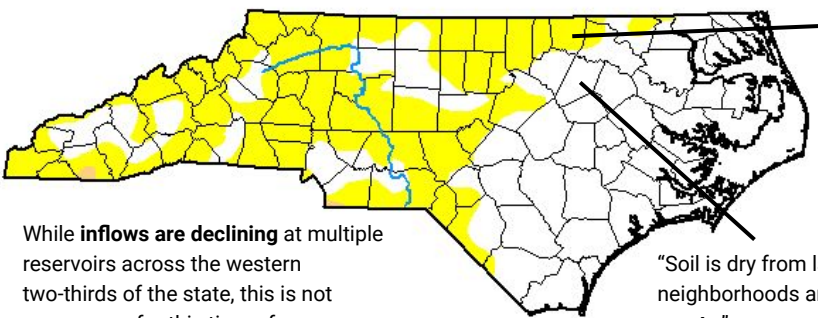


# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending September 17, 2019

## This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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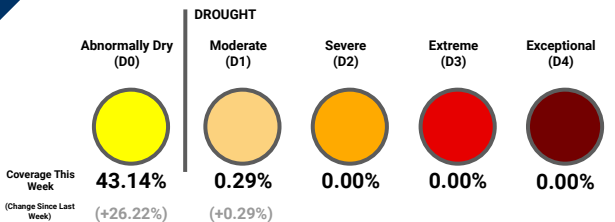
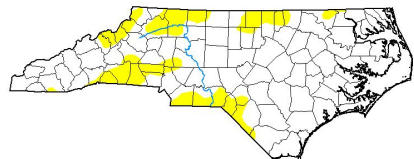


While **inflows are declining** at multiple reservoirs across the western two-thirds of the state, this is not uncommon for this time of year. Operators are monitoring conditions closely.

The **7-day average streamflows** in the northern Piedmont and Coastal Plain are dropping to **below normal levels**.

"Soil is dry from lack of rainfall. The ponds in neighborhoods are **drying up or already empty**."  
 - *CoCoRaHS Condition Monitoring Report, Nash County*

## Last Week's Drought Map



## Notes about this week's drought map

- Increasing short term dryness has led to the **expansion of D0** (Abnormally Dry conditions) across most of central and western North Carolina this week.
- Over the past 7 days, much of the Piedmont received **little to no rainfall**, while portions of the Mountains received up to 3 inches. Rainfall was sparse across the Coastal Plain and was limited to around 0.3 inches in places that saw anything.
- Forecasts indicate we may be **continuing our dry spell**. While fall-like temperatures are expected by this weekend, the state is unlikely to see much precipitation in the next week.

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