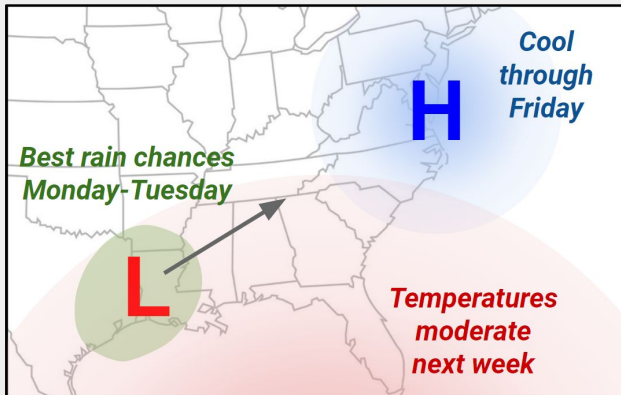


# Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

## Week 1:

December 1 to 7, 2022

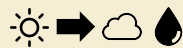


### Cool Today, Warmer Next Week



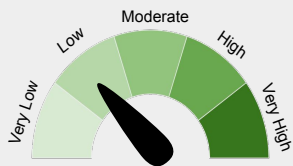
Today and Friday will be cool thanks to high pressure to the north, and a cold front on Saturday night will also knock our highs back into the 50s. Warmer air to the south will creep in by Tuesday, but a warming trend may be subdued by lingering cloud cover.

### Rain Moves in Monday



A round of light rain is possible during Saturday's cold frontal passage. The better rain chance will come on Monday and Tuesday as low pressure moves in from the west. Expect half an inch or less in most areas, with higher totals in the Mountains.

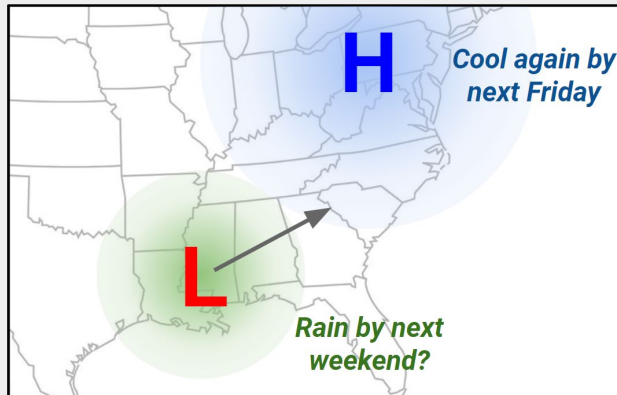
### Forecast Confidence



Details about next week's rain event are uncertain, including the chance it could track farther north and bring less rain locally.

## Week 2:

December 8 to 14, 2022



### Cooler Air Returns



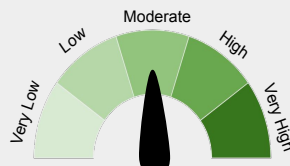
Another Canadian air mass should move to our north by next Friday, which would drop our temperatures back below normal. The rest of the week could see variable temperatures with a tug-of-war between cool air to the north and warmer air to the south.

### Another Storm Arrives?



Models are beginning to hone in on next weekend as a window for another potential precipitation event. However, as with other systems moving in from the west, it could dry out as it crosses the Mountains, or take a more northerly track and mostly miss us.

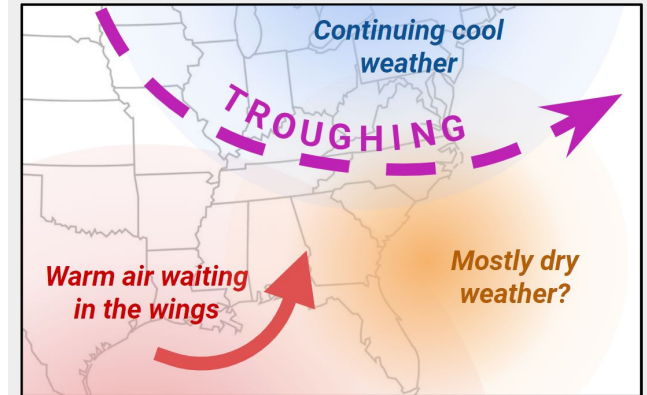
### Forecast Confidence



A lot can change over the next 7 to 10 days, but there is decent agreement for now about precipitation potential during this week.

## Weeks 3-4:

December 15 to 28, 2022



### Warming Up... Eventually?



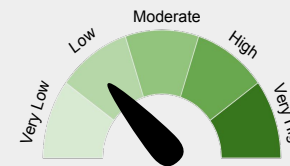
As we head deeper into the winter, we expect a more typical La Niña-like pattern to emerge, with warmer weather in NC. However, current forecasts generally show cooler air, associated with jet stream troughing to our north, continuing through at least Week 3.

### Mostly Dry in Late December



La Niña winters also tend to be drier than normal locally, and that seems like the more reliable impact among current late-month forecasts. Dry doesn't mean rain-free, though, and we could still see light or localized precipitation events as we finish the year.

### Forecast Confidence



Various models disagree about how long troughing will remain or whether a warmer pattern in NC could emerge sooner.