

North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **Apr. 7, 2026**

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

The Main Takeaway

Severe (D2) and Extreme (D3) Drought has expanded in parts of the state, including into Asheville, across the upper Yadkin Valley, and in the northern Coastal Plain.

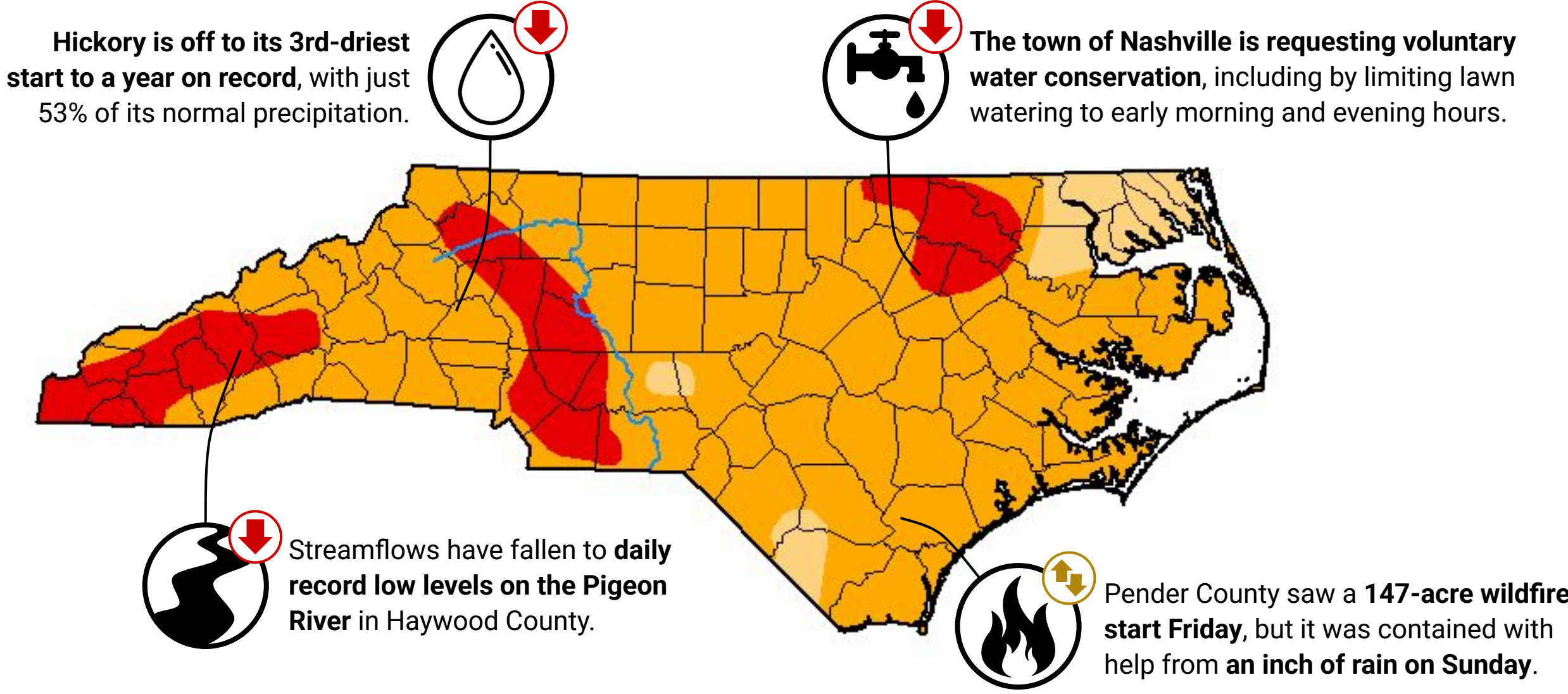
This Week's Summary

Showers along last Sunday's cold frontal passage were generally light, except in a few parts of the Mountains and along the coastline. Even where that rain occurred, streamflows saw only a brief boost while groundwater levels continued to decline. The forecast isn't exactly promising, with no precipitation expected this week, plus warm weather that will evaporate more moisture.

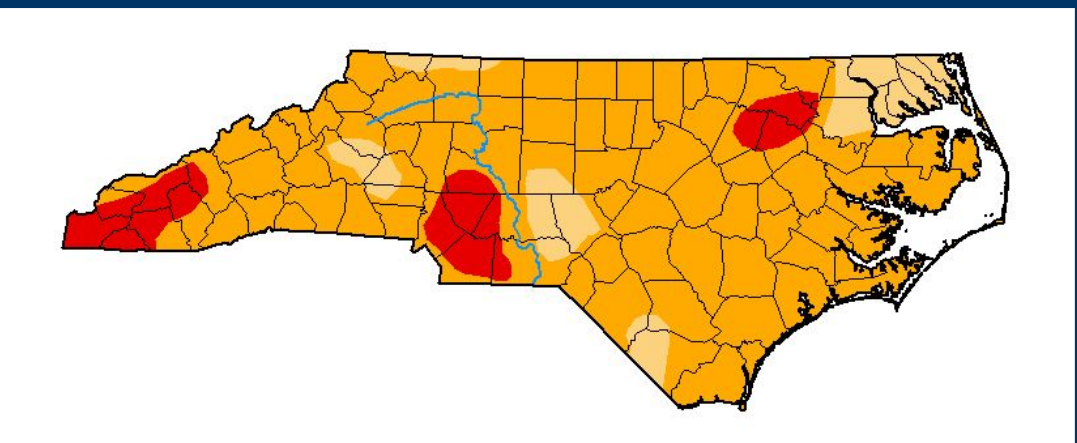
Next Week's Outlook

As high pressure builds over us, our rain chances will be essentially zero this week. Temperatures will reach the 80s this weekend and possibly 90°F by Wednesday.

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Last Week's Drought Status



Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	0.00%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	6.21%	-4.39%
D2: Severe Drought	77.09%	-2.67%
D3: Extreme Drought	16.70%	+7.06%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%