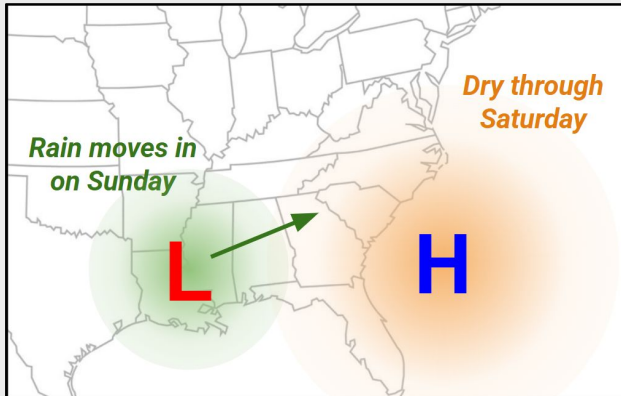


# Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

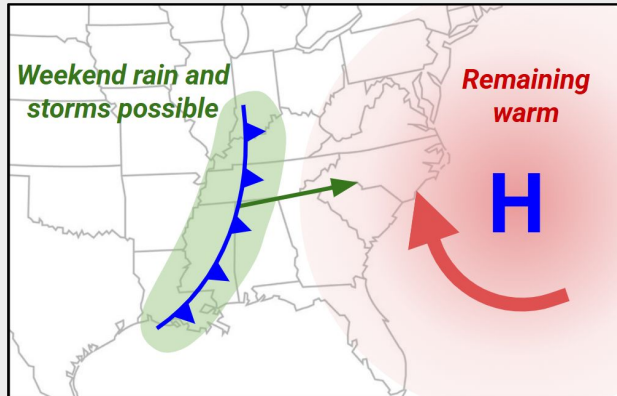
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March 6 to 12, 2025



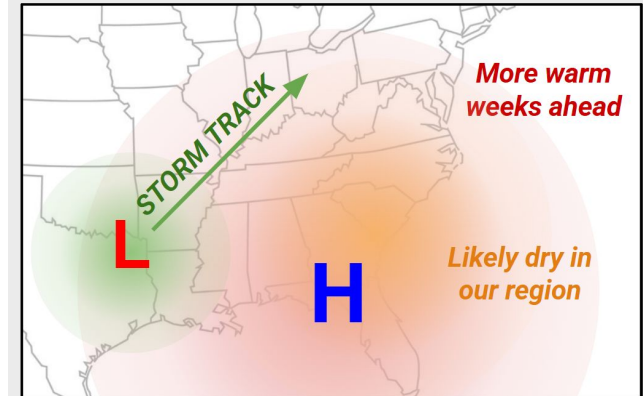
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March 13 to 19, 2025

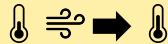


## Weeks 3-4:

Mar. 20 to Apr. 2, 2025



### Windy, then Warmer



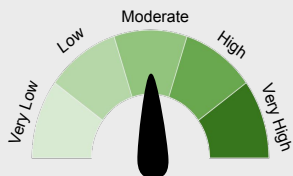
After Wednesday's cold frontal passage, we'll see cooler highs in the 50s on Thursday and gusty winds that could whip up any still-burning wildfires. Winds should slacken by Friday, and high temperatures will warm back into the 60s or 70s by early next week.

### A Rainy Sunday



High pressure over the Southeast will keep us dry to begin this week, with rain chances returning by early Sunday morning as a low-pressure system skirts to our south. Current forecasts show light rainfall totals of a tenth of an inch to half an inch from that event.

### Forecast Confidence



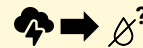
Recent model runs have disagreed about the track of the weekend storm system, which could bring less rain if it stays farther south.

### Warmth Continues Mid-Month



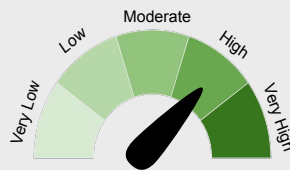
High pressure off our east coast should make for overall warm weather this week, along with higher humidity due to the southwesterly wind flow off the Atlantic. A weekend cold front could bring a brief cooldown, but temperatures should rebound quickly.

### Showers and Storms Arrive



The best chance of widespread rain and possibly strong thunderstorms should come next weekend as a cold front moves in from the west. More rain is possible at other times this week, but based on current guidance, it may be light or more localized.

### Forecast Confidence



Models are in strong agreement about the warm pattern plus the potential for severe storms in parts of the eastern US this week.

### A Warm End to March



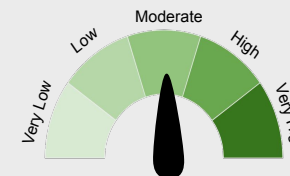
High pressure building over the Southeast should keep us warm through the end of March, with some forecasts showing our average temperatures running 4 to 8 degrees above normal. Our normal highs at this time of year range from the mid to upper 60s.

### Dry and Favorable for Fire



With high pressure over our region, the predominant storm track is likely to shift to our north and west, keeping most rain-making systems away. The return of a drier pattern may favor more wildfire activity as we enter the typical heart of the spring fire season.

### Forecast Confidence



There is good agreement about the large-scale pattern late in the month, which favors warm and dry weather for North Carolina.