

# North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **Nov. 26, 2024**  
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

## The Main Takeaway

Changes this week were limited to improvements to Moderate Drought (D1) in Clay and Macon counties after locally heavy rains last Tuesday and Wednesday.

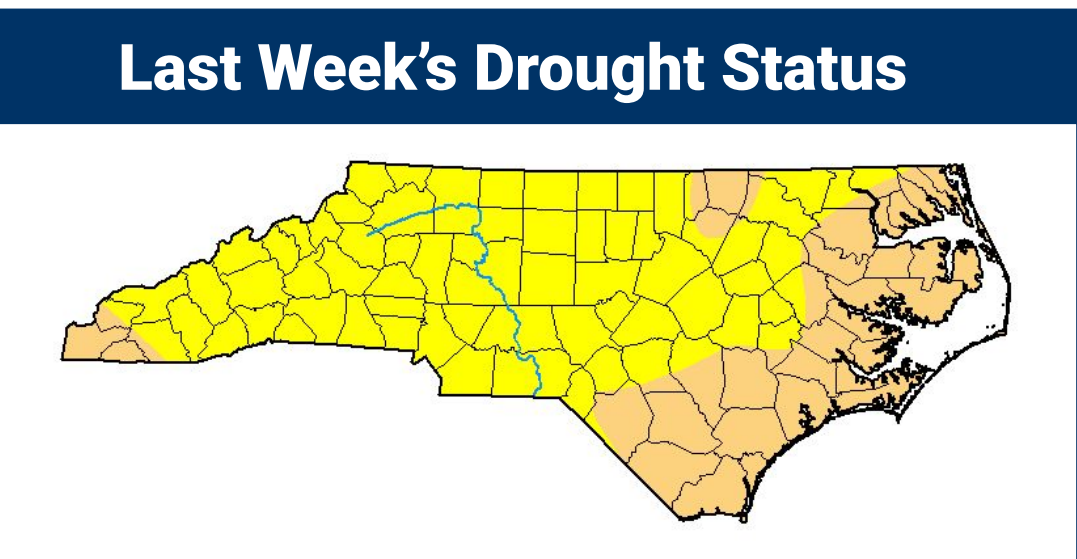
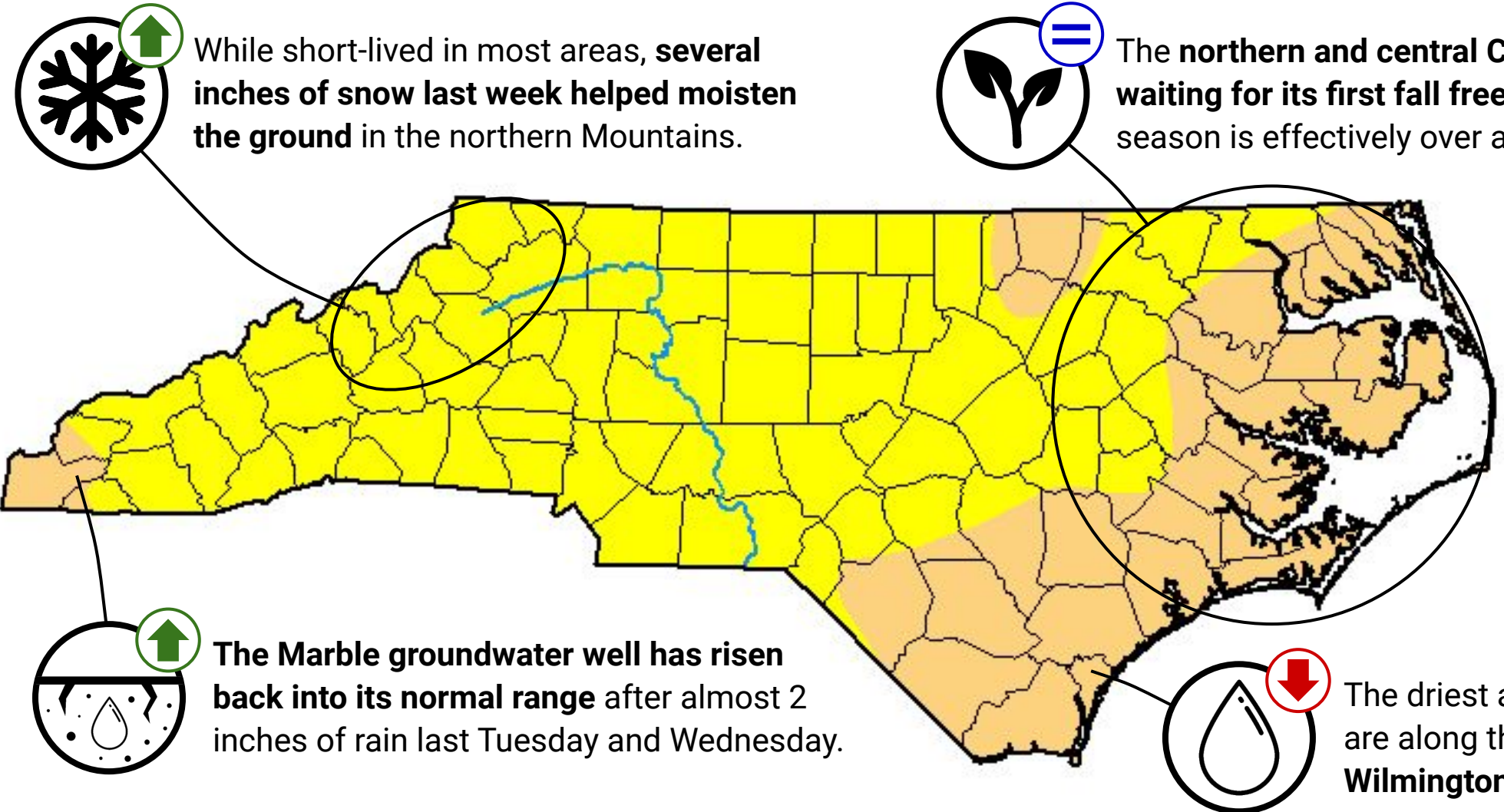
## This Week's Summary

It was a mostly dry week with less than half an inch of precipitation across much of the state, but the cooler weather including the first freeze of the season in some areas has delayed any further degradations or drought emergence. Widespread 1 to 2-inch rainfall deficits over the past month are causing surface-level dryness but few significant drought impacts as we enter the winter.

## Next Week's Outlook

A storm system moving through on Thanksgiving Day is expected to bring up to half an inch of rain statewide, followed by the first blast of Arctic air of the season.

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### Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	66.73%	+0.56%
D1: Moderate Drought	33.27%	-0.56%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%