

# North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **Apr. 8, 2025**  
 From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

## The Main Takeaway

Widespread rain across the state on Monday helped improve areas of Moderate Drought (D1) in western, central, and eastern NC to just Abnormally Dry (D0).

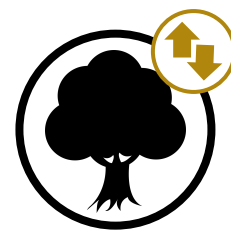
## This Week's Summary

On the heels last week's hot weather, Monday's rain event was just what we needed to recharge streams and soils, and chip away at ongoing rainfall deficits. The southern Mountains saw the highest totals – from 2 to 6 inches in most areas – but almost everywhere saw at least an inch, which helped tamp down wildfires and boost topsoil moisture for newly planted crops.

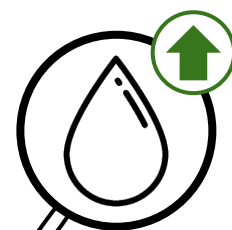
## Next Week's Outlook

A low pressure system will bring statewide rain on Friday, with expected totals of a quarter inch or less in the south and around an inch along the Virginia border.

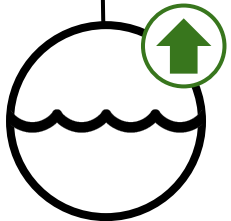
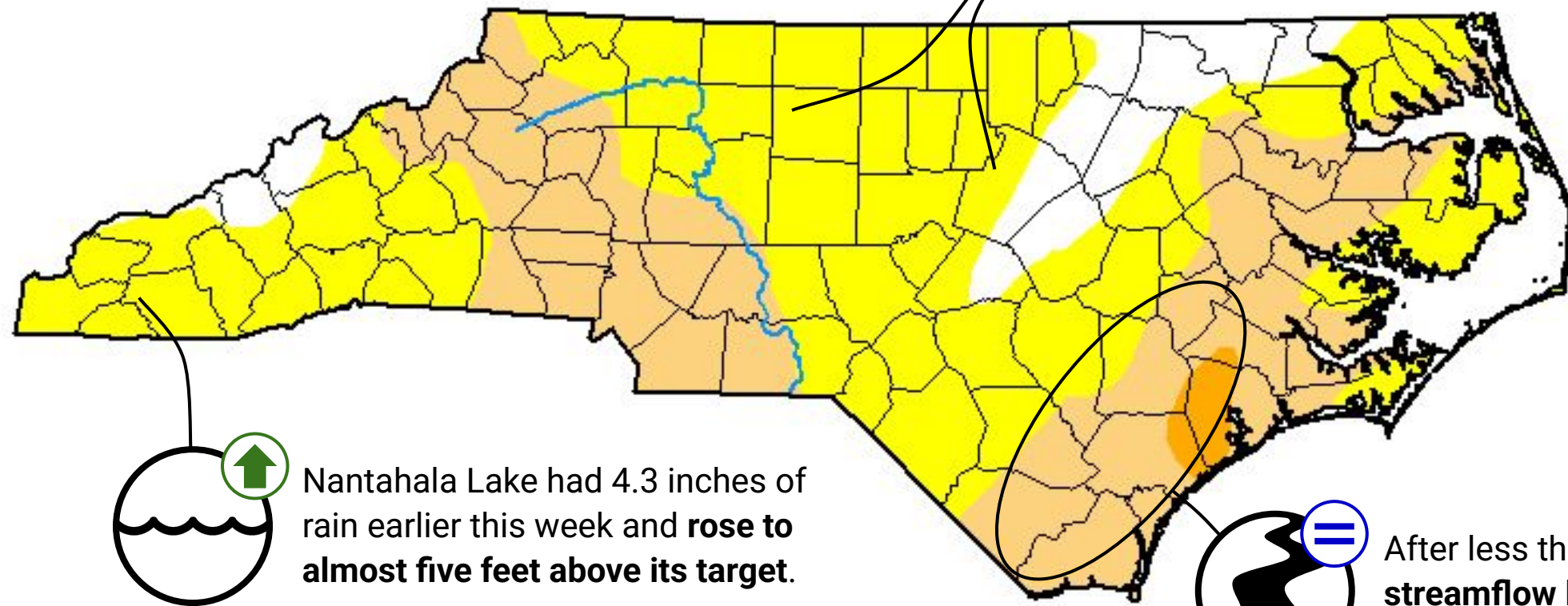
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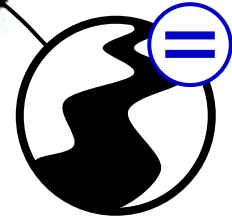
Warm weather and recent rain have helped green-up progress, but Wednesday morning's freeze could be a setback in some areas.



Greensboro and Raleigh each totaled 1.62 inches last weekend, putting them slightly above their normal rainfall over the past two months.

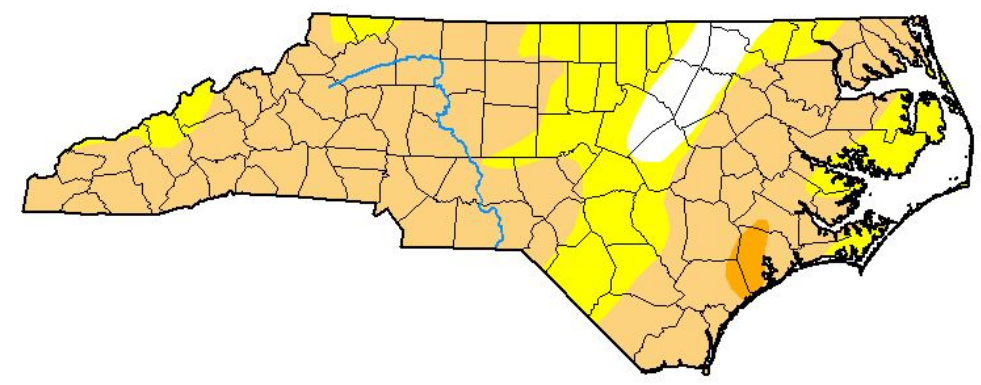


Nantahala Lake had 4.3 inches of rain earlier this week and rose to almost five feet above its target.



After less than an inch of rain Monday, streamflow levels remain below normal in the southern Coastal Plain.

## Last Week's Drought Status



## Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	56.18%	+30.53%
D1: Moderate Drought	33.44%	-34.43%
D2: Severe Drought	1.34%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%