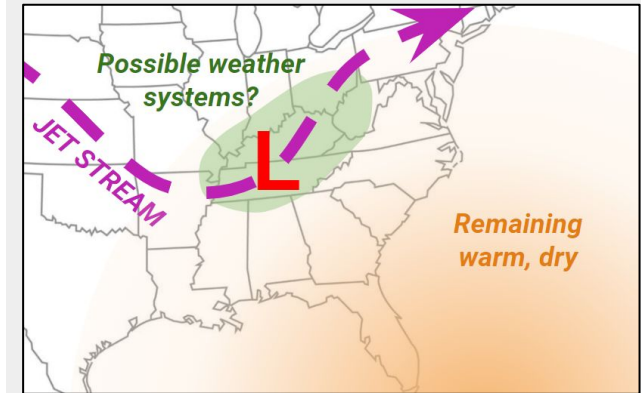
### Forecast Confidence



Model forecasts are in good agreement about the large-scale pattern and show few to no chances of rain across North Carolina.

## Weeks 3-4:

November 12 to 25, 2020



### Warmer Weather Remains



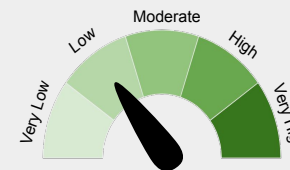
Jet stream ridging is expected to remain over the east coast, which favors an ongoing warm pattern through late November. This could be a sign that the current La Niña event is already producing its typical wintertime impacts of warmer, drier weather in NC.

### Mostly Dry Conditions



The jet stream pattern should continue to keep rain off to our north and west, although some storm systems or cold fronts could reach western NC. Tropical activity is expected to decline as we near the official end of hurricane season on November 30.

### Forecast Confidence



Models show a wide variation of large-scale patterns by mid-month, but the La Niña event favors warm, dry weather overall.