

# North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **Feb. 6, 2024**  
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

## The Main Takeaway

Last week was dry, but conditions remain near normal to wet in most spots. However, some eastern areas continue to trend drier after three weeks with little rain.

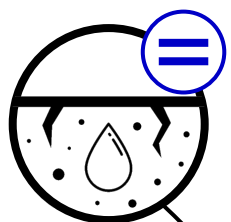
## This Week's Summary

Our only rain over the past week came from light showers last Wednesday that amounted to less than a quarter-inch in most spots. While the puddles from our December and January precipitation are mostly gone now, soils generally remain saturated and most of the state is still on pace for a wetter-than-normal winter.

## Next Week's Outlook

A cold front will stall across the state this weekend, bringing rain from Saturday night through Tuesday. Totals of at least half an inch are expected statewide, with more than two inches in the south and west.

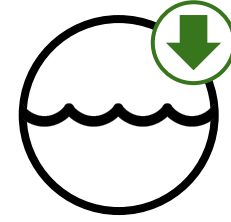
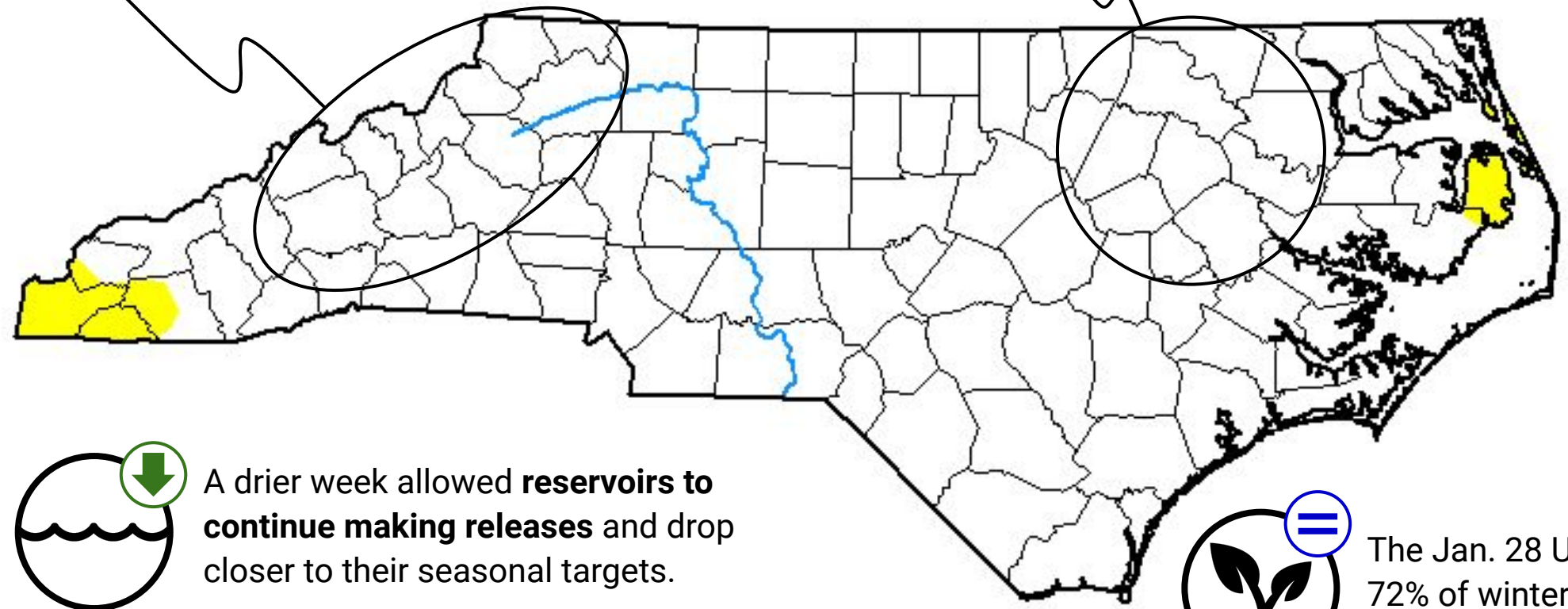
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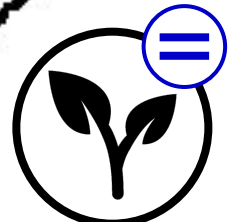
CoCoRaHS observers in the Mountains report that **the ground remains muddy** and some flowers have begun blooming.



Streamflows have fallen below normal in northern coastal tributaries such as Contentnea Creek, but remain near normal on rivers including the Neuse.

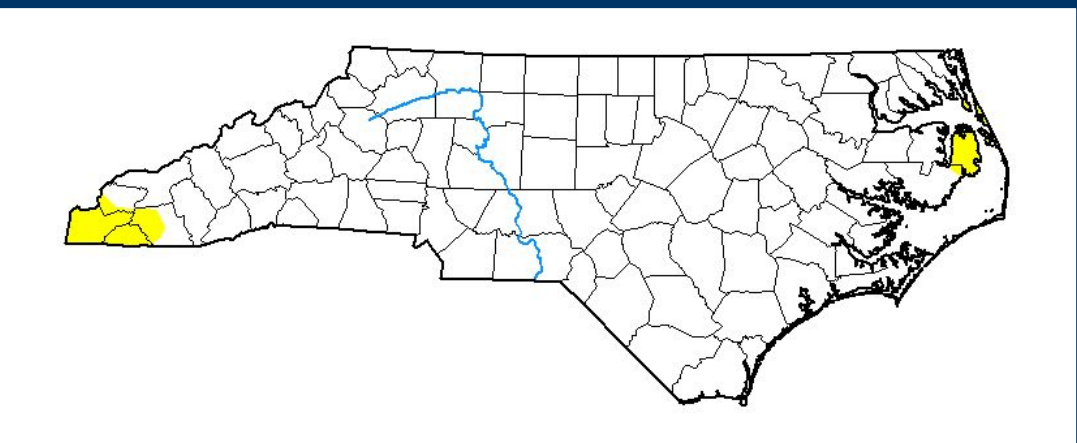


A drier week allowed **reservoirs to continue making releases** and drop closer to their seasonal targets.



The Jan. 28 USDA/NASS report shows 72% of winter wheat, and 85% of barley, in **good to excellent condition**.

## Last Week's Drought Status



## Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	2.82%	-0.04%
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%