US Drought Monitor of NORTH CAROLINA

April 1, 2014
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Classifications
- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought
- D3 - Extreme Drought
- D4 - Exceptional Drought

North Carolina Drought Advisory

Released: April 3, 2014

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» (D0) Impending drought conditions (abnormally dry conditions).

Counties Under Current Advisory

D0 - Abnormally Dry
- Cherokee County
- Clay County
- Graham County
- Haywood County
- Jackson County
- Macon County
- Swain County

Total: 7
Drought Management Advisory Council

• NCGS 143.355.1 requires the Council:
  • To meet at least once in each calendar year in order to maintain appropriate agency readiness and participation
  • To meet on the call of the Chair to respond to drought conditions and issues drought advisories
  • To submits an annual report to Secretary of DENR, the Governor and the N.C. Environmental Review Commission by Oct. 1 of each year
DMAC – Technical Drought Advisory Team

• Made up of experts on drought, climate, water and forest resources, geology, agriculture and water conservation

• Discusses rainfall, climate, resource conditions and impacts during a weekly telecom (web conference)

• Provide recommendations of drought conditions for NC to the USDM drought author for the week
DMAC – Drought Advisories

• Issues drought advisories

• Provide accurate and consistent information to assist local governments and other water users in taking appropriate drought response actions

• Provide specific areas of the state that are exhibiting impending or existing drought conditions
DMAC – Technical Drought Advisory Team

• Special thanks to Technical Drought Advisory Team

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Drought Impact Types:
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g., agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g., hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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