Ground Water Report

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Drought Indicator Wells

- 54 wells with a 36 year average record
- 14 wells monitored by USGS
 - Automatic recorders, hourly data, satellite telemetry
- •40 wells monitored by DWR
 - Automatic recorders, hourly data, downloaded quarterly (Feb, May, Aug & Nov) & cell phone telemetry on 12 wells
 - A couple of wells are in flux due to land owner or well construction issues



Drought Indicator Wells



Water level in status table ranked against historical data for the matching month through 2015.



Contoured baseflow (circles) and well (triangles) percentile data. Current or selected month ranked against data from same month in previous years (1965 - 2015). Graphic is re-drawn each Tuesday.

The NC Division of Water Resources and the US Geological Survey

Today: April 26, 2016

| # WELL NAME | STATUS | COUNTY | RIVER BASIN | YEARS % | DAILY |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| 1 Columbus | Apr 26, 2016 | Polk | Broad | 41 | 35 |
| 2 Kelly | Mar 9, 2016 | Bladen | Cape Fear | 35 | 29 |
| 3 Southport (BR-083) | Apr 25, 2016 | Brunswick | Cape Fear | 46 | 42 |
| 4 Seabrook School | Jan 26, 2016 | Cumberland | Cape Fear | 34 | 31 |
| 5 Rose Hill (NC-222R) | | Duplin | Cape Fear | 34 | 44 |
| 6 Gibsonville | Jan 28, 2016 | Guilford | Cape Fear | 48 | 32 |
| 7 Camp Lejeune | Feb 1, 2016 | Onslow | Cape Fear | 29 | 89 |
| 8 UNC Campus | Feb 22, 2016 | Orange | Cape Fear | 65 | 26 |
| 9 Topsail Beach | Apr 26, 2016 | Pender | Cape Fear | 32 | 36 |
| 10 NC Zoo | Apr 26, 2016 | Randolph | Cape Fear | 46 | 31 |
| 11 Halls | Jan 25, 2016 | Sampson | Cape Fear | 35 | 30 |
| 12 Fuguay Varina | Feb 25, 2016 | Wake | Cape Fear | 34 | 36 |
| 13 Glen Alpine (BK-126) | Apr 25, 2016 | Burke | Catawba | 46 | 34 |
| 14 Troutman | Apr 26, 2016 | Iredell | Catawba | 47 | 50 |
| 15 Hornets Nest Park | Apr 26, 2016 | Mecklenburg | | 25 | 100 |
| 16 Roxobel | Mar 15, 2016 | Bertie | Chowan | 17 | 100 |
| 17 Sunbury ** | Jun 18, 2015 | Gates | Chowan | 48 | 20 |
| 18 Como | Apr 26, 2016 | Hertford | Chowan | 35 | 35 |
| 19 Champion (HW-047) | Apr 25, 2016 | Haywood | French Broad | 60 | 96 |
| 20 Blantyre (NC-144) | Apr 25, 2016 | | French Broad | 35 | 99 |
| 21 American Thread (NC-192) | Apr 25, 2016 | Cherokee | Hiwassee | 27 | 99 |
| 22 Bryson City | Apr 26, 2016 | Swain | Little Tennessee | 51 | 35 |
| 23 Bladenboro | Mar 9, 2016 | Bladen | Lumber | 41 | 30 |
| 24 Calabash (BR-123) ** | Feb 11, 2016 | Brunswick | Lumber | 43 | 29 |
| 25 Clarendon | Apr 26, 2016 | Columbus | Lumber | 40 | 17 |
| 26 Rowland | | Robeson | Lumber | 45 | 9 |
| 27 Magnolia School | Feb 4, 2016 | Robeson | Lumber | 38 | 29 |
| 28 Jordan Creek (NC-194) | Apr 25, 2016 | Scotland | Lumber | 22 | 85 |
| 29 Cherry Point | Feb 9, 2016 | Craven | Neuse | 26 | 43 |
| 30 Cleveland | Jan 25, 2016 | Johnston | Neuse | 11 | 89 |
| 31 Comfort (NC-173) | Apr 25, 2016 | Jones | Neuse | 30 | 63 |
| 32 Graingers | Feb 2, 2016 | Lenoir | Neuse | 24 | 63 |
| 33 Caldwell | Feb 9, 2016 | Orange | Neuse | 47 | 19 |
| 34 Whortonsville | Jan 26, 2016 | Pamlico | Neuse | 38 | 19 |
| 35 Grantham (NC-148) | Apr 25, 2016 | Wavne | Neuse | 36 | 51 |
| 36 Stantonsburg | Feb 3, 2016 | Wilson | Neuse | 14 | 82 |
| 37 Laurel Springs | Feb 10, 2016 | Alleghany | New | 45 | 34 |
| 38 Beaver Creek | Feb 17, 2016 | Ashe | New | 46 | 47 |
| 39 Manteo Airport | Apr 26, 2016 | Dare | Pasquotank | 32 | 42 |
| 40 Elizabeth City (NC-195) | Apr 25, 2016 | Pasquotank | Pasquotank | 25 | 88 |
| 41 Gum Neck | Jan 21, 2016 | Tyrrell | Pasquotank | 39 | 32 |
| 42 Lewiston | Apr 26, 2016 | Bertie | Roanoke | 33 | 40 |
| 43 Van Swamp (NC-158) | Apr 25, 2016 | Washington | Roanoke | 22 | 86 |



Current conditions tab on www.ncdrought.org

DWR Drought Image



Contoured baseflow (circles) and well (triangles) percentile data. Current or selected month ranked against data from same month in previous years (1965 - 2015). Graphic redrawn each Tuesday.



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- Surface water gage data is filtered using the Lyne and Hollick algorithm to create daily baseflow data
- Latest values are ranked against historical baseflow data
- The resulting percentiles are contoured
- Similarly, latest levels are ranked against historical ground water level data and the resulting percentiles are contoured
- The combined set of percentiles are contoured in the DWR Drought Image (top map)

DWR Drought Image







Network News & Guidance

We've installed cell phone telemetry on 12 wells. All are working steadily now. <u>Four</u> additional wells will be equipped with telemetry this summer and fall.

Full or near full ground water storage now translates to fewer drought related water supply impacts later this year. But, we're showing signs of drying already...





Hornets Nest Park Station, Mecklenburg County



Year in Review

April 2015



December 2015



Baseflow Rate of Change

Annual baseflow percentage averages were calculated (1965 to present) for each gage. Linear regressions yielded increasing, decreasing, or no change in the baseflow percentage.

Baseflow Rate of Change, 1965 to present (Percent/Year)

- Negative trending slopes are expected if impermeable surfaces increase or number of rainfall events decrease.
- Positive trending slopes are expected if impermeable surfaces decrease or number of rainfall events increase.



