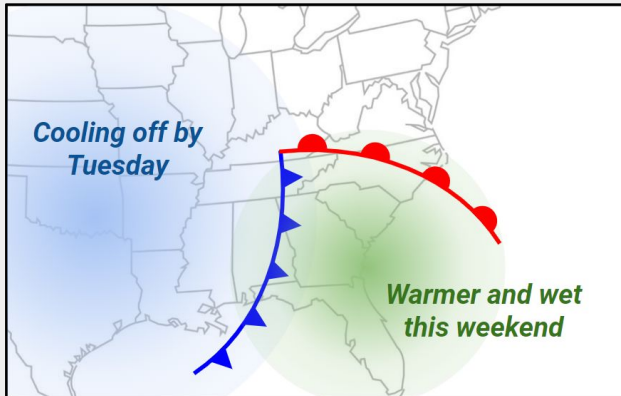


Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

Week 1:

Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, 2023



Warmer, then Cooler



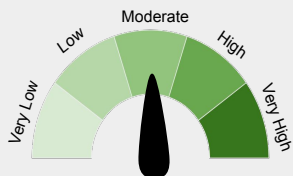
Temperatures will steadily rise into the low to mid 60s this weekend as a warm front lifts northward across the Carolinas. A cold front moving through on Monday will then drop our temperatures back into the 50s by Tuesday and usher in a drier air mass.

Wet This Weekend



Rain chances will ramp up on Friday as the warm front arrives, with Saturday afternoon likely to be the wettest period before lingering showers taper off by Monday. Total rainfall should range from half an inch in the north to 1.5 inches in the southern Mountains.

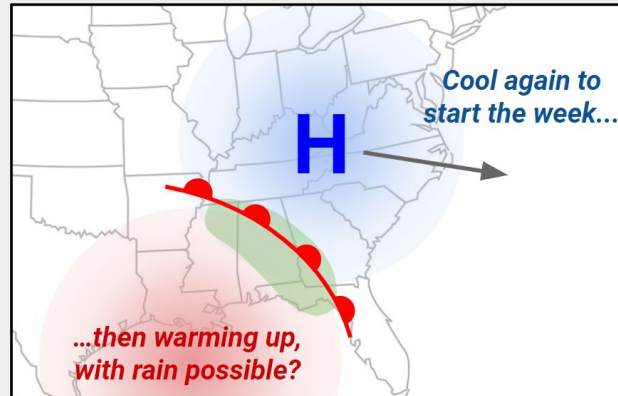
Forecast Confidence



Friday's high temperatures could vary widely, from the upper 40s to the upper 60s, depending on how far inland the warm front gets.

Week 2:

December 7 to 13, 2023

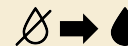


A Brief Chill Coming



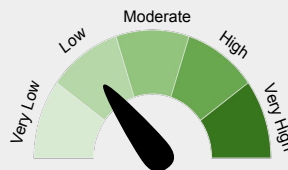
A major cool-down is likely early in this week as continental high pressure shifts eastward. High temperatures next Thursday afternoon may struggle to top 50°F. After that, we could see a quick rebound by the weekend as winds shift out of the south.

Dry to Start, With Rain Later?



High pressure overhead should limit our precipitation chances through next weekend, but a potential frontal passage later in the week could bring a widespread precipitation event across the state by Monday, December 11, or Tuesday, December 12.

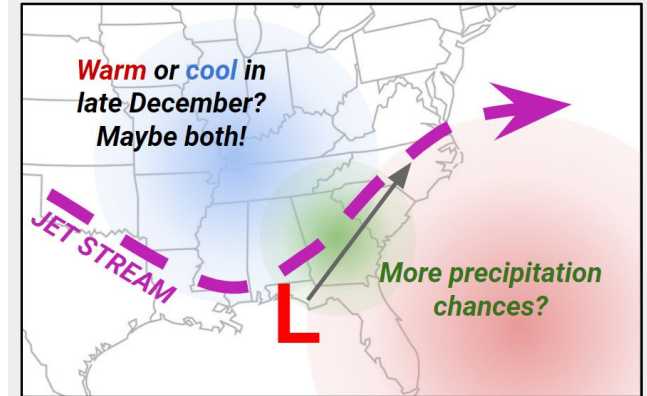
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Some models have shown conflicting signals about the precipitation pattern across the eastern US through this week.

Weeks 3-4:

December 14 to 27, 2023

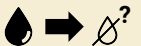


More Temperature Swings?



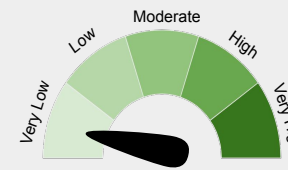
Current forecasts suggest warmer conditions could continue through Week 3 with another potential cool-down coming in Week 4, although model skill is limited that far out. Our normal high temperatures in late December are in the upper 40s to low 50s.

Wetter Weather Favored?



Most medium-range forecasts show the typical El Niño signal of wetter conditions across our region by the middle of December. However, a potential late-month shift toward a cooler pattern could limit our precipitation if high pressure is in place over us.

Forecast Confidence



Recent forecasts have showed little consistency from one model run to the next, so it's a little too early to plan for this period.