

# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending May 17, 2022

## Statewide Condition Summary

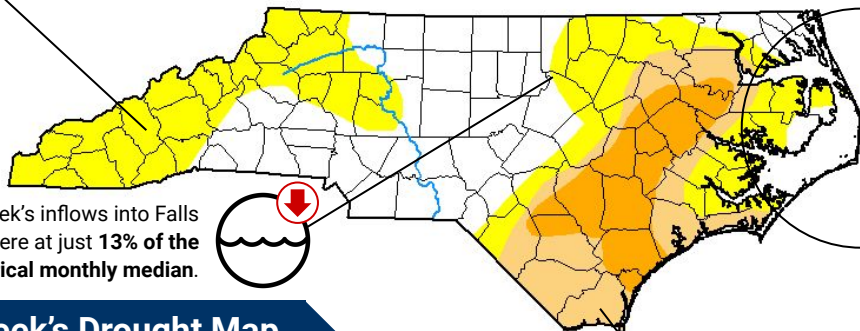
### This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Richard Heim (NOAA/NESDIS/NCEI) with input from the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council ([ncdrought.org](http://ncdrought.org))



**Streamflows along the Pigeon River have fallen below normal** due to limited recent rainfall in the southern Mountains.

The northern and central coast have been soaked by **3 to 6 inches of rain in the past two weeks.**

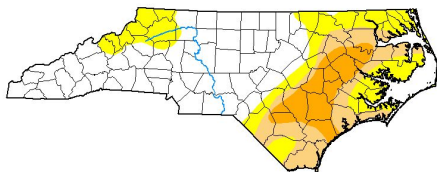


Last week's inflows into Falls Lake were at just **13% of the historical monthly median.**



After burning 598 acres, the **wildfire at Green Swamp Preserve is 100% contained** as of Wednesday morning.

### Last Week's Drought Map



**What's Changed?** Rain at the coast last weekend brought some improvements, while areas farther west had a drier week and slipped into Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions.

**What's New?** An offshore low pressure system fueled several days of heavy rain that eroded drought and dryness along the northern and central coast. In the Piedmont, reservoir inflows are declining, while surface water conditions are drying in the southern Mountains.

**What's Next?** The warmest weather of the year is here, with highs in the 90s through Sunday. Our next frontal passage on Monday will bring cooler temperatures and widespread rain, likely totaling a half-inch or more.

### Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	36.14%	+13.54%
D1: Moderate Drought	14.31%	-1.29%
D2: Severe Drought	11.96%	+0.94%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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