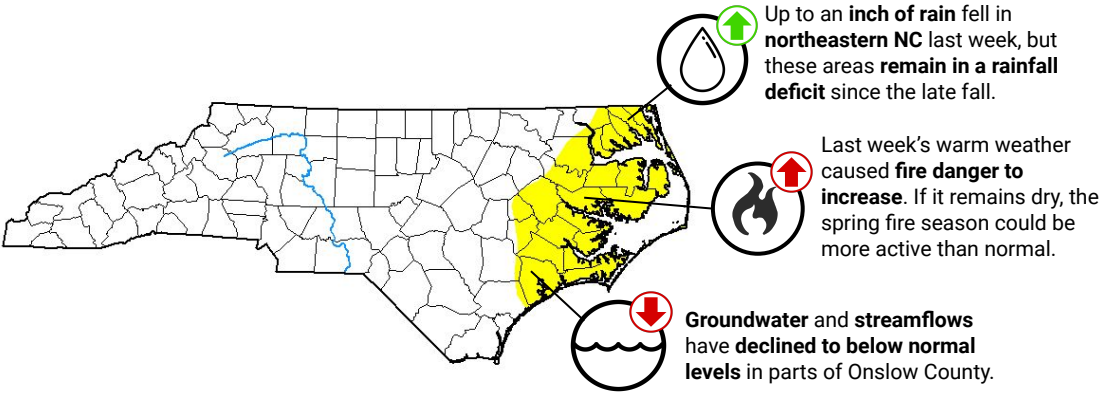


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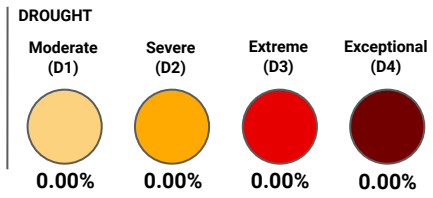
For the assessment period ending January 21, 2020

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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Last Week's Drought Map



Notes about this week's drought map

After another week with little to no rain at the coast, **Abnormally Dry conditions (D0)** have expanded across much of the central Coastal Plain, including the Outer Banks.

- Last Tuesday's rain at the northern coast offered some short-term relief, but **dryness remains evident in precipitation deficits** since the late fall. **Soil moisture** conditions are below normal especially in **sandy soils** and some **wetlands**.
- Forecasts show **mostly dry weather** over the next week, and the **greatest precipitation totals** should again be in the western part of the state.

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