

# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending September 12, 2023

## Statewide Condition Summary

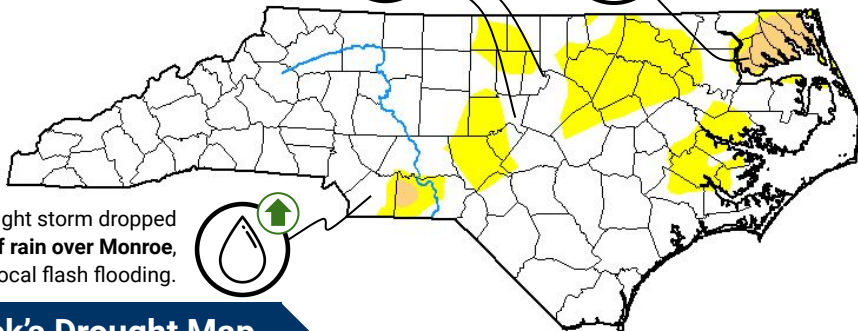
### This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Brad Pugh (NOAA/NWS/NCEP/GPC) with input from the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council ([ncdrought.org](http://ncdrought.org))

**More than 2 inches of rain fell** just downstream of Falls and Jordan Lake last weekend, but **both remain slightly below their target levels.**



**A lightning-caused wildfire burned 147 acres** on a timber plantation in Chowan County and is 48% contained.

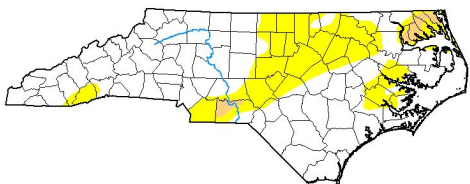


A Saturday night storm dropped **4.68 inches of rain over Monroe**, which caused local flash flooding.



**Crop progress is generally on pace with the five-year average**, including for tobacco, of which **72% was rated in good condition** on this week's USDA/NASS report.

### Last Week's Drought Map



**What's Changed?** Locally heavy rainfall improved some Abnormally Dry (D0) areas, including the Triangle, but Moderate Drought (D1) expanded in the northeast.

**What's New?** Last weekend's showers brought an inch of rain or more to many Piedmont and Mountain locations, with some areas seeing up to 5 inches. In the east, it was a drier week in the wake of Tropical Storm Idalia, which was good for farmers to get in the fields but not so great for the dry soils and groundwater wells in the northeast.

**What's Next?** High pressure to our north will bring cooler and less humid weather this weekend, but rainfall over the next week will be limited to light showers on Sunday.

### Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	18.39%	-9.04%
D1: Moderate Drought	2.31%	+0.34%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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