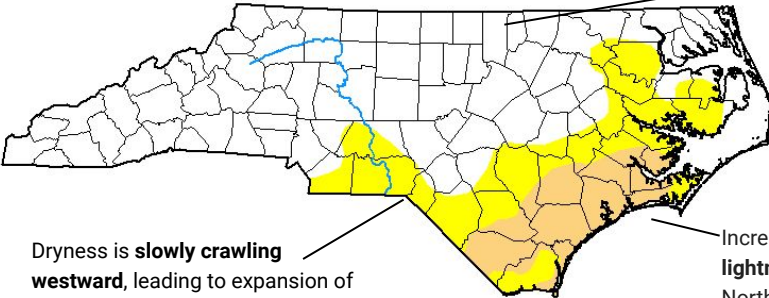


North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending July 9, 2019

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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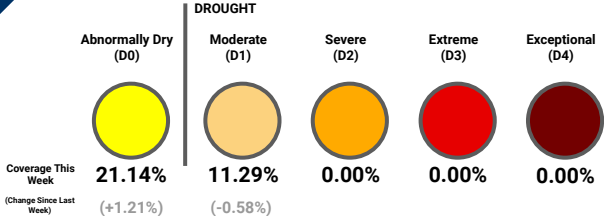


While rainfall in early June provided some relief in Caswell, Person, and Granville counties, **recent weeks have been drier**, hurting some corn crop yields

Dryness is **slowly crawling westward**, leading to expansion of D0 into Union, Anson, Richmond and Scotland Counties

Increased occurrences of **lightning-started fires** in eastern North Carolina forests indicate persisting drought conditions.

Last Week's Drought Map



Notes about this week's drought map

- **Spotty showers** have diminished Abnormally Dry conditions in the northern Coastal Plain and central Piedmont, but much of eastern NC remains in a precipitation deficit after a dry start to the summer
- Above-normal **high temperatures** continue to accelerate evapotranspiration and the drying of crops and streams
- The forecast offers both **good and bad news**: showers and thunderstorms are predicted in the next 1 to 2 weeks, but they're likely to be scattered instead of widespread

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