

North Carolina Drought Update

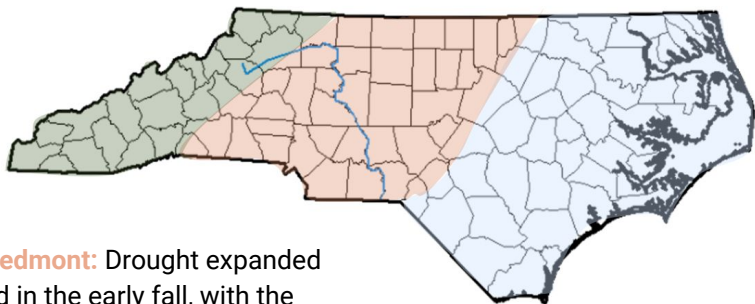
For the assessment period ending December 3, 2019

The 2019 Drought Timeline

This week is the **first time since May 7** that North Carolina has been without drought or dryness on the US Drought Monitor. Here's a look at how conditions evolved over the past 7 months:

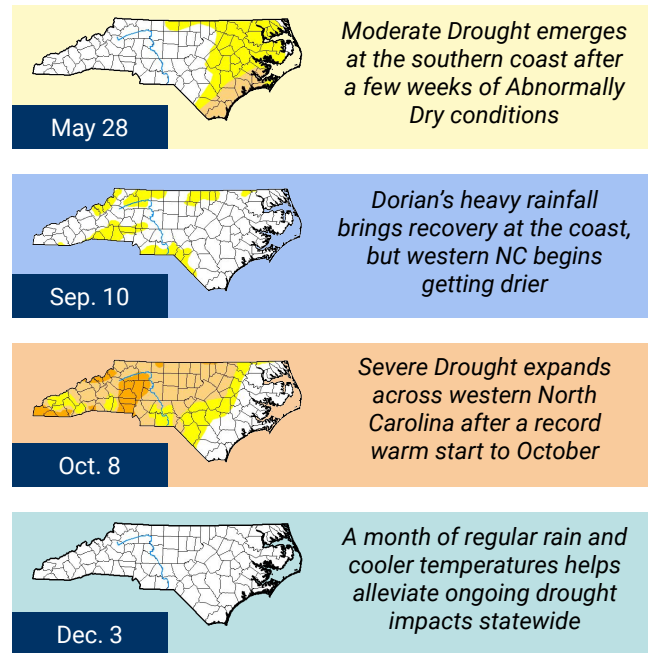
The 2019 Drought by Region

In the Mountains: Hot, dry weather in September led to **"flash drought" emergence** with rapidly declining streamflows, grasses browning, and crops dying. Since mid-October, a **wet pattern has prevailed to end the drought.**



In the Piedmont: Drought expanded eastward in the early fall, with the western Piedmont and Foothills seeing the **worst conditions after a bone-dry September.** Drought impacts diminished near the end of the growing season.

In the Coastal Plain: It was an "all or nothing" summer, with **several dry months followed by Hurricane Dorian.** More dry weather in September affected crops such as soybeans and peanuts, but **rainfall in November** replenished soil moisture conditions.



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