

# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending November 14, 2023

## Statewide Condition Summary

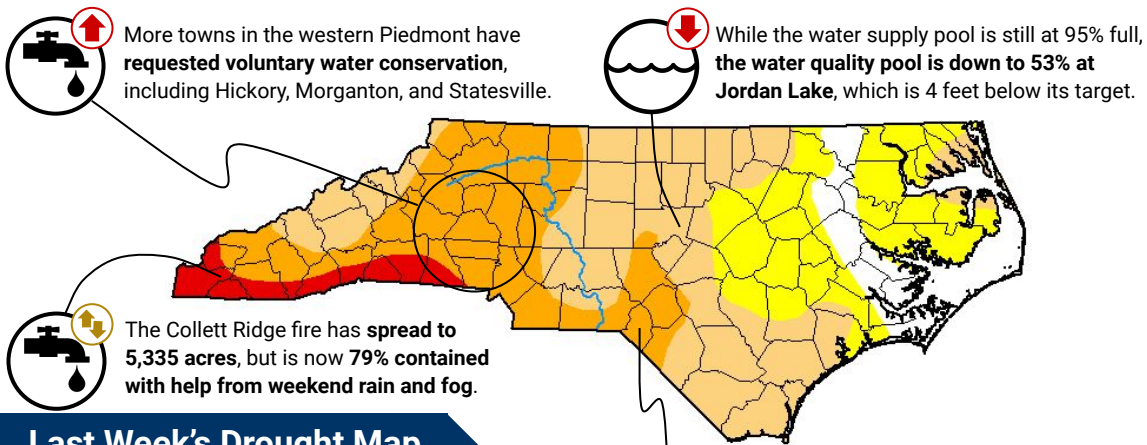
### This Week's Drought Monitor of North Carolina Map

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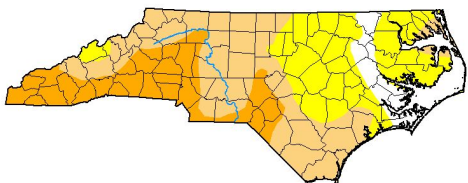
**What's Changed?** Extreme Drought (D3) has emerged in NC for the first time since March 2017. Severe Drought (D2) has also expanded into the northern Mountains.

**What's New?** Up to half an inch of rain in the southern Mountains last weekend offered some help for wildfire containment, but our seasonal precipitation deficits continue to grow. The 71.56% of the state in D1 or worse is the most area in drought since late December 2021.

**What's Next?** Scattered showers are possible on Friday night and Saturday, but better rain chances should come with a cold front next Tuesday and Wednesday. Half an inch to two inches of rain are possible from that event.



### Last Week's Drought Map



### Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	22.05%	-8.41%
D1: Moderate Drought	39.39%	-0.49%
D2: Severe Drought	27.38%	+5.11%
D3: Extreme Drought	4.80%	+4.80%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

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