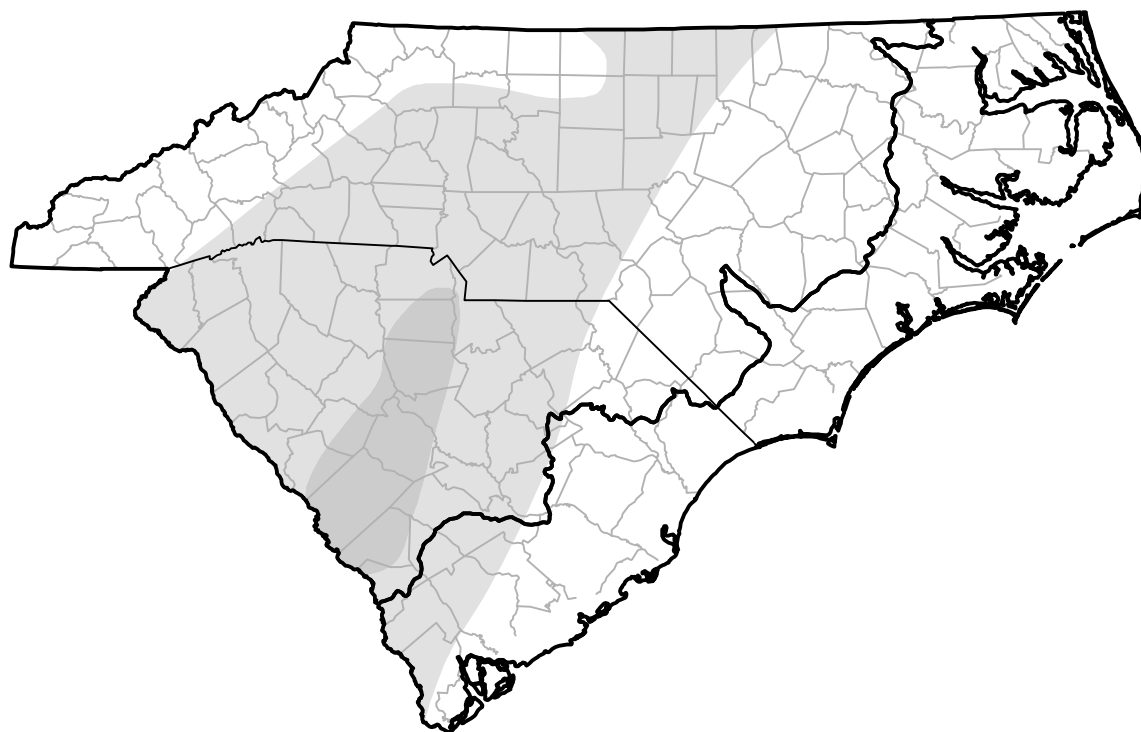


# Carolinas RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 55.36 | 44.64  | 5.66  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-19-2002              | 55.40 | 44.60  | 6.58  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-26-2002           | 8.06  | 91.94  | 79.19 | 54.23 | 27.47 | 6.47 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2002 | 0.00  | 100.00 | 99.93 | 92.59 | 27.06 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-03-2002    | 9.12  | 90.88  | 76.18 | 61.56 | 27.22 | 8.55 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-27-2001           | 0.00  | 100.00 | 99.87 | 92.95 | 20.52 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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