

North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending October 25, 2022

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

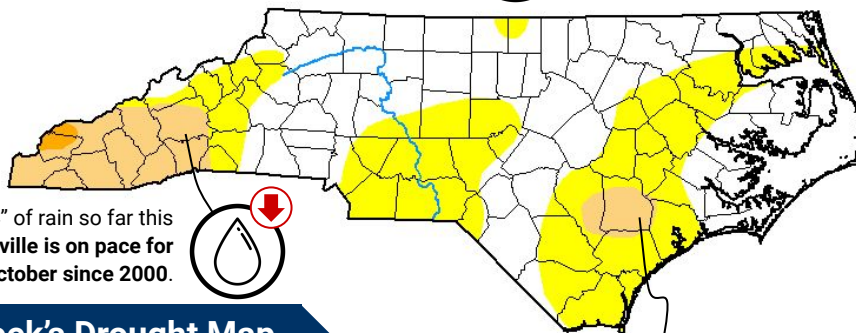
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Fire activity is increasing, especially in the Mountains and Sandhills. NC Forest Service reports **169 wildfires burning 235 acres last week.**



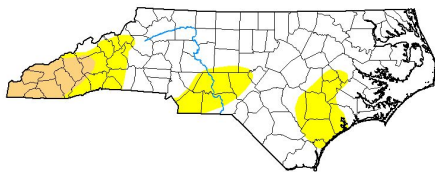
After last week's hard freeze, **farmers are now finishing the harvest**, including the corn crop that struggled for sufficient moisture this year.



With just 0.24" of rain so far this month, **Asheville is on pace for its driest October since 2000.**



Last Week's Drought Map



The NE Cape Fear River near Chinquapin has seen **7-day average streamflows drop to the historical 9th percentile.**

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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Abnormally Dry and drought conditions expanded in all three regions of the state, including a new area of Severe Drought (D2) in our far western counties.

What's New? While September ended on a wet note with Hurricane Ian, October has been extremely dry in most areas since then, with totals of just fractions of an inch. Even with cooler weather, we've still seen drying soils, early-falling leaves in the east, and increasing fire danger.

What's Next? A cold front moving in on Monday may bring light rain showers, but the chances for significant widespread rain are low. The southern Mountains should see the highest totals, with up to an inch from this event.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	36.29%	+15.85%
D1: Moderate Drought	10.71%	+3.84%
D2: Severe Drought	0.51%	+0.51%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%