# North Carolina Drought Update

For the assessment period ending **May 13, 2025** From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the **NC DMAC** 

#### **The Main Takeaway**

A widespread 2 or more inches of rain earlier this week alleviated Moderate Drought (D1) conditions across the northern Mountains, Piedmont, and southern coastline.

## This Week's Summary

It was a welcome "rain without a name," as a Carteret County CoCoRaHS observer dubbed this week's latespring, non-tropical event. That multi-day soaking rain boosted streamflow levels and gave reservoirs a buffer as we head into the summer. Note that the rain falling in the northern and central Coastal Plain after 8 am on Tuesday will be reflected in next week's assessment.

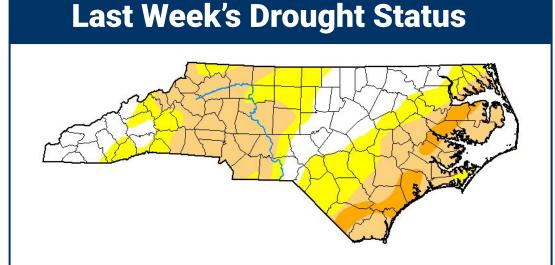
### **Next Week's Outlook**

Our high temperatures will climb into the upper 80s or low 90s through the weekend with scattered showers and thunderstorms expected daily through Saturday.

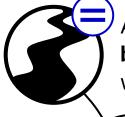
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TVA's reservoirs in the Mountains, including Fontana Lake, are already at or near their summer target levels after the latest rains. After 2.48 inches of rain last week, Charlotte's springtime rainfall deficit is now just 0.46 inches.

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As of Tuesday morning, **streamflows remained below normal in the upper Roanoke River basin**, which had less than an inch of rain last week.



Rainfall totals of up to 7 inches in Onslow County will **help with mop-up from spring wildfires**.

#### **Statewide Coverage by Category**

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
<b>D0</b> : Abnormally Dry	48.32%	+20.51%
D1: Moderate Drought	11.28%	-27.93%
<b>D2</b> : Severe Drought	1.31%	-5.36%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
<b>D4</b> : Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%