

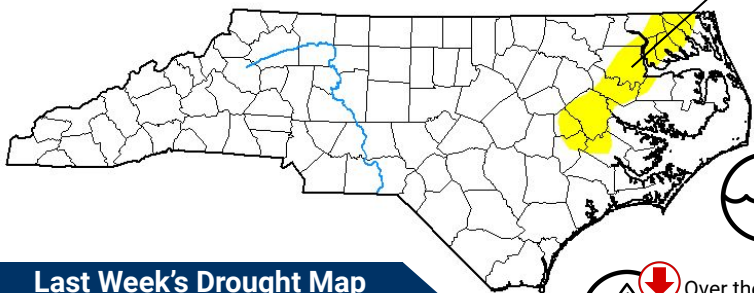
North Carolina Drought Update


For the assessment period ending January 7, 2020


This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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Signs of Abnormal Dryness:

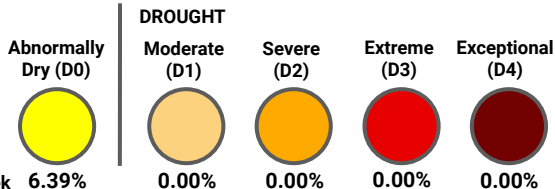


 Soil moisture is **below normal**, mainly in the upper layers of the soil.

 Short-term (7- to 14-day) **streamflows are below normal** at a few sites in the Coastal Plain.

 Over the past month, the coast has seen **only 2 to 3 inches of rain** while the rest of the state received at least 4 inches.

Last Week's Drought Map



(Change Since Last Week) (+0%)

Notes about this week's drought map

An area of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions developed at the coast in December. As of yet, impacts are limited, typical of the slow development associated with cool-season droughts.

- The recent weather pattern has included **cold fronts crossing the Mountains**, but **drying out once reaching eastern NC**. As a result, Plymouth has been 2 inches below its normal rainfall over the past 3 months.
- Forecasts show that **more rain is likely** this weekend and early next week; however, the **greatest precipitation totals should again be in the western part of the state**.

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