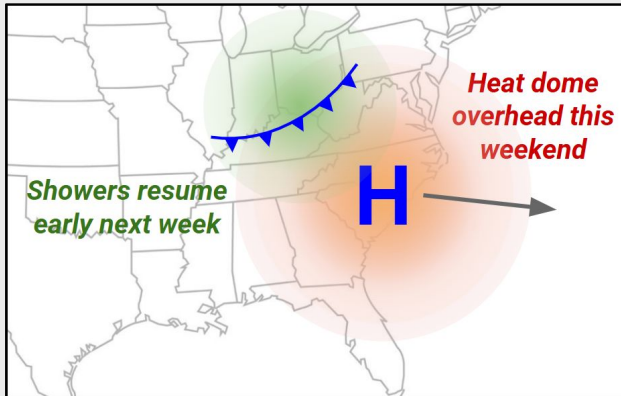


# Short-Range Outlook for North Carolina

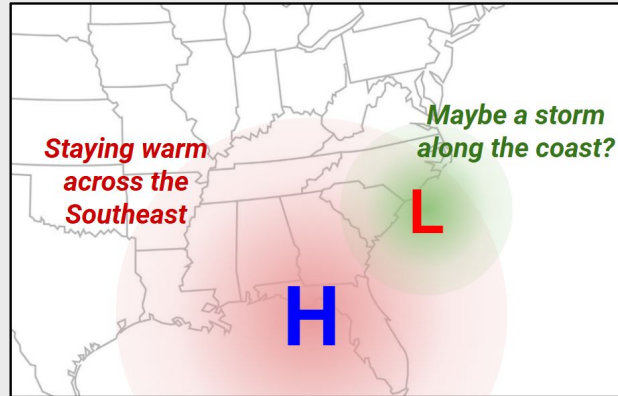
## Week 1:

July 2 to 8, 2026



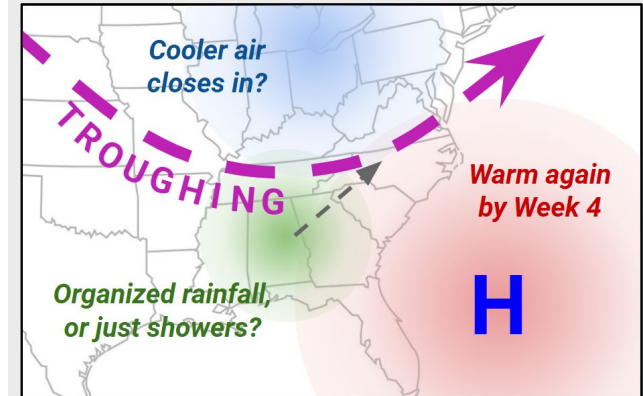
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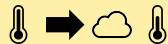


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July 16 to 29, 2026

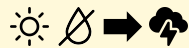


### Hot Weather Ahead



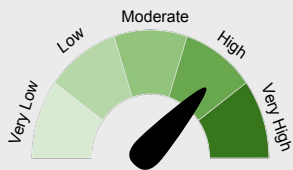
As a heat dome pattern settles over the state this week, our high temperatures will rise into the upper 90s or low 100s, including on Independence Day. As that surface high pressure system slides offshore, we'll see more cloud cover but remain in the 90s.

### Dry, Then Showers Return



Under the high-pressure heat dome, expect sunny skies and dry weather through Saturday, which could see wildfires easily ignited by fireworks. Showers should return in the west by Sunday and elsewhere on Monday as a weak cold front moves through.

### Forecast Confidence



The heat this weekend is a sure bet, while next week's rain showers could help keep our high temperatures a few degrees cooler.

### Still Warm, But Not as Hot



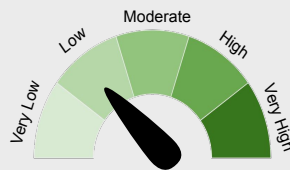
Temperatures should remain above average for most of the week with a broad area of high pressure to our south. However, it shouldn't be as hot as in Week 1. At least one model shows an approaching cold front later this week, which could bring in some cooler air.

### Several Rain Opportunities



Potential low pressure development along or near the coastline could lead to wetter weather at some point this week. Otherwise, seasonable rain chances are most likely, with the potential for pop-up showers and thunderstorms developing on most afternoons.

### Forecast Confidence



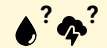
Confidence drops off in Week 2 as models diverge on whether we stay in a hot pattern or see a cooler one, perhaps with more rainfall.

### A Quick Cooldown, Then Warmer?



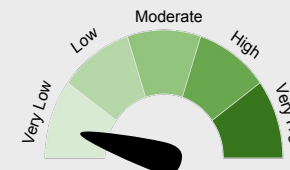
The potential for jet stream troughing over the eastern US in Week 3 could bring a brief break from the heat during the climatological hottest part of the year. Week 4 looks to be warmer again, as a typical summer weather pattern returns across our region.

### Rain Chances Up in the Air



Recent forecasts are literally all over the map with the late-month precipitation patterns. A southward-shifted jet stream could favor more rain-making storm systems tracking in, or we could revert to normal rain chances with daily pop-up showers.

### Forecast Confidence



With lots of moving parts, uncertainty is high about these late-month patterns, with rain chances especially tough to nail down now.