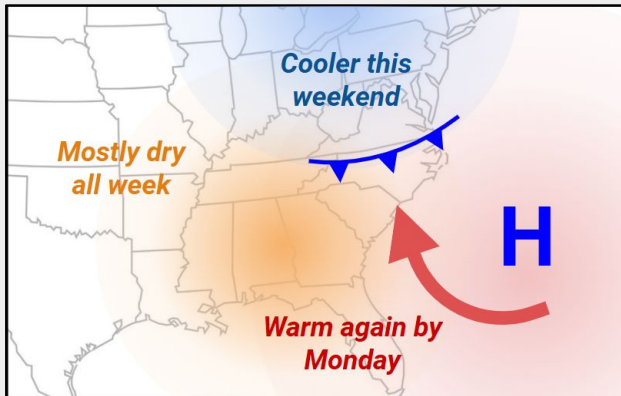


Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

Week 1:

Oct. 31 to Nov. 6, 2024



Quick Weekend Cooldown



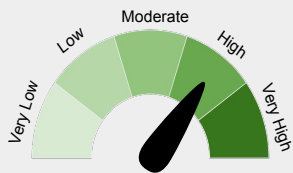
After warm weather on Thursday and Friday, our temperatures will drop behind a cold front moving in from the north on Saturday morning, with weekend highs near 70°F. Offshore high pressure will then take control again, with a warm-up starting Monday.

Limited Rain Expected



Our best chance of rain will likely come along the cold front late Friday and early Saturday, but any showers should be isolated with totals of less than 0.10". Better chances could come farther west on Friday, but totals will still be light in that region.

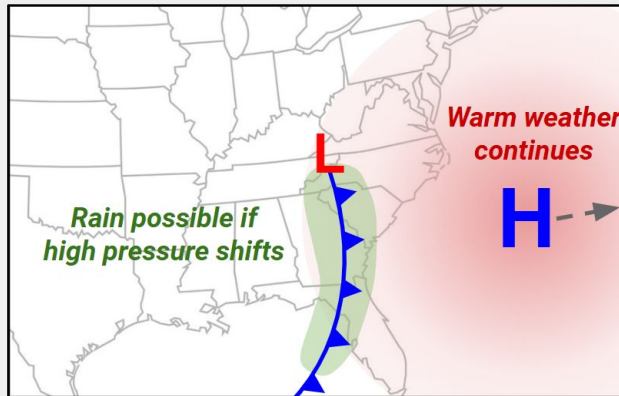
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Aside from the small rain chances on Friday and into early Saturday, this is set to be a quiet, mostly dry, and mostly warm week.

Week 2:

November 7 to 13, 2024



Staying Warm This Week



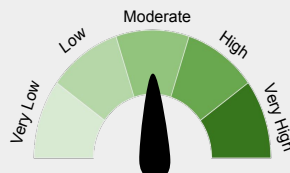
Lingering offshore high pressure should keep our temperatures above normal this week, in the 70s and perhaps near 80°F at times. That will also likely delay the first freeze of the season, putting it at least 2 to 3 weeks later than average for most western locales.

Mid-Week Rain Possible?



Current forecasts hint at one decent rain chance this week by Monday, Nov. 11 or Tuesday, Nov. 12. If high pressure shifts farther offshore, that may open the door for a cold front or coastal low pressure system to bring at least light rain across most of the state.

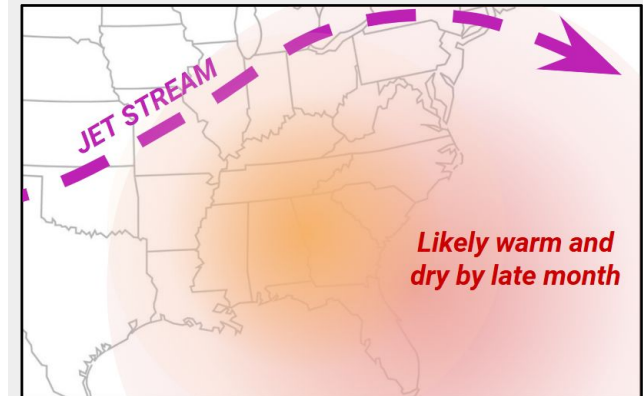
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More than 10 days out, confidence is lower about the potential rain event, but those details should come into focus later next week.

Weeks 3-4:

November 14 to 27, 2024



A Warm End to Fall



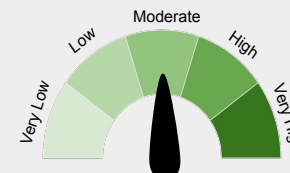
Current forecasts strongly favor a jet stream ridging pattern developing over the Southeast by mid-month, which should keep us mostly warmer than normal. Our average high temperatures in late November are in the upper 50s, with average lows in the upper 30s.

More Dry Weather



That jet stream ridging pattern should keep the storm track to our north and west, with mostly dry weather likely for North Carolina – a typical setup for a La Niña winter. Ongoing dryness with low humidity after leaf drop may mean high fire danger statewide.

Forecast Confidence



Although it's a ways off, longer-term models are in good agreement about the La Niña-like pattern setting up by later in November.