

# Ground Water Assessment Report

Drought Management Advisory Council

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## Drought Indicator Wells

- Ground water levels are a measure of the amount of water stored in the subsurface that is available to discharge to surface water features.
- 46 wells with a 32 year average record
- 16 wells monitored by USGS
  - Automatic recorders, hourly data, satellite "real-time" access to measurements.
- 30 wells monitored by DWR
  - Automatic recorders, hourly data, downloaded quarterly (Feb, May, Aug & Nov)

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**Division of Water Resources**

## Drought Indicator Wells

Water level in status table ranked against historical data for the matching month through 2012.

NC DWR April 16, 2013  
Well & Baseflow Drought Graphic

Contoured baseflow (circles) and well (triangles) percentile data. Current or selected month ranked against data from same month in previous years (1985 - 2012). Graphic re-drawn each Tuesday.

The NC Division of Water Resources and the US Geological Survey monitor ground water levels in the listed wells to measure the impact of rainfall (or the lack of rainfall). These wells are chosen as Drought Indicator Wells because they respond to rainfall quickly and their location is representative of the region's geology.

Today: April 17, 2013

#	Well Name	Status	County	River Basin	Years	(% Daily)
1	Columbus	Apr 9, 2013	Polk	Broad	38	30
2	Kelly	Apr 3, 2013	Bladen	Cape Fear	32	22
3	Southport (BR-885)	Apr 14, 2013	Brunswick	Cape Fear	43	37
4	Steelebrook School	Apr 2, 2013	Cumberland	Cape Fear	32	25
5	Rose Hill (NC-222R)	Apr 14, 2013	Duplin	Cape Fear	31	39
6	Gibsonville	Apr 3, 2013	Gulford	Cape Fear	45	28
7	Cape Lenoir	Apr 5, 2013	Onslow	Cape Fear	26	87
8	UNC Campus (OR-069)**	Apr 2, 2013	Orange	Cape Fear	65	25
9	Topwell Beach	Apr 3, 2013	Pender	Cape Fear	30	30
10	NC Zoo	Apr 1, 2013	Randolph	Cape Fear	41	27
11	Halls	Apr 3, 2013	Sampson	Cape Fear	32	24
12	Finney Marina**	Apr 3, 2013	Wake	Cape Fear	31	30
13	Glen Alpine (BK-120)	Apr 14, 2013	Burke	Catawba	43	29
14	Hornets Nest Park	Apr 1, 2013	Mecklenburg	Catawba	25	113
15	Rosedale	Apr 4, 2013	Steele	Chowan	15	107
16	Como	Apr 4, 2013	Hertford	Chowan	32	29
17	Champion (BK-647)	Apr 14, 2013	Haywood	French Broad	57	96
18	Blodgett (NC-148)	Apr 14, 2013	Transylvania	French Broad	32	99
19	American Thread (NC-192)	Apr 14, 2013	Cherokee	Swain	24	99
20	Bryson City	Apr 2, 2013	Swain	Little Tennessee	38	25
21	Bladenboro	Apr 2, 2013	Bladen	Lumber	48	33
22	Catawba (BR-133)	Apr 14, 2013	Brunswick	Lumber	40	28
23	Jordan Creek (NC-194)	Apr 14, 2013	Guilford	Lumber	19	82
24	Cleveland	Apr 2, 2013	Johnston	Neuse	8	88
25	Confort (NC-173)	Apr 14, 2013	Jones	Neuse	27	59
26	Granges	Apr 3, 2013	Lenoir	Neuse	24	51
27	Caldwell	Apr 3, 2013	Orange	Neuse	44	14
28	Grantlawn (NC-148)	Apr 14, 2013	Wayne	Neuse	33	47
29	Stationsburg	Apr 2, 2013	Wilson	Neuse	11	83
30	Laurel Springs	Apr 2, 2013	Albemarle	New	42	30
31	Beaver Creek	Apr 2, 2013	Ashe	New	43	42
32	Elizabeth City (NC-195)	Apr 14, 2013	Pasquotank	Pasquotank	22	82
33	Gan Neck	Apr 3, 2013	Tyrrell	Pasquotank	37	27
34	Lawsville	Apr 2, 2013	Steele	Roanoke	30	34
35	Van Swamp (NC-158)	Apr 14, 2013	Washington	Roanoke	18	83
36	Godley	Apr 2, 2013	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	32	28
37	Old Swarts	Apr 2, 2013	Edgecombe	Tar-Pamlico	13	69
38	Burn	Apr 4, 2013	Franklin	Tar-Pamlico	7	83
39	Outdell**	Apr 3, 2013	Granville	Tar-Pamlico	45	22
40	Urbicon	Apr 3, 2013	Halifax	Tar-Pamlico	45	19
41	Simpson (NC-160)	Apr 14, 2013	Pitt	Tar-Pamlico	10	83
42	Mohaville (NC-142)	Apr 14, 2013	Davis	Yadkin	32	96
43	Barber (NC-163)	Apr 14, 2013	Rowan	Yadkin	23	94
44	Monroe	Apr 1, 2013	Union	Yadkin	44	29
45	Wilkesboro	Apr 2, 2013	Wilkes	Yadkin	41	31

**Drought Indicator Wells**  
 Current conditions tab on [www.ncdrought.org](http://www.ncdrought.org)

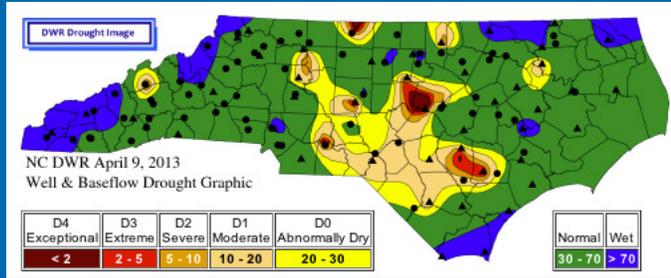
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### April 2013

### April 2012

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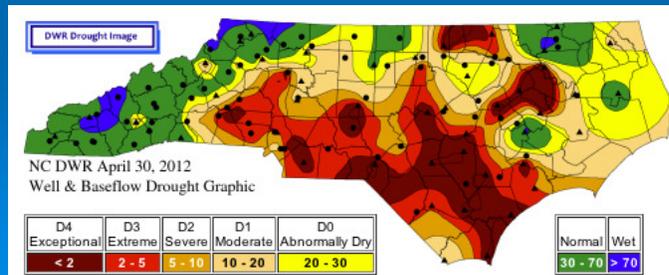
# DWR Drought Image



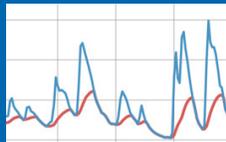
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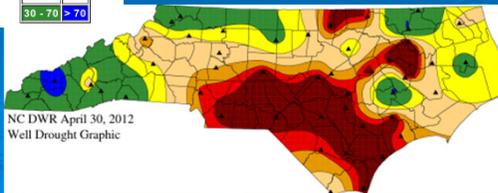
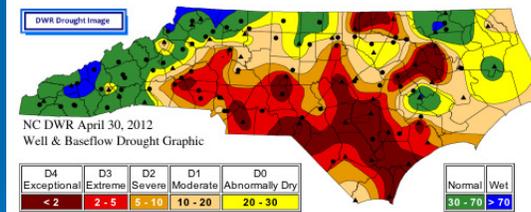
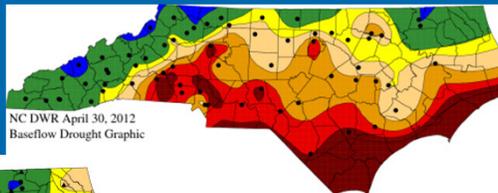
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# DDI Combines DIW and Baseflow Percentiles



Lyne and  
Hollick  
algorithm



## Network News

- Eight “new” wells are currently being monitored and will fill some of the geographic gaps in the current network.
- Wells need > 5 years of record to be helpful.
- DWR will add two telemetry stations this May – remote access to water levels

