

North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending January 11, 2022

Statewide Condition Summary

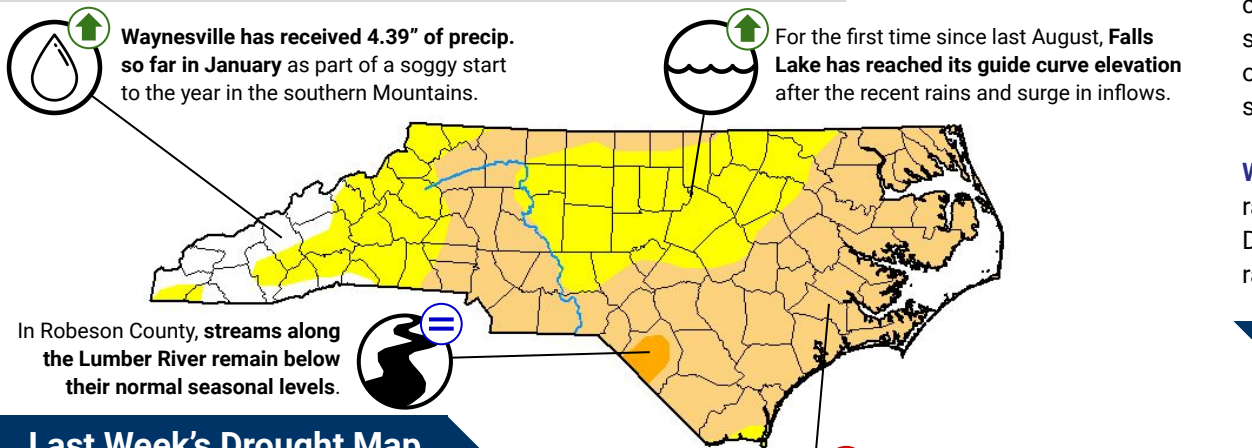
What's Changed? Parts of the southern Mountains and Sandhills have seen improvements this week as streams and soils continue to respond to recent precipitation.

What's New? A half-inch to an inch of rain last weekend continued our wet start to 2022. However, most of the state is still 2 to 6 inches below its normal precipitation over the past 3 months, while groundwater and deeper soil moisture have not fully recovered from the dry fall.

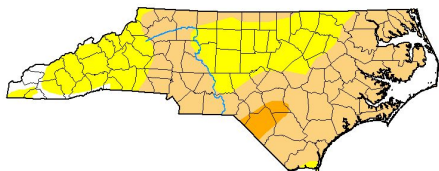
What's Next? A storm system should bring widespread rain and a wintry mix beginning on Saturday night. Depending on its intensity, liquid precipitation totals could range from a half-inch to nearly 2 inches.

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Rich Tinker (CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP) with input from the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council (ncdrought.org)



Last Week's Drought Map



Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	35.77%	-1.19%
D1: Moderate Drought	56.11%	-1.33%
D2: Severe Drought	1.03%	-1.73%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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