

# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending September 24, 2019

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

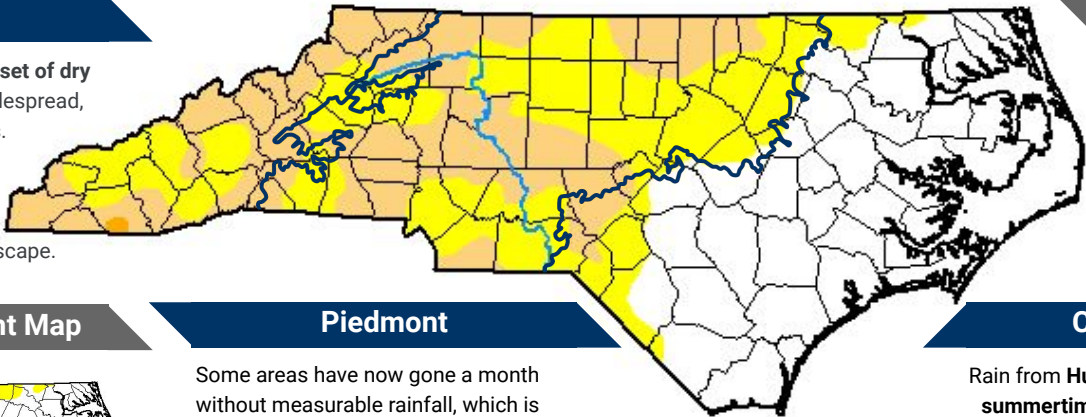
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# Regional Condition Summary

Our dry pattern is continuing with no end in sight. As a result, **Moderate Drought (D1)** has expanded to cover a quarter of North Carolina, and **Severe Drought (D2)** has returned to the state (in Macon County) for the first time since April 2017.

### Mountains

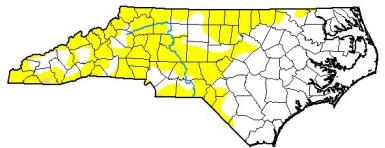
In western NC, the rapid onset of dry conditions is leading to widespread, below-normal streamflows. These hydrologic impacts are among the many signs of worsening conditions across the landscape.



### By the Numbers

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
Abnormally Dry (D0)	32.05%	-11.09%
Moderate Drought (D1)	28.66%	+28.37%
Severe Drought (D2)	0.16%	+0.16%
Extreme Drought (D3)	0.00%	
Exceptional Drought (D4)	0.00%	

### Last Week's Drought Map



### Piedmont

Some areas have now gone a month without measurable rainfall, which is causing soils to dry out, leaves to drop early, and grass to turn brown as summer-like temperatures continue.

### Coastal Plain

Rain from Hurricane Dorian eliminated summertime deficits, but the drought before the storm is still affecting crop yields. Dry weather in recent weeks has offered an opportunity to harvest.

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