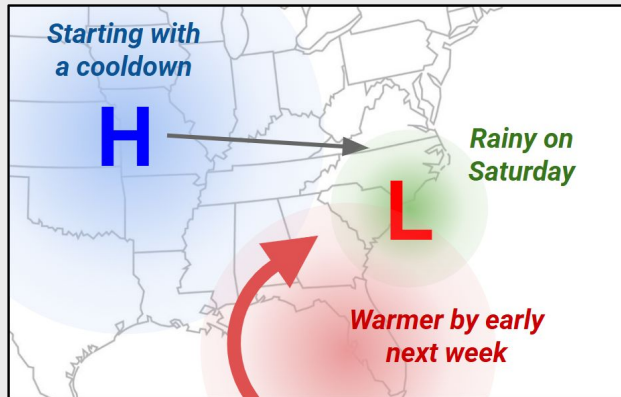


Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

Week 1:

Apr. 30 to May 6, 2026



A Cool Weekend, Then Warmer



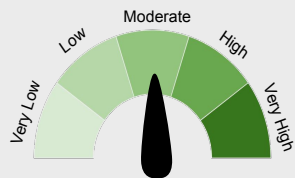
As a cool, continental high pressure system builds in, our temperatures will fall, with highs on Saturday in the upper 50s and lows on Sunday morning reaching the upper 30s in some spots. After that, we'll steadily warm back up, hitting the 70s by Monday.

Wet on Saturday



After spotty showers on Thursday, the best rain chances this week will occur Saturday as low pressure develops along our coast. Totals will be lighter in the northwest and heavier in the southeast, with an inch or more of rain possible in some areas.

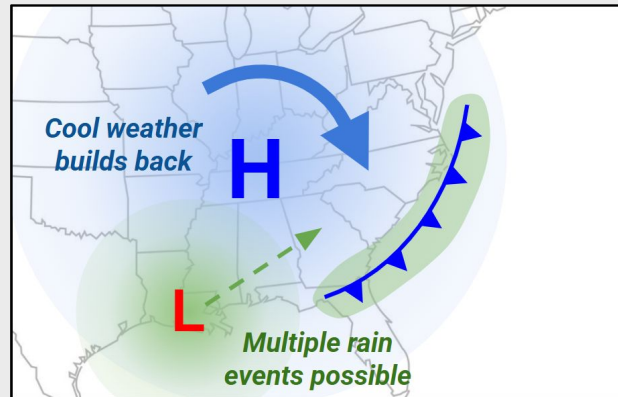
Forecast Confidence



Models have been mixed on the rainfall amounts, with some showing up to two inches while others have totals of a half-inch or less.

Week 2:

May 7 to 13, 2026



A Cool Week Ahead



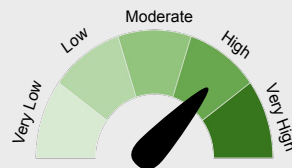
Another chilly high pressure system will move in by next weekend, bringing our next cooldown that may last for most of the week. While frosts or freezes are unlikely outside of higher elevations, our nighttime lows could drop into the 40s with highs in the 60s.

Regular Rainfall Returns



We should see several rain chances this week, both from the initial cold frontal passage early in the week and from storm systems tracking in from the south. It's too early to pin down exact amounts, but odds are favorable for most areas to see meaningful rain.

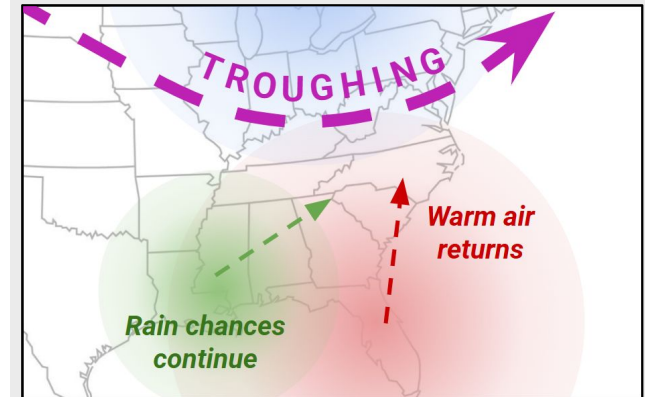
Forecast Confidence



Agreement is good about the cooler, wetter pattern this week, with lower confidence later as that pattern may start to shift.

Weeks 3-4:

May 14 to 27, 2026

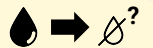


Warming Up Again



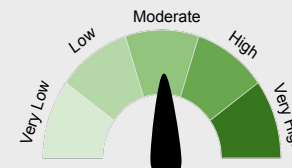
High pressure and jet stream troughing should retreat back to the north through the second half of May, which would push our temperatures near to above normal for Weeks 3 and 4. Our average highs in late May range from the upper 70s to the low 80s.

More Rain Through Mid-Month



Despite the temperature pattern change, we should remain in the path of the storm track through at least Week 3, offering us better rain chances. Depending on the exact setup, the end of May could be a bit drier if summer-like high pressure begins to build in.

Forecast Confidence



Multiple sources show good rain chances to start this two-week period, with less confidence in the pattern and its evolution by Week 4.