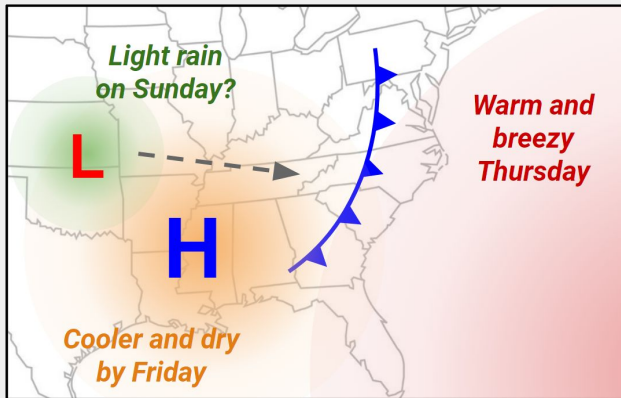


# Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

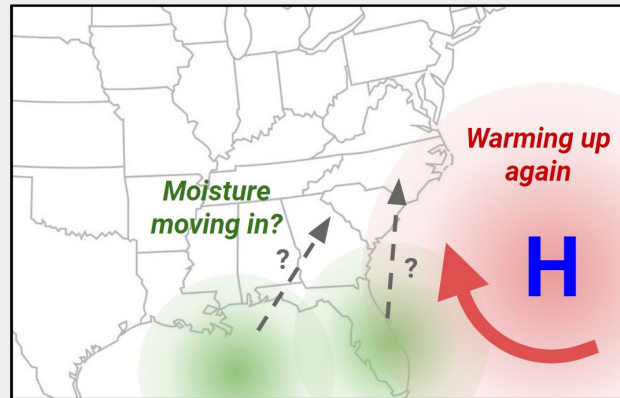
## Week 1:

January 5 to 11, 2023



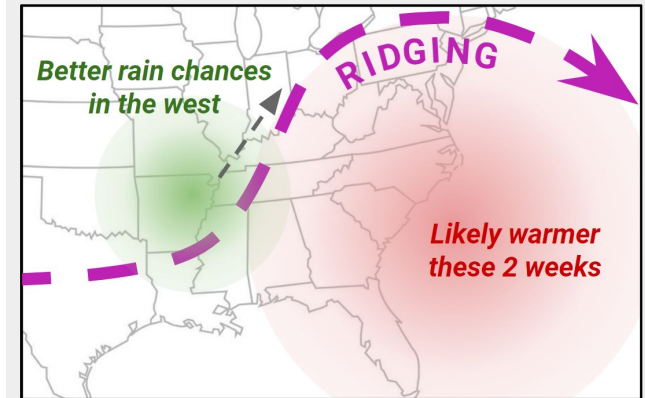
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January 12 to 18, 2023

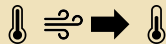


## Weeks 3-4:

Jan. 19 to Feb. 1, 2023



### A Temperature Drop-off



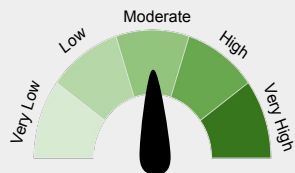
High temperatures will climb into the 60s today before falling behind a cold front tonight. Gusty winds are also possible during the frontal passage. After that, expect seasonable high temperatures in the 50s from Friday through early next week.

### Drier Days Ahead



After a foggy morning, we'll see clearing skies as the front moves through today. High pressure to the west will keep us mostly dry through the weekend, although a weak low pressure system on Sunday could bring more cloud cover and light rain showers.

### Forecast Confidence



Models are coming into better agreement about early next week, with light rain possible on Sunday and dry weather to follow.

### A Warm-Up on the Way



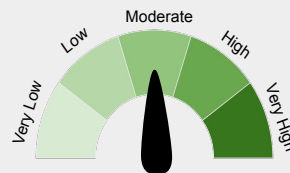
As high pressure shifts offshore this week, our temperatures should eventually climb above normal once again. However, there is disagreement among several medium-range forecasts at the moment about how quickly this warmer pattern may emerge.

### Precipitation Potential



The shifting high pressure and the southeasterly flow around it should help bring in moisture from the south. That could mean multiple precipitation chances associated with coastal low pressure systems or Gulf moisture ahead of cold fronts.

### Forecast Confidence



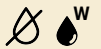
Forecast models have consistently hinted at a wetter pattern this week, but pinpointing the timing of any precip. is difficult.

### Remaining Warmer



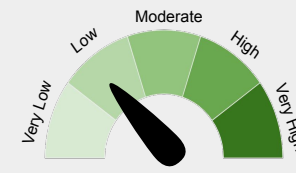
A jet stream ridging pattern developing over the eastern US should keep our temperatures mostly above normal for the last two weeks of January. Our average high temperatures this time of year are in the low to mid 50s, with average lows near freezing.

### A Dry End to January?



An east-coast ridging pattern is common in La Niña winters, and it typically also means drier weather. However, with the storm track just to our west, we could see weather systems passing close by, with the best precipitation potential in the Mountains.

### Forecast Confidence



Uncertainty increases by Week 4, as some forecasts show a weakening of the eastern ridge and the warm, dry pattern in NC.