

North Carolina Drought Update

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

The Main Takeaway

Despite a dry week in many areas, drought conditions are largely unchanged, as the lingering moisture from February's rain events has stabilized most water levels.

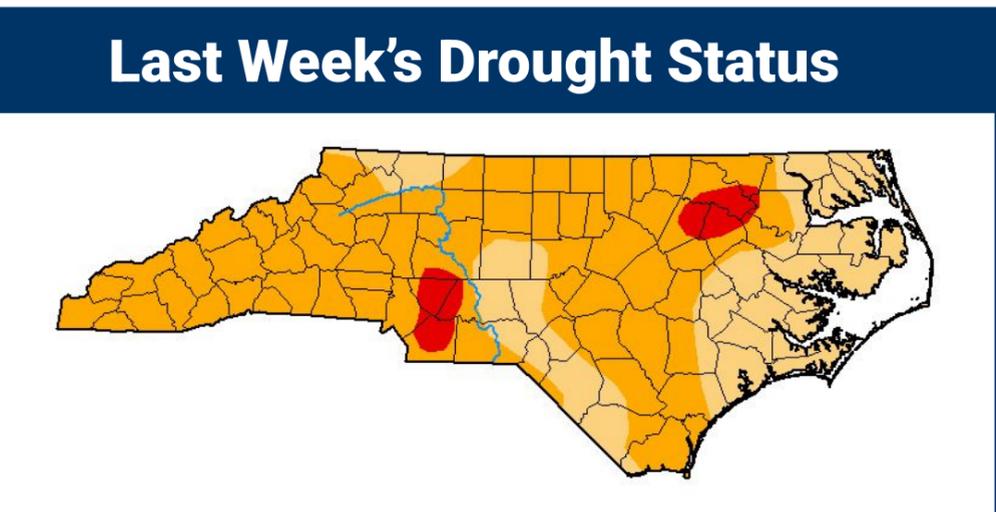
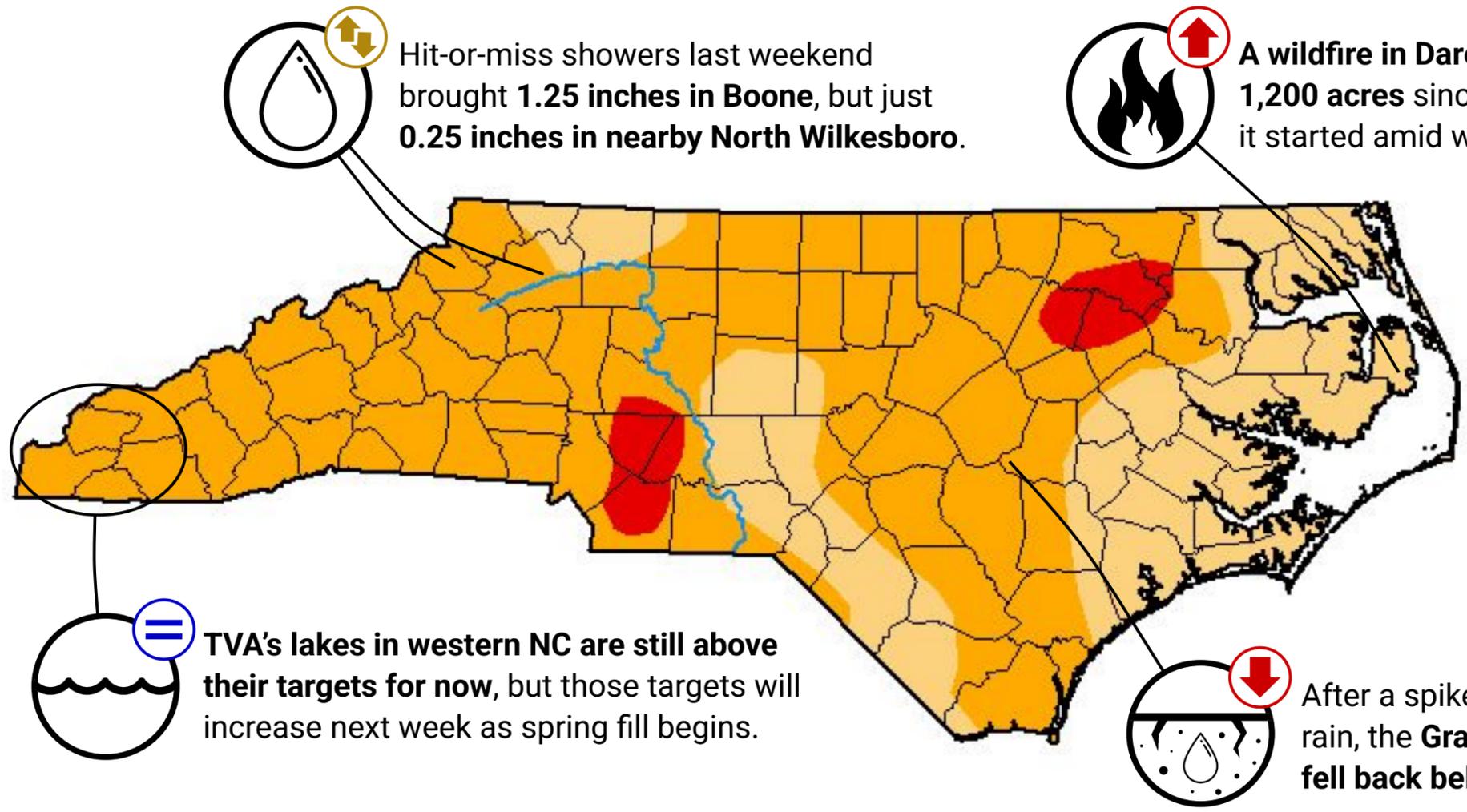
This Week's Summary

Spring has decidedly sprung, with 80-degree weather and scattered showers and storms over the past week. That rainfall pattern meant a few areas received an inch or more, but many areas missed out and had less than half an inch. The most apparent difference this week was the amount of trees budding and flowers blooming, which will increase their moisture demands.

Next Week's Outlook

A pair of cold fronts moving through on Thursday and Monday will bring more showers and thunderstorms, with weekly rainfall totals of a half inch or more likely.

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Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	0.00%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	29.84%	-0.17%
D2: Severe Drought	65.91%	+0.17%
D3: Extreme Drought	4.25%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%