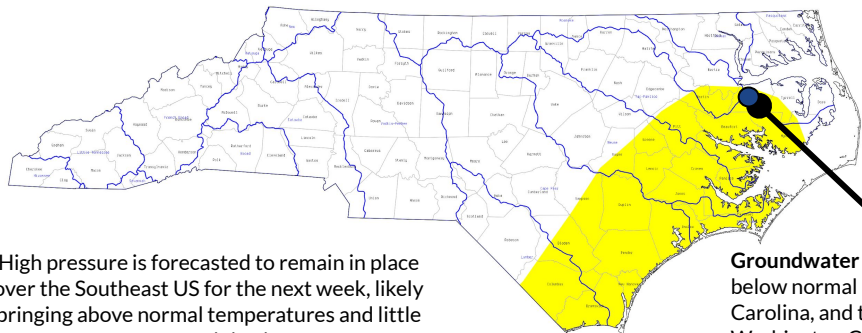


North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending May 21, 2019

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Richard Heim (NOAA/NESDIS/NCEI) with input from the [North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council \(ncdrought.org\)](http://ncdrought.org)



Streamflow levels in eastern NC averaged over the past 7 days are starting to fall below normal.

Groundwater levels have also fallen below normal in eastern North Carolina, and the shallow Hoke Well in Washington County highlights the limited recent recharge and losses due to evaporation.

High pressure is forecasted to remain in place over the Southeast US for the next week, likely bringing above normal temperatures and little to no precipitation.

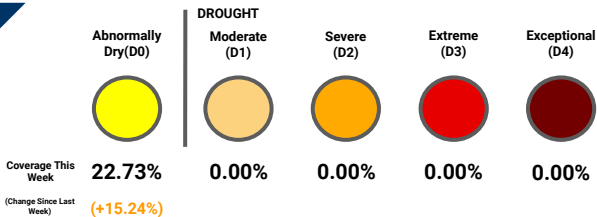
Notes about this week's drought map

- Over the past few weeks, precipitation patterns across North Carolina have transitioned to the typical summertime pattern of localized showers and storms.
- Parts of the Coastal Plain from Whiteville through New Bern and Greenville have seen **less than a half-inch of total rainfall** for the past 14 days. Those areas average about one inch per week this time of the year.
- While it's only been in the past few weeks that the scales have tipped to Abnormally Dry conditions, eastern NC has been slowly drying out for the past few months.

Last Week's Drought Map



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