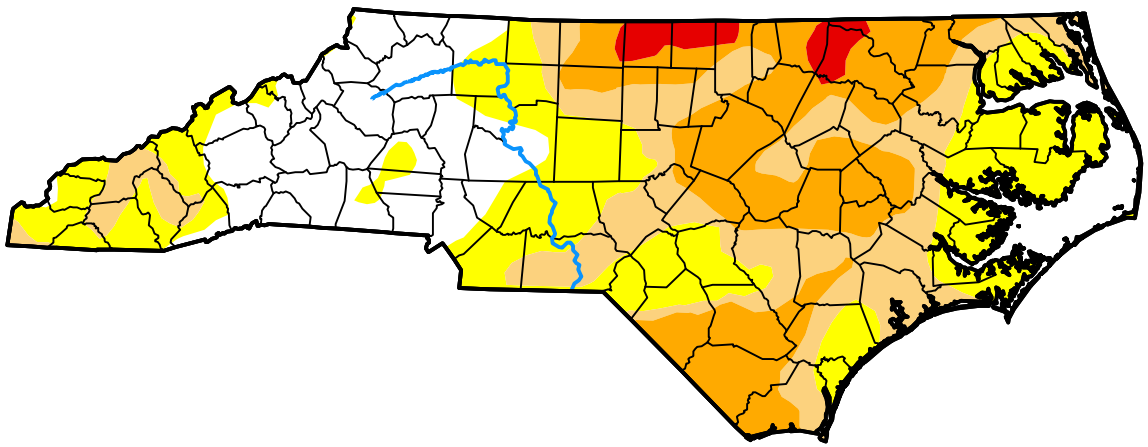
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Carolina



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.16	79.84	49.59	25.43	2.44	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	11.52	88.48	58.44	23.98	4.30	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	0.01	99.99	91.23	79.23	28.73	1.97
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.00	100.00	83.44	28.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	10.83	89.17	60.60	26.67	5.52	0.34
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	8.24	91.76	53.31	15.41	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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