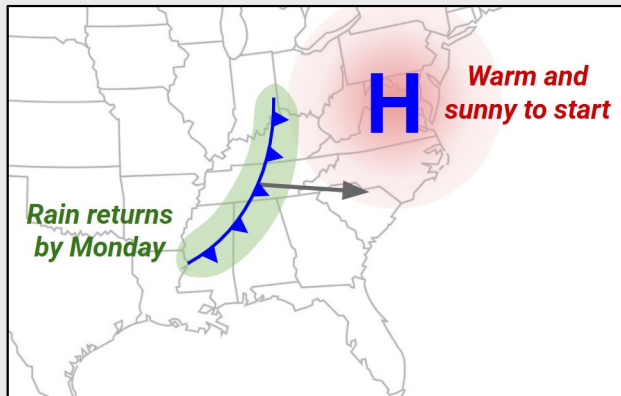


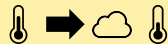
Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

Week 1:

Jul. 30 to Aug. 5, 2026

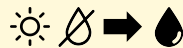


Summer-Like Thru Saturday



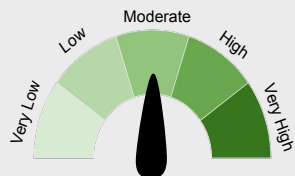
As high pressure passes by just to our north, we'll see seasonable temperatures through the weekend, with highs in the upper 80s to low 90s. A cold front will arrive by late Sunday into Monday, bringing more cloud cover and slightly cooler highs in the mid-80s.

Sunny, Then Showery



We'll be sunny and dry through Saturday, but our rain chances will increase once the cold front arrives, with showers and thunderstorms starting on Sunday night and Monday. Expect weekly totals of 0.75 to 1.5 inches, with locally higher amounts possible.

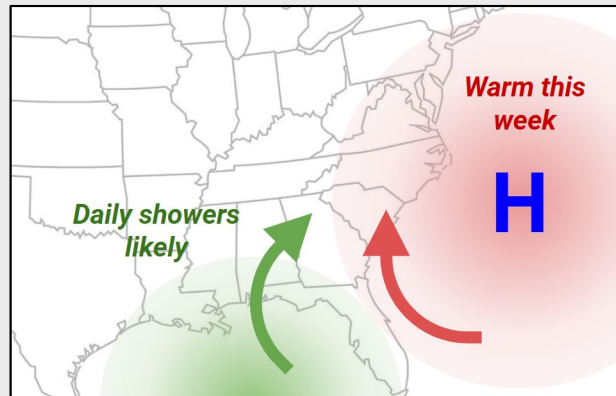
Forecast Confidence



Confidence is high through Sunday but lower starting Monday due to uncertainty in how long the front and its moisture remain over us.

Week 2:

August 6 to 12, 2026



Warm and Muggy



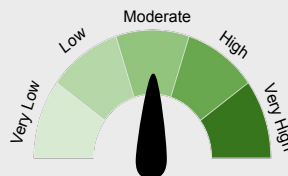
As the Bermuda high pressure system sets up off our coastline, it will dominate our weather this week. Thanks to a moist southerly circulation, we should see warmer-than-normal temperatures and more humid conditions through the middle of August.

Pop-Up Showers Continue



Under this classic summertime weather pattern, we should have plenty of moisture available to fuel daily pop-up showers and thunderstorms. That means most areas could see normal to above-normal rainfall, even if a few unlucky spots may miss out.

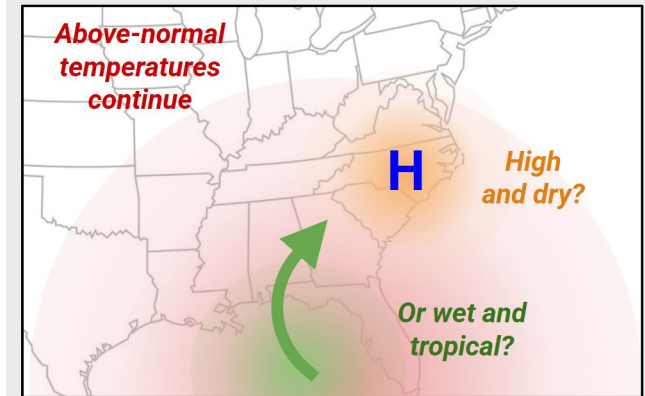
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Recent model runs have trended away from a more severe heat wave this week, keeping us closer to normal with better rain chances.

Weeks 3-4:

August 13 to 26, 2026



Staying Warm



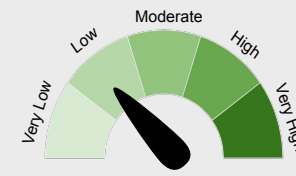
While perhaps not at heat-dome levels, an ongoing high-pressure pattern across our region is likely to keep us warmer than average through the end of August. Our normal temperatures at this time of year feature highs in the mid-80s and lows in the mid-60s.

Uncertain Rain Chances



Our precipitation will be very sensitive to the position of the high pressure. If it's parked overhead, that would favor periods of dry weather. If it sits offshore as in Week 2, that should bring more normal rainfall. And don't forget about potential tropical systems.

Forecast Confidence



Low seasonal skill and no strong signals in current precipitation forecasts make confidence lower for this late-month period.