


# North Carolina Drought Update


For the assessment period ending June 21, 2022


## Statewide Condition Summary


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

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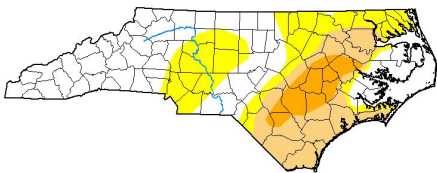
 Declining inflows and losses due to evaporation are causing reservoir levels to decline across the Piedmont.

 A lightning-caused wildfire has burned 1,080 acres on private land in Hyde County.

 Parts of Cleveland County have had no rain in two weeks, plus temperatures of up to 97°F.

 Brunswick County has recommended voluntary water conservation, limiting outdoor irrigation to every other day, to ensure supplies meet this summer's demands.

### Last Week's Drought Map



**What's Changed?** Moderate Drought (D1) now covers most of the northern Coastal Plain, while Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions have expanded across the Piedmont.

**What's New?** A week of heat ended with strong storms last Friday, but rainfall totaled less than an inch as that fast-moving line crossed the state. It was enough to saturate the ground, but deeper soils remain dry and are quickly absorbing any moisture they receive this summer.

**What's Next?** A warm weekend is ahead, with highs reaching the upper 80s. A frontal passage on Monday should bring rain to many areas, but current forecasts show less than an inch across most of the state.

### Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	29.95%	+3.63%
D1: Moderate Drought	27.46%	+8.10%
D2: Severe Drought	8.16%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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