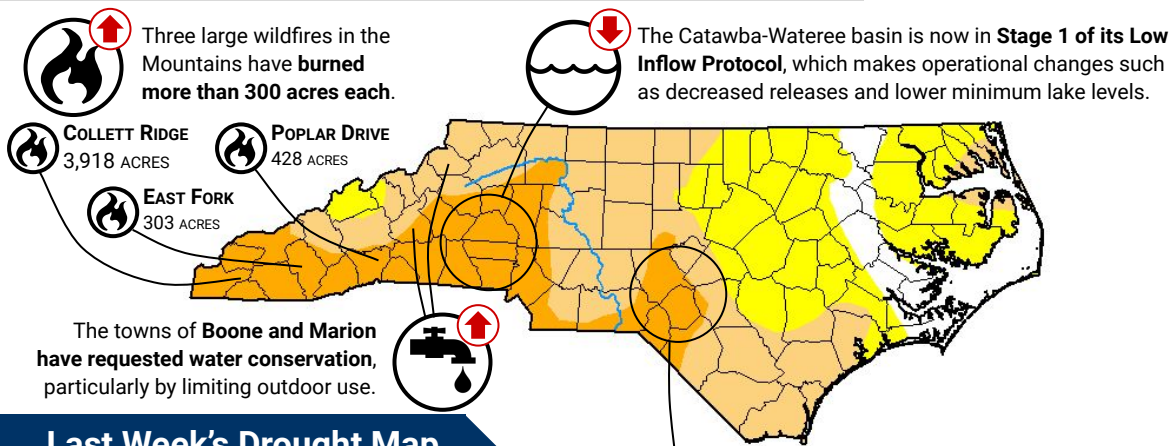


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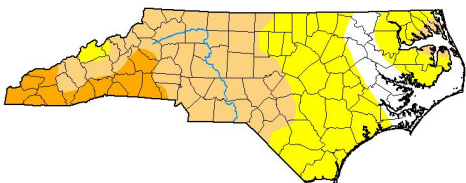
For the assessment period ending November 7, 2023

This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Lindsay Johnson (National Drought Mitigation Center) with input from the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council (ncdrought.org)



Last Week's Drought Map



Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Moderate Drought (D1) has expanded into the southern Coastal Plain while Severe Drought (D2) now covers more of the southern and western Piedmont.

What's New? Last week saw essentially no measurable rainfall across the state, along with warmer temperatures and lower humidity levels that accelerated the drying of soils and fuels. Together with the leaf drop, that led to nearly 400 wildfires igniting on state and private lands.

What's Next? A cold front will move in on Friday, then stall to our south this weekend. That should result in periods of showers mainly on Saturday night and Sunday, with totals generally limited to a quarter to half inch.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	30.46%	-10.35%
D1: Moderate Drought	39.88%	-0.32%
D2: Severe Drought	23.27%	+12.89%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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