

# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending March 14, 2023

## Statewide Condition Summary

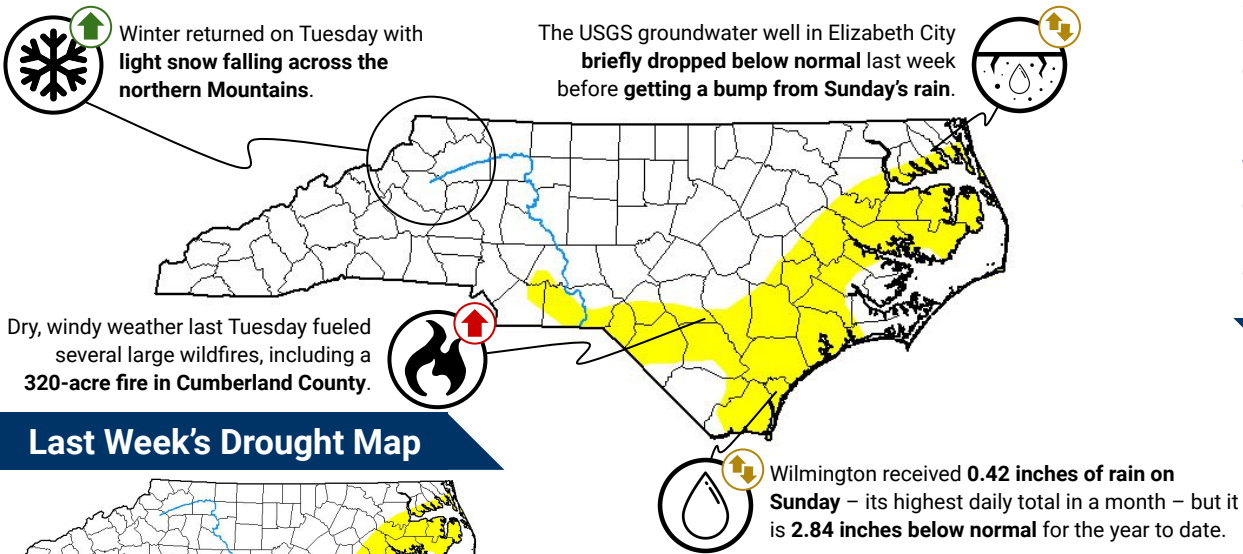
### This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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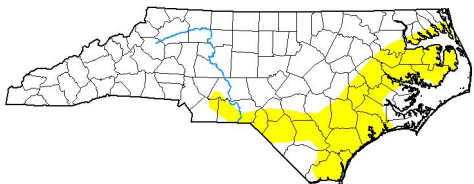
**What's Changed?** The map was unchanged this week, as last weekend's rain helped conditions hold steady. Much of eastern NC is still classified as Abnormally Dry (D0).

**What's New?** A half-inch to an inch of rain fell across the state last Friday and Sunday, which added moisture to soils, streams, and groundwater reserves. The recent cooler temperatures have slowed some plant growth, but most blooms have survived the March chill so far.

**What's Next?** A cold front moving through late Friday and early Saturday should bring another half-inch or so of rainfall statewide. Behind the front, temperatures will drop below freezing on Sunday and Monday morning.



### Last Week's Drought Map



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### Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	25.67%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%