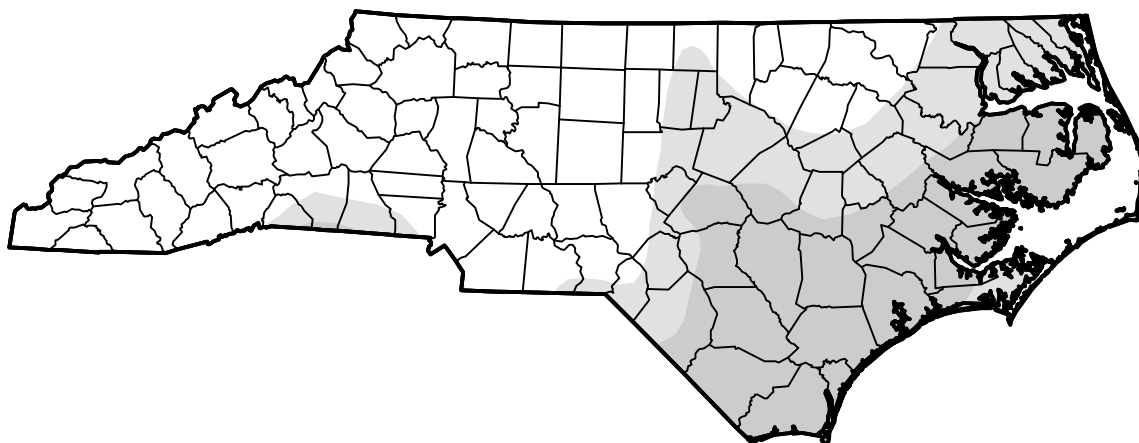


# U.S. Drought Monitor North Carolina

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 52.26 | 20.89 | 26.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>                  | 53.82 | 32.43 | 13.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-06-2011</i>               | 56.52 | 29.02 | 14.06 | 0.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 52.26 | 20.89 | 26.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 57.13 | 28.50 | 13.98 | 0.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i>               | 42.48 | 42.12 | 15.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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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