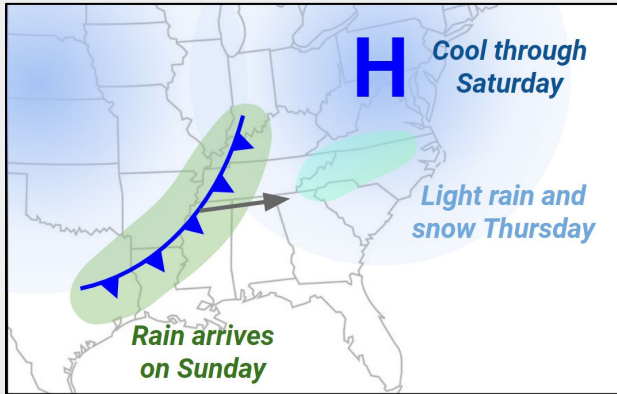


# Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

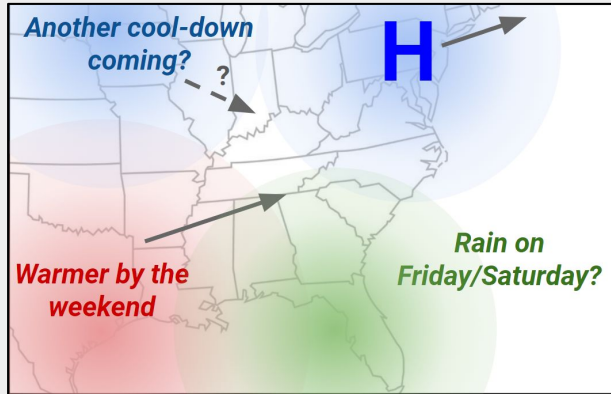
## Week 1:

January 6 to 12, 2022



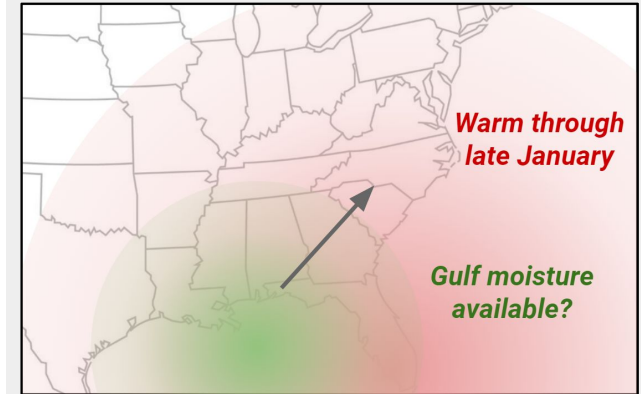
## Week 2:

January 13 to 19, 2022



## Weeks 3-4:

Jan. 20 to Feb. 2, 2022

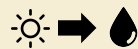


### A Mostly Cool Week



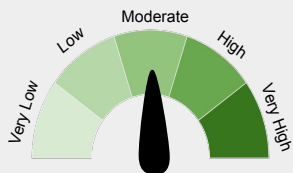
After a mild day today, high pressure building to the north will funnel in cooler air on Friday and Saturday, keeping temperatures mostly in the 30s. Sunday will be warmer again, in the 50s, before another cold front drops us back into the 40s early next week.

### Rain Arrives on Sunday



A band of light rain (and snow in the Mountains) will move through tonight, with limited accumulations. After a sunny weekend, a better rain chance begins Sunday night, with a cold front bringing a half-inch to an inch of rain statewide through midday Monday.

### Forecast Confidence



Models are in fairly good agreement about rainfall amounts on Sunday, but slightly differ in the timing of the frontal passage.

### Up-and-Down Temperatures



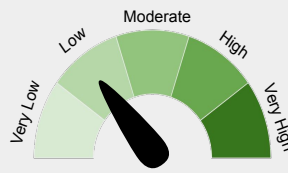
As high pressure over the eastern US moves away, expect seasonable temperatures by next weekend. Some forecasts hint at a return of cooler weather by Monday, Jan. 17, but that cool-down would be short-lived before we warm up again later in the week.

### Moisture Closes In?



Warmer air arriving from the southwest could also bring moisture from the Gulf and a chance of rain next Friday and Saturday. However, rain totals could be lower if this moisture remains mostly to our south, as depicted by some current model forecasts.

### Forecast Confidence



Predicting a pattern change more than a week in advance always carries uncertainty, which should clear up in coming days.

### Mostly Warm to End the Month



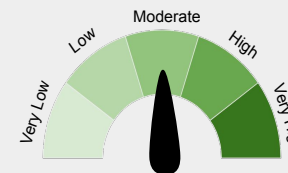
Late January should see a more typical La Niña pattern return, with generally warmer weather in the Southeast US. Cool days are still possible, though, especially in our climatological coldest time of year. Normal highs range from the upper 40s to mid 50s.

### Likely Dry, But Precip. Still Possible



Although La Niña favors drier weather for NC since the storm track tends to shift to our north, model forecasts and our recent systems show we still have a chance at tapping into Gulf moisture and seeing some precipitation in the final weeks of the month.

### Forecast Confidence



Model forecasts are in good agreement about a warmer pattern, but our precipitation possibilities are literally up in the air.