

North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending June 16, 2020

Note: updates will be issued monthly when the state is **not** experiencing dry or drought conditions.

Statewide Condition Summary

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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Recent rains have erased drought concerns in agriculture. Reports indicate **fields are in good shape or on the wet side** for this time of year.



The heaviest rains have missed parts of Hertford and Bertie counties, putting them **slightly below their normal precipitation** for the past month.



Stations in western NC and along the coast are experiencing one of their **top 10 wettest years-to-date** on record.



Aside from the slightly-dry area in the northern Coastal Plain, **streamflows are much above normal** across the state.

What's Changed? Cool and wet weather over the past month has maintained a blank drought map for the state of North Carolina.

What's New? Storms and low pressure systems have brought widespread rain across the state since mid-May. Many areas are 4 to 8 inches above their normal rainfall over the past 30 days.

What's Next? Wet weather should continue into next week, along with a warm-up by this weekend. Scattered showers or storms are expected to bring **1-2 inches of rain across the state** over the next 7 days. A more active hurricane season is predicted for this year, though the tropics are currently quiet.

Last Week's Drought Map



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Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	0.00%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%