

North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending August 20, 2019

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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Heard Around the State



"Rainfall ranging from 1.5 to 4.5 inches limited harvest of corn and tobacco as well as cutting of hay. However, past rainfall within the last ten days has improved growing conditions."

Mike Carroll, Craven County Extension

"Some soybean fields look sparse since seed didn't come up a few weeks ago, but what did come up looks happier now."

Onslow County Extension

"Gardens have needed some additional water but native vegetation has not shown any signs of stress."
CoCoRaHS Condition Monitoring Report, Polk County

Statewide Condition Summary

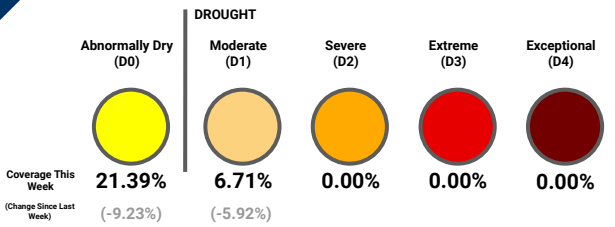
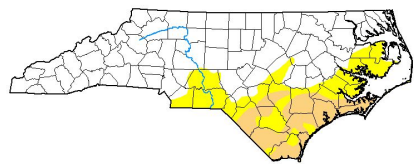
Rain last weekend helped improve drought conditions in many areas, although Moderate Drought remains in the southern Coastal Plain. Elsewhere, a few hot, dry weeks has parts of the western Piedmont on the verge of Abnormal Dryness.

Good News: Heavy rainfall along the coast led to improvements in short-term streamflow conditions. Three-month precipitation deficits in places such as Wilmington were effectively cut in half.

Bad News: While conditions improved with last week's rainfall, longer-term dryness continues to impact crops planted earlier this summer.

Relief on the Way: Forecasts show more rain possible across the state this weekend as a cold front sags southwards. Tropical development is also becoming more likely as we near the typical peak of hurricane season.

Last Week's Drought Map



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