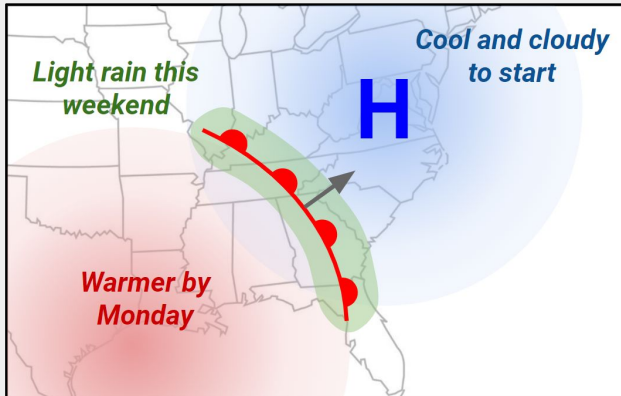


Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

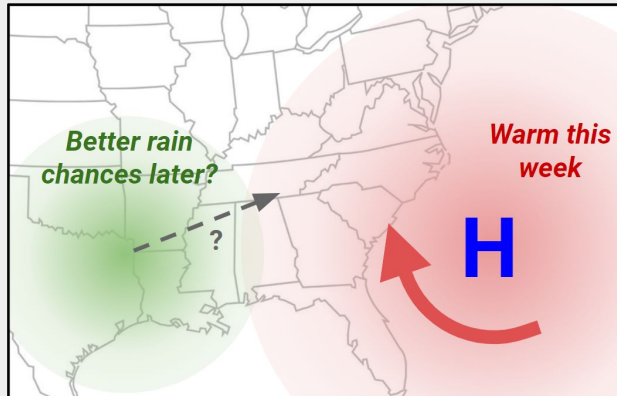
Week 1:

May 4 to 10, 2023



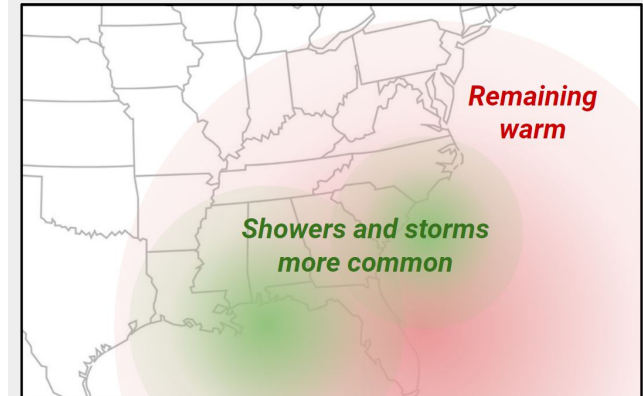
Week 2:

May 11 to 17, 2023



Weeks 3-4:

May 18 to 31, 2023



Cooler, then Warming Up



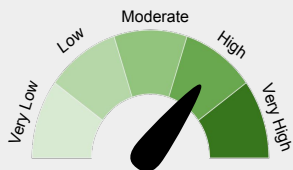
High pressure in place today will make for clear skies and light winds, with cloud cover increasing on Friday. Expect cooler temperatures and mostly cloudy conditions through the weekend before we clear out and warm up into the 80s early next week.

Another Rainy Weekend



A warm front moving in from the southwest will bring light rain across the state from Friday night through Sunday. Expect totals of less than half an inch. Any lingering showers should move out by Monday morning, with dry conditions then returning.

Forecast Confidence



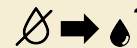
There is high confidence in our weekend rainfall totals since it should be a fairly light rain event with a lower chance of storms.

Warmer by Next Weekend



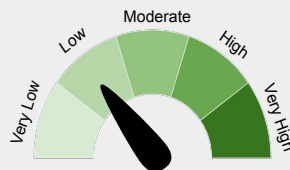
As another high pressure system slides in from the north and settles in off our coast, we'll see our temperatures climb back above normal by next weekend. This sort of pattern could bring our first summer-like heat and humidity of the season.

A Drier Week Likely



High pressure in place should suppress any rain chances, which could mean a rare weekend in 2023 without rainfall. After that, depending on how quickly the high pressure moves off to the east, we could see a better chance of showers later in the week.

Forecast Confidence



How stubborn will the high pressure be? Models show different timing at the moment, which will affect the late-week rain forecast.

Summer Arrives Early?



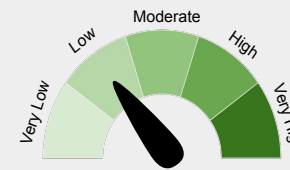
Longer-term forecasts favor an ongoing warm pattern across the Southeast US for these two weeks. During this time last year, most areas had their first run of 90-degree weather. Our average high temperatures in late May are in the low to mid 80s.

Rain Chances Return?



As we shift toward a more summer-like weather pattern, organized weather systems will be less common and more of our rain will come from pop-up showers and storms. Current forecasts suggest late May should be favorable for such convective activity.

Forecast Confidence



Confidence is usually lower in summer rainfall outlooks, but there is decent agreement about warmer temperatures.