

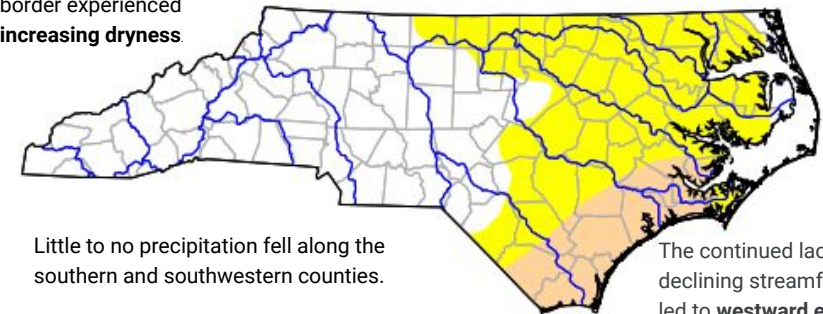
North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending June 4, 2019

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by David Simeral (WRCC) with input from the [North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council \(ncdrought.org\)](http://ncdrought.org)

Pockets along the NC/VA border experienced **increasing dryness**

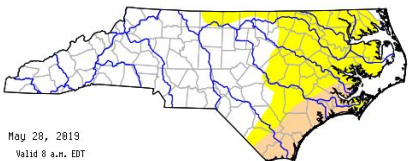


Little to no precipitation fell along the southern and southwestern counties.

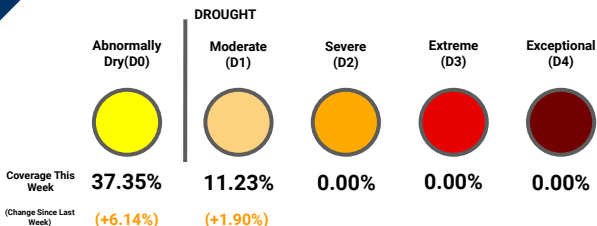
Eastern NC saw **temporary improvement** due to scattered rainfall late last week. While the rain brought some relief, this area remains in D0.

The continued lack of rainfall combined with declining streamflows and groundwater levels led to **westward expansion of D0 and D1** in southeastern NC.

Last Week's Drought Map



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Notes about this week's drought map

- **Temperatures spiked** due to a short-term heat wave that fell over majority of central and eastern North Carolina, worsening drought conditions in these areas.
- A **burn ban** remains in effect in 18 counties within eastern NC due to the growing drought. 12 fires were caused by lightning this past week.
- Low pressure systems are headed towards western NC this weekend, models forecasting **higher chances of precipitation** next week.



Deppe Trail Fire in Onslow County
Photo from the NC Forest Service

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