

# North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **May 6, 2025**  
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

## The Main Takeaway

Last week's rain led to one-category improvements, including drought removal, in the western Mountains, central Piedmont, Sandhills, and northern Coastal Plain.

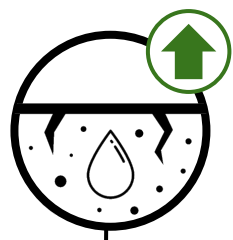
## This Week's Summary

Two rounds of rain last week, on Saturday and Monday, brought more than two inches in total to parts of the state. That reversed April's drying trend in areas where drought had expanded late last month and offered at least temporary relief for drying soils and declining streamflows. Wildfires remain a concern particularly at the coastline, with lightning adding to the fire threat.

## Next Week's Outlook

Rain chances will ramp up as a cold front moves in on Thursday and Friday, with more rain possible early next week from low pressure developing to our south.

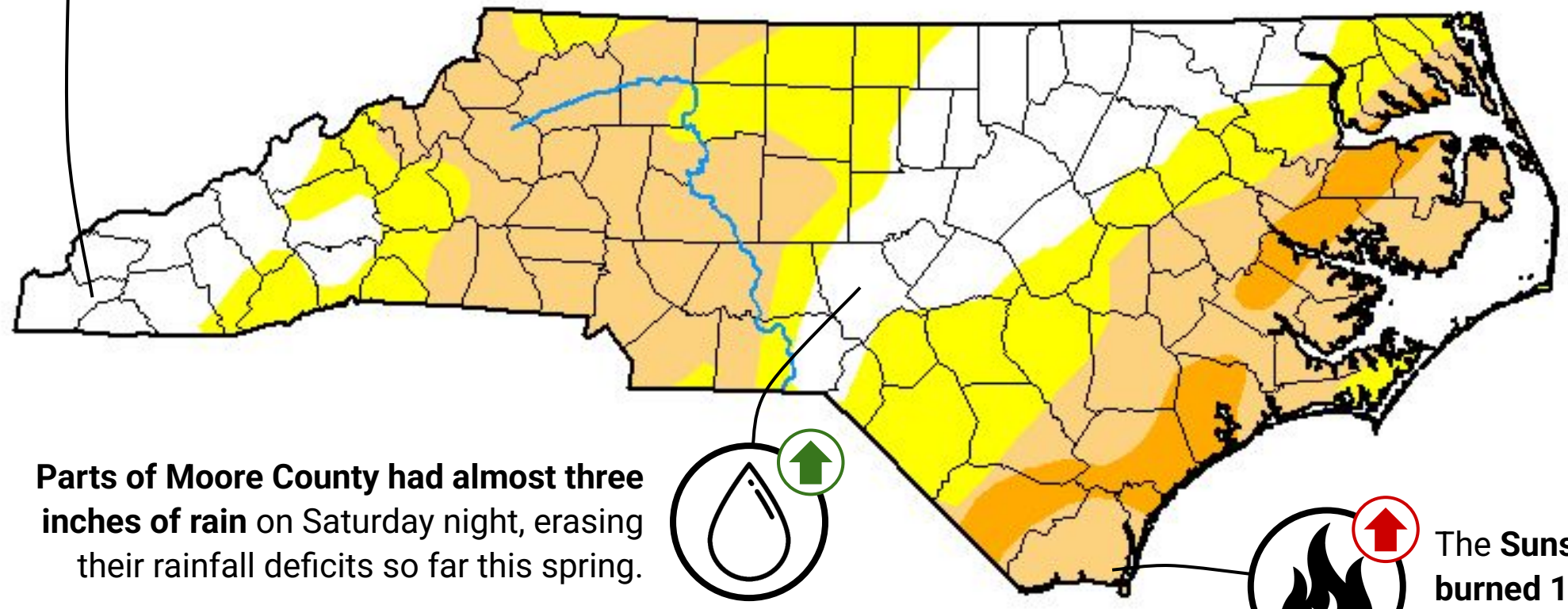
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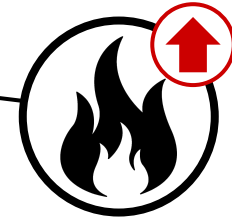
After dropping in April, **groundwater levels at the shallow Marble well spiked above normal** following last week's heavy rain.



**Topsoil moisture has improved** from 48% rated as short or very short to just 32% on the latest USDA/NASS Crop Progress Report.

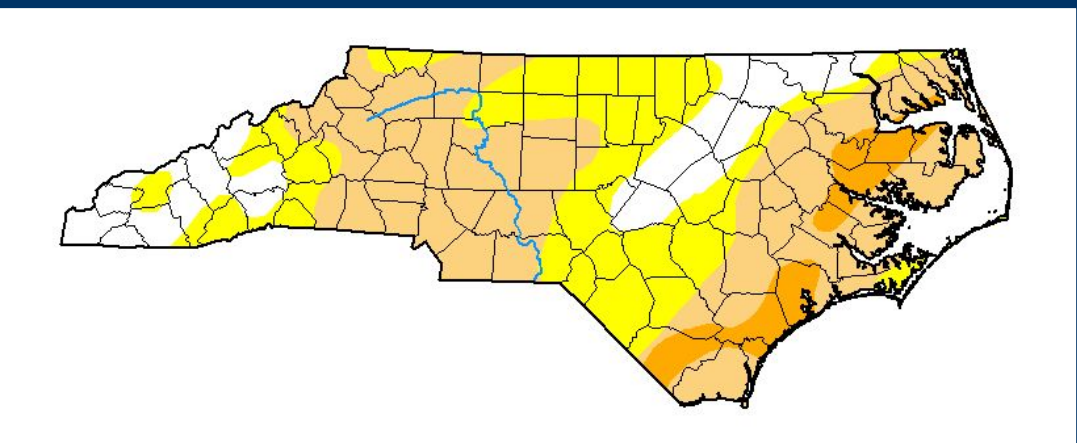


**Parts of Moore County had almost three inches of rain** on Saturday night, erasing their rainfall deficits so far this spring.



The **Sunset Road wildfire has burned 1,331 acres** and was only 15% contained as of Wednesday.

## Last Week's Drought Status



## Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	27.81%	-3.51%
D1: Moderate Drought	39.21%	-6.14%
D2: Severe Drought	6.67%	-0.70%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%