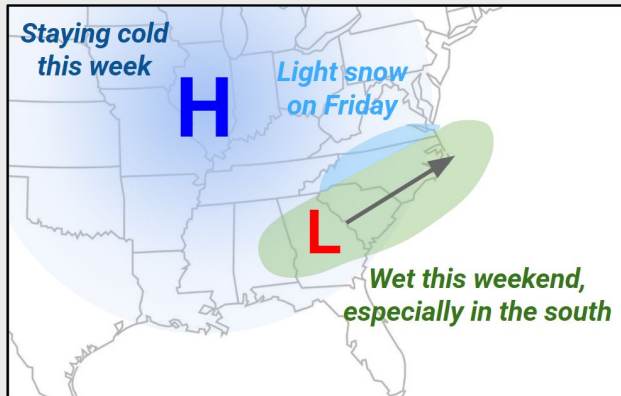


Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

Week 1:

December 4 to 10, 2025



A Chilly Week Ahead



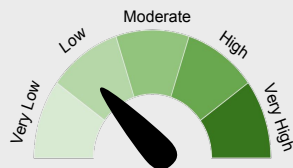
As a series of Canadian high pressure systems nose southward, cooler temperatures will be locked in this week, with highs mostly in the 40s. Friday will be the coldest with temperatures stuck in the 30s thanks to a chilly air mass plus cloud cover and precipitation.

Wet Friday and Saturday



Low pressure to our south will pump in moisture to support precipitation on Friday and Saturday. Areas in the north and west could see light snow to start but lower liquid totals of a half-inch or less, while the south and east will see upwards of 2 inches of rain.

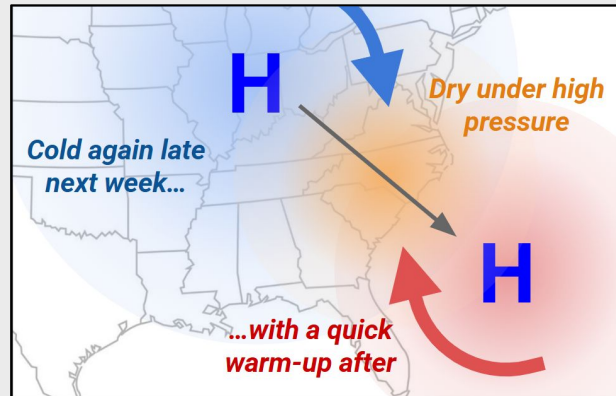
Forecast Confidence



This forecast has multiple uncertainties, from how widespread snow and ice will be on Friday to lingering rain chances until Monday.

Week 2:

December 11 to 17, 2025

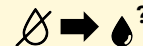


From Cold to Warm



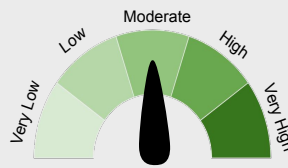
Early this week, we're in for another quick cooldown as the next Arctic air mass funnels in across our region. As that high pressure system shifts to just off our coastline, the southerly circulation behind it will bring in much warmer air to start the work week.

Mostly Dry This Week



With dome-like high pressure overhead for so much of the week, any precipitation chances will be very limited. Expect a stretch of drier days, potentially ending late in the week once high pressure pushes off the coast and any Gulf moisture moves back in.

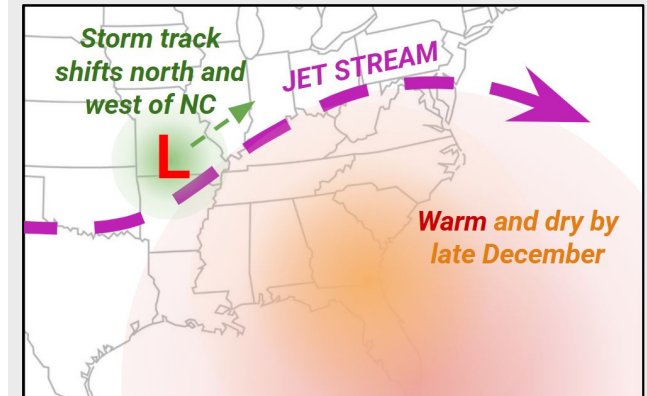
Forecast Confidence



High confidence in dry weather is offset by the usual questions about the timing and intensity of a big temperature swing like this.

Weeks 3-4:

December 18 to 31, 2025



Warmer to End 2025



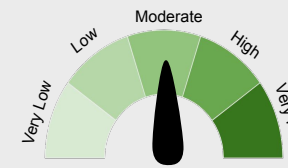
By later this month, the jet stream should shift to our north in a classic La Niña-like setup, which would put us in a warmer weather pattern through the end of the year. Our normal high temperatures in late December range from the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Likely Staying Dry



A northward shift in the storm track should keep us mostly dry through the final two weeks of the month. One wildcard is the Madden-Julian Oscillation, which could favor more moisture availability across our region through at least the beginning of Week 3.

Forecast Confidence



Recent models have come into better agreement about our late-month pattern featuring warmer and drier weather typical of La Niña.