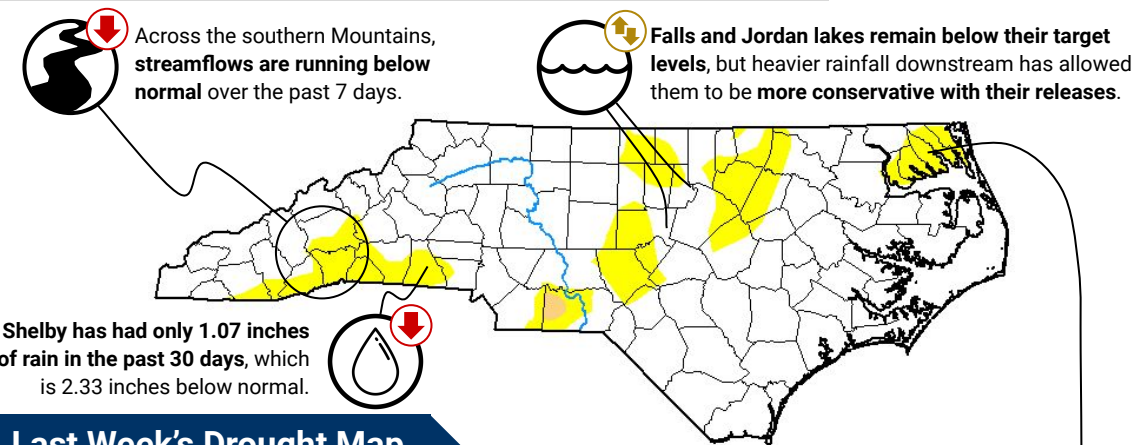


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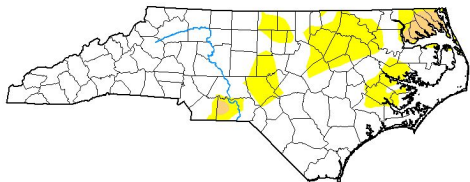
For the assessment period ending September 26, 2023

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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Last Week's Drought Map



Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Rain from Ophelia led to improvements in the east, while another dry week saw the emergence of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions in southwestern NC.

What's New? Our only rain event over the past week was a big one, with more than 4 inches of rain falling across parts of the Coastal Plain from Tropical Storm Ophelia. That cut into seasonal precipitation deficits and erased Moderate Drought (D1) in the northeast. But western areas missed that rain and have been drying out this fall.

What's Next? With high pressure to our north, seasonable temperatures should continue through the weekend, but that will also mean minimal rain chances for this week.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	17.40%	-1.34%
D1: Moderate Drought	0.36%	-1.95%
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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