

North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **Dec. 9, 2025**
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

The Main Takeaway

Recent precipitation led to one-category improvements across eastern North Carolina, but Moderate Drought (D1) has emerged in parts of the southern Mountains.

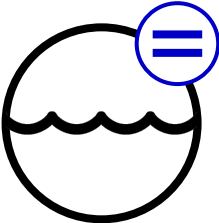
This Week's Summary

Our precipitation over the past week was a mixed bag in more ways than one, with both rain and snow falling on Monday, and overall higher totals in the east while western areas remained dry. That moisture boosted soil moisture and streamflow levels in the southern Coastal Plain, while much of central and western NC has had less than 1.5 inches of rain in the past month.

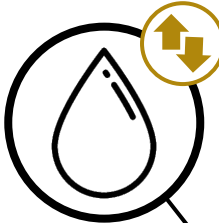
Next Week's Outlook

Following a seasonable Saturday, a reinforcing shot of colder air will arrive on Sunday, bringing a slight chance of rain or snow before we clear out again by Monday.

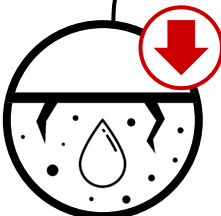
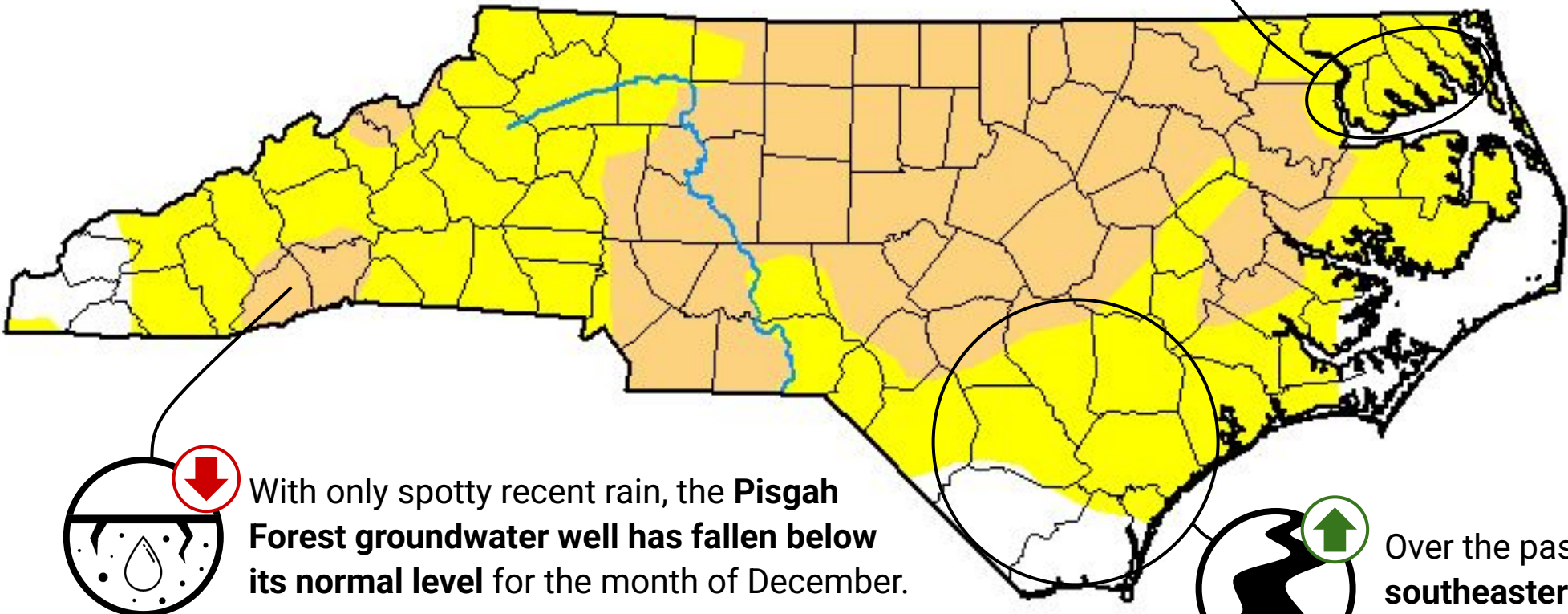
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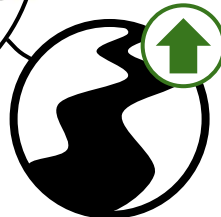
Piedmont reservoir levels are largely unchanged, but many remain below targets and are holding onto any moisture they receive.



While seasonal deficits remain around 1 inch, **this week's rain, plus up to an inch of snow**, left yards mushy in northeastern NC.

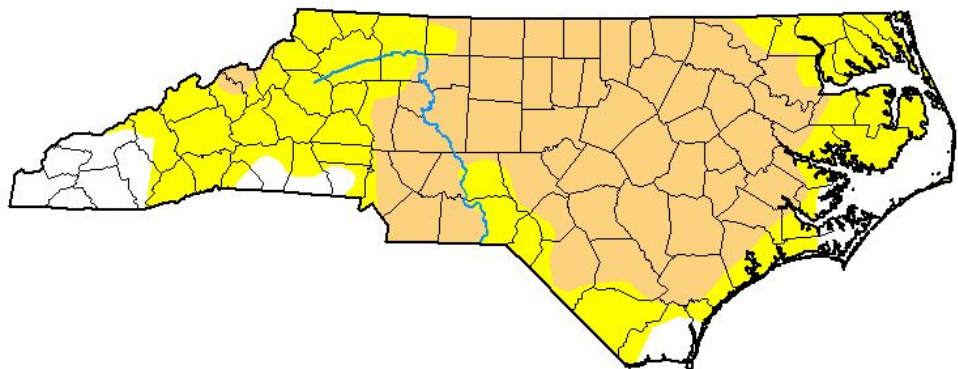


With only spotty recent rain, the **Pisgah Forest groundwater well has fallen below its normal level** for the month of December.



Over the past 7 days, **streamflows in southeastern NC have jumped back to near normal** for this time of year.

Last Week's Drought Status



Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	49.04%	+11.98%
D1: Moderate Drought	43.92%	-10.11%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%