

# North Carolina Drought

## Update

For the assessment period ending **July 9, 2024**

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### The Main Takeaway

Our dry areas keep getting drier, with Severe Drought (D2) expanding into the northern Foothills and Extreme Drought (D3) emerging in Columbus County this week.

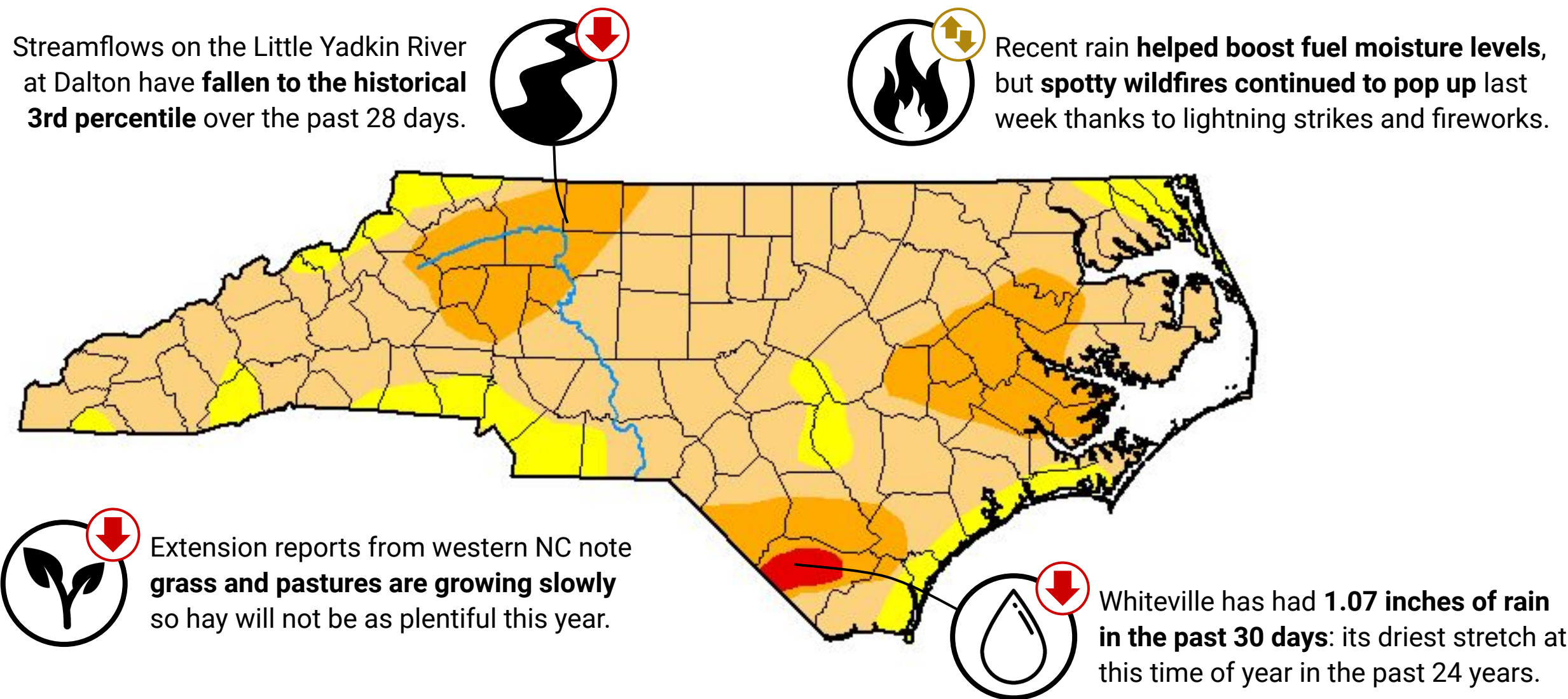
### This Week's Summary

Scattered showers last weekend were locally beneficial, but that moisture was quickly absorbed and more rain is needed to make a difference in deeper soil moisture and groundwater levels. Where recent showers have missed – including the northwest and southeast – conditions are drier than we've seen in many years, with crop losses (mainly for corn) becoming widespread.

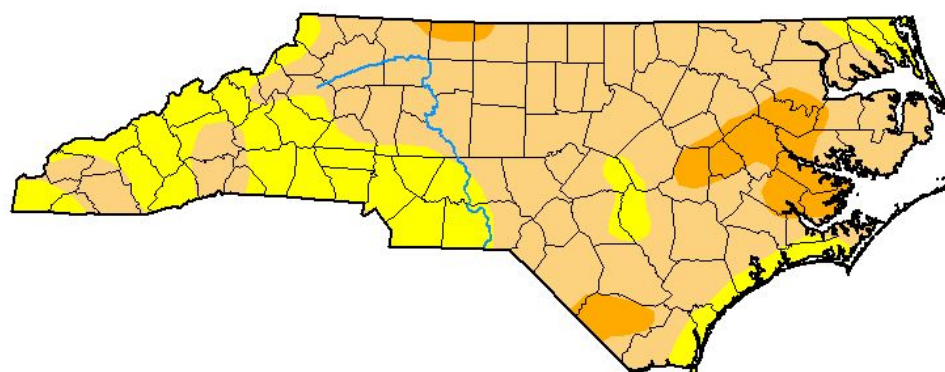
### Next Week's Outlook

A stalled front should bring rainfall totals of 1.5 to 4 inches across eastern North Carolina through Friday, with lower totals expected in areas farther west.

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### Last Week's Drought Status



### Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	11.99%	-13.47%
D1: Moderate Drought	67.91%	+2.38%
D2: Severe Drought	19.24%	+10.25%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.86%	+0.86%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%