

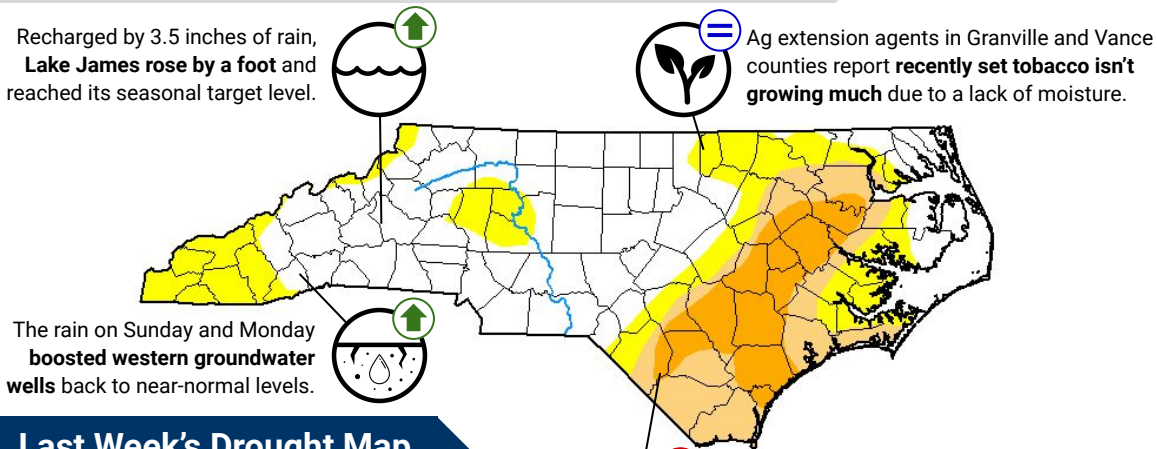
North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending May 24, 2022

Statewide Condition Summary

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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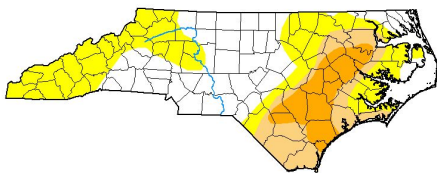


What's Changed? The heavy rains earlier this week across the Mountains and Piedmont brought widespread improvements to Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions.

What's New? Low pressure crossing the state dropped more than 2 inches of rain, including in western areas that had been showing signs of short-term dryness. The Coastal Plain mostly missed out on that early-week rainfall, so drought remains in place farther east.

What's Next? A cold front arriving from the west tonight should bring another round of showers and storms through Friday evening. Totals of more than 0.75" are expected statewide, with locally higher amounts likely.

Last Week's Drought Map



Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	22.66%	-13.48%
D1: Moderate Drought	13.87%	-0.44%
D2: Severe Drought	12.48%	+0.52%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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