

# North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **July 22, 2025**  
*From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC*

## The Main Takeaway

Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions have expanded across the southern Piedmont north and west of Charlotte, reflecting the dry weather there over the past month.

## This Week's Summary

The past few weeks have seen wide-ranging rainfall totals across the state, from more than 8 inches in some northern Piedmont and central coastal areas to less than an inch along the South Carolina border. While lake and stream levels remain steady thanks to the recent upstream rainfall, our dry spots are seeing dry soils, brown lawns, and stressed, wilting vegetation.

## Next Week's Outlook

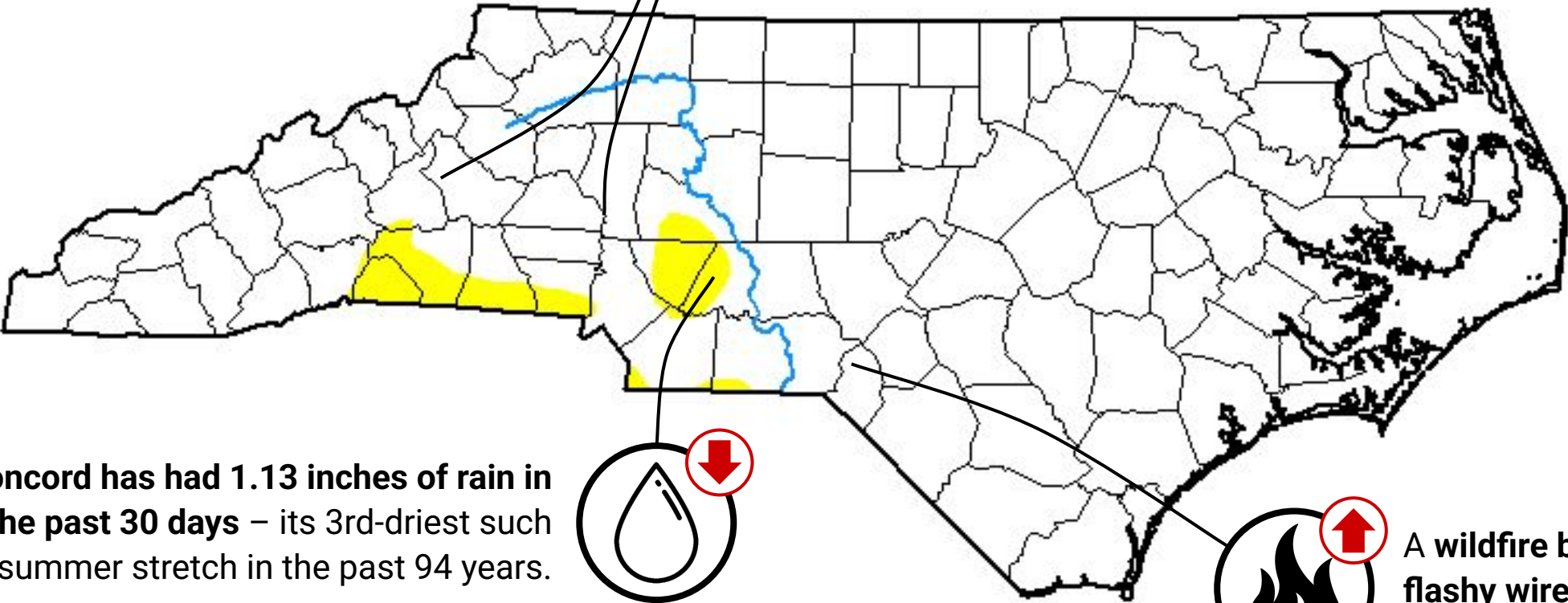
Extreme heat will return this weekend with highs in the upper 90s to low 100s. High pressure overhead will reduce rain chances through the middle of next week.

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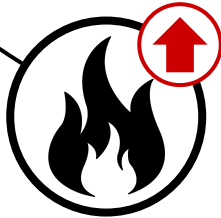
**Lake James and Lake Norman remain at their target levels**, but the upcoming hot weather will increase water demands.



Despite a small drop in topsoil moisture this week, **crop conditions remain mostly good to excellent** per USDA/NASS.

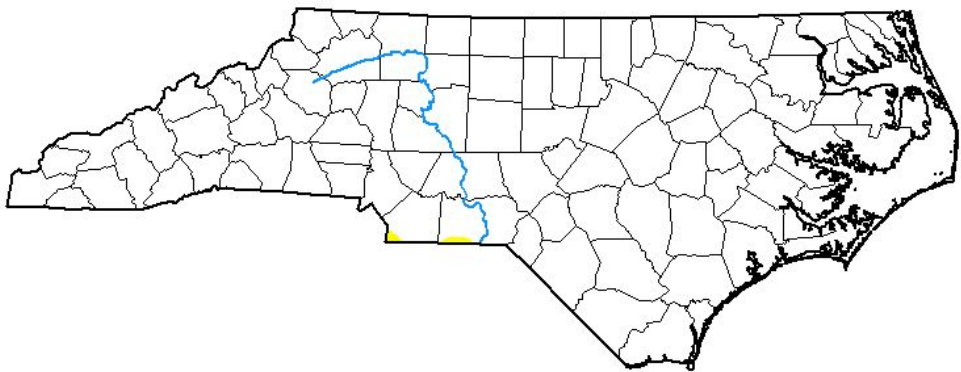


**Concord has had 1.13 inches of rain in the past 30 days** – its 3rd-driest such summer stretch in the past 94 years.



**A wildfire burned 366 acres in flashy wiregrass fuels** at the Sandhills Gameland on Monday.

## Last Week's Drought Status



## Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
<b>D0: Abnormally Dry</b>	3.56%	+3.39%
<b>D1: Moderate Drought</b>	0.00%	0.00%
<b>D2: Severe Drought</b>	0.00%	0.00%
<b>D3: Extreme Drought</b>	0.00%	0.00%
<b>D4: Exceptional Drought</b>	0.00%	0.00%