

# North Carolina Drought Update

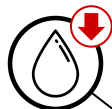
For the assessment period ending March 8, 2022

## Statewide Condition Summary

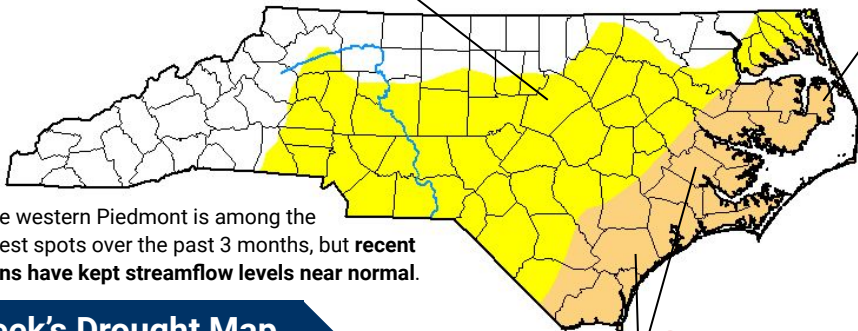
### This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Brian Fuchs (*National Drought Mitigation Center*) with input from the *North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council* ([ncdrought.org](http://ncdrought.org))

Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions are back in the Triangle. As of Tuesday, **Raleigh had only 0.62 inches of rain** over the past month.



A wildfire on the Dare Bomb Range had burned 1,000 acres and was 60% contained by Wednesday morning.

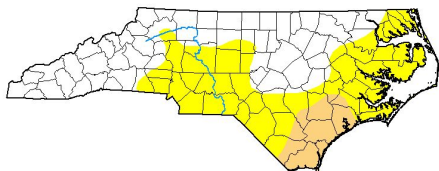


The western Piedmont is among the driest spots over the past 3 months, but recent rains have kept streamflow levels near normal.

Extension agents in Craven and Pender counties note that **rain is needed in the next 2 weeks so corn planting can begin.**



### Last Week's Drought Map



**What's Changed?** A warm, dry week has spurred an expansion of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions and Moderate Drought (D1) especially in eastern NC.

**What's New?** Wintertime moisture remains in some areas, but warm spring days have also depleted it in spots that haven't had much rainfall recharge. Dryness is most pronounced at the coast, but groundwater levels have been declining as far west as Haywood County.

**What's Next?** A front lingering offshore will bring light rain along the coast today. Our next system on Saturday should offer widespread totals of at least half an inch to an inch, along with cooler highs near 50°F on Sunday.

### Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	46.24%	+3.63%
D1: Moderate Drought	20.21%	+11.11%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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