

North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **June 3, 2025**

From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

The Main Takeaway

A wet end to May helped clear out Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions in the Piedmont and northern Mountains, and improve some Moderate Drought (D1) at the coast.

This Week's Summary

Another wet week brought more improvements and put us on the verge of wiping out our drought more than seven months after it began. The first areas to enter that drought in the northeast will be the last spots where it ends, as a drier-than-normal May there kept groundwater levels low. The rest of the state is plenty wet with no drought impacts entering the summer.

Next Week's Outlook

Showers from a coastal low will spread across eastern NC on Thursday, and a cold front will bring more rain over the weekend, with up to 4 inches in total this week.

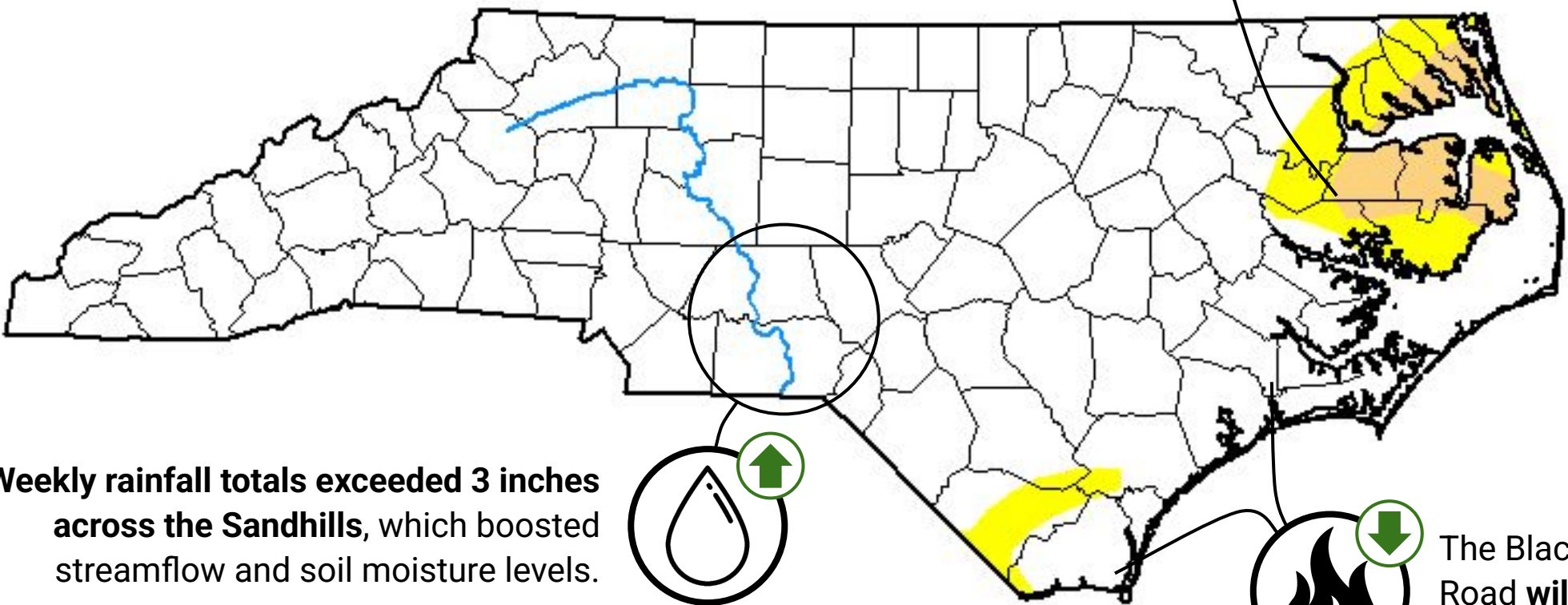
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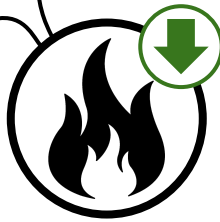
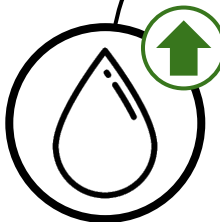
While some farm fields have been too wet for work, **corn and soybean emergence continues at or ahead of the five-year average pace.**



Just one USGS stream gauge in NC – at Van Swamp – has **below-normal average streamflows** over the past 7 and 28 days.

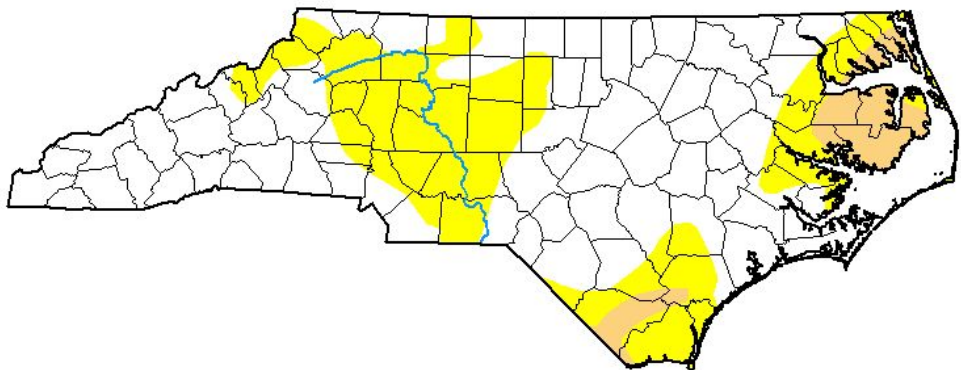


Weekly rainfall totals exceeded 3 inches across the Sandhills, which boosted streamflow and soil moisture levels.



The Black Swamp and Sunset Road **wildfires reached 100% containment** in the past week.

Last Week's Drought Status



Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	6.11%	-23.99%
D1: Moderate Drought	3.21%	-2.86%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%