

North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending November 19, 2019

Statewide Condition Summary

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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Despite the lack of precipitation in the past week, **streamflow levels remain near normal** in the Mountains.



Recent rains have **improved soil moisture levels**, as well as delayed harvesting and planting operations.

Recent rains and the absence of drought impacts led to the removal of Abnormally Dry conditions from parts of the Piedmont.



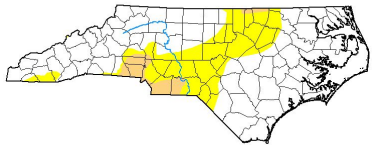
Despite recent rainfall, stream gauges along the northern Piedmont-Coastal Plain border **show a mix of normal and below-normal levels**.

What's Changed? Recent rainfall and cooler temperatures led to **reductions in Abnormally Dry and Moderate Drought conditions**.

What's New? Last week saw precipitation amounts that ranged from less than 0.10 inches along the Tennessee border to **more than 3 inches** in parts of the Outer Banks.

What's Next? Forecasts are calling for a **more favorable precipitation pattern** in the coming weeks. Combined with recent precipitation, this could continue to lead to improving conditions.

Last Week's Drought Map



Statewide Coverage By Category

	Abnormally Dry (D0)	Moderate (D1)	Severe (D2)	Extreme (D3)	Exceptional (D4)
Coverage This Week	21.04%	2.99%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(Change Since Last Week)	(-2.89%)	(-1.63%)			

