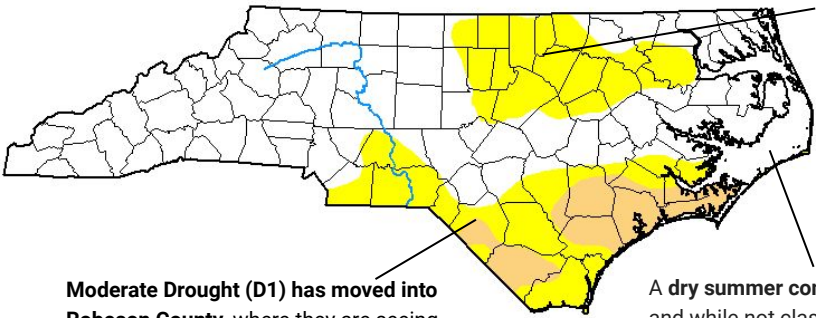


North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending July 23, 2019

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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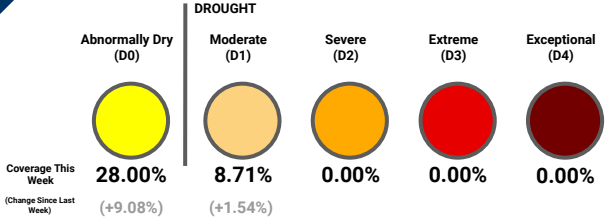
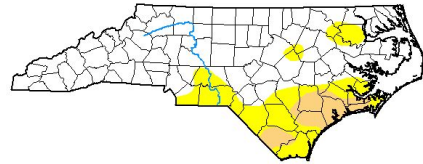


Due to limited rainfall and declining streamflows since early June, **Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions have expanded** into the northern Piedmont.

Moderate Drought (D1) has moved into Robeson County, where they are seeing restricted plant growth due to the heat and drying soil conditions.

A dry summer continues along the Outer Banks, and while not classified as Abnormally Dry yet, seasonal rainfall deficits are approaching 3 inches at Hatteras.

Last Week's Drought Map



Notes about this week's drought map

Although parts of the state received 1 to 3 inches of rain on Tuesday, this map does not reflect any rain falling after 8 am on Tuesday, which is the US Drought Monitor's data cutoff.

- Favorable conditions for wildfires have been increasing, especially along the coast. On Monday alone, there were **19 fires over 209.55 acres** in NC.
- After a few days of cooler weather this week, the Bermuda high will set up off the east coast next week, bringing **warm and dry weather** once again.

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