

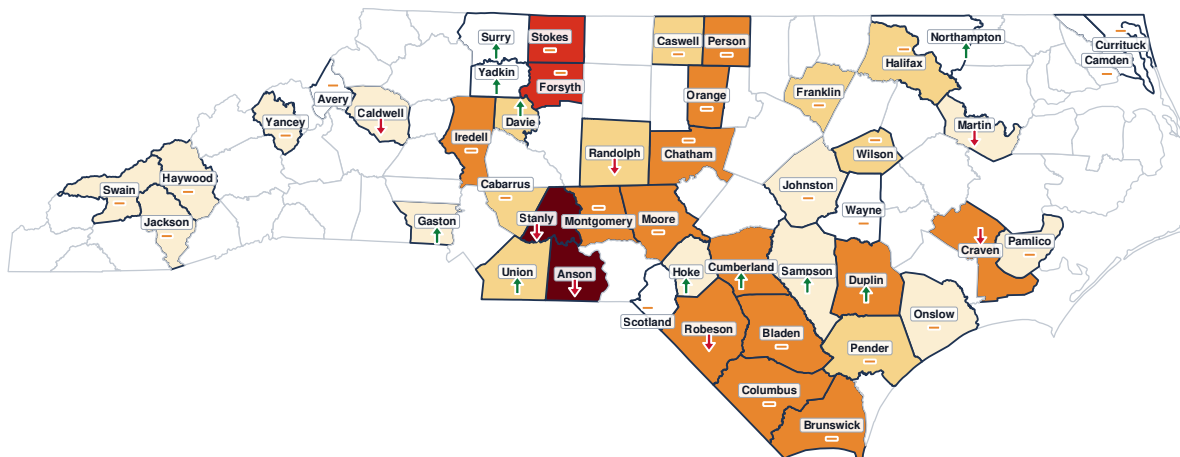
DROUGHT IMPACT (COUNTY REPORTED)

- Exceptional Drought
- Extreme Drought
- Severe Drought
- Moderate Drought
- Abnormally Dry
- No mapped response

COMMENT SIGNAL

- Worsening / crop stress intensifying
- Some relief / conditions improving
- Uneven rainfall / mixed conditions
- Persistent drought / little change

COUNTY-REPORTED DROUGHT IMPACT



STATEWIDE TRENDS

- Recent scattered and heavy rains have improved topsoil moisture across many counties but have not fully replenished subsoil reserves.
- Corn and soybean yields are expected to be reduced in several dry counties, with dryland corn particularly impacted in parts of the southeast.
- Pasture and hay production remain behind in multiple counties despite short-term rebound from recent rainfall.
- Many counties report lingering crop damage from earlier seasonal drought even where surface moisture has returned.
- Water tables, ponds, and some stream levels remain low in portions of the coastal plain, limiting available water supplies.

TOP STATEWIDE CONCERNS

- subsoil moisture deficits
- crop yield losses (corn, soybeans)
- delayed planting and replanting
- hay and pasture shortfalls
- low water tables and pond levels
- uneven, localized rainfall

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

WEST / MOUNTAINS & FOOTHILLS

Avery, Caldwell, Gaston, Haywood, Iredell, Jackson, Swain, Yancey

- Most mountain counties report Abnormally Dry conditions; recent scattered thunderstorms and weekly rains have eased dryness in many areas.
- Iredell remains in Severe Drought with lasting crop damage despite recent rainfall.

PIEDMONT / SANDHILLS

Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Cumberland, Davie, Forsyth, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Yadkin

- Piedmont shows a mix from Moderate to Exceptional/Extreme drought (Anson, Stanly, Forsyth, Stokes), with recent rains improving surface moisture but not eliminating prior damage.
- Farmers report delayed planting, replanting, and continued shortfall in hay production despite recent improvements; localized heavy rains caused flooding in parts of northern Surry and Yadkin.

NORTH & CENTRAL COASTAL PLAIN

Camden, Craven, Currituck, Franklin, Halifax, Johnston, Martin, Northampton, Pamlico, Wayne, Wilson

- Coastal plain interior counties show improving topsoil after July rains but persistent subsoil dryness (Craven, Franklin, Pamlico noted subsoil or water-table deficits).
- Conditions range from Abnormally Dry to Severe, with several counties reporting near-normal surface moisture while longer-term deficits remain.

SOUTHEAST COASTAL PLAIN

Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson

- Many southeast counties remain in Severe Drought (Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Robeson) with spotty storms providing limited relief.
- Topsoil has improved in some locations, but subsoil moisture and water supplies are still low and dryland corn yields are expected to be reduced in parts of the region.

COUNTY COMMENT HIGHLIGHTS (selected notes from impact and additional comments)

Anson

Recent rainfall improved soil moisture, but some crop damage from previous drought conditions remains.

Franklin

Have had good rains in July; subsoil remains dry.

Yadkin

No drought conditions; Northern Surry saw 10–13 inches of rainfall with flooding, and Yadkin County received 2–5 inches over the weekend.

Bladen

Soil moisture improved after weekend showers, south county received rainfall; water levels low, some areas still in great need of rain.

Halifax

Conditions have improved and we can hardly tell we're in a drought; we hope continued rains keep us this way.

Chatham

Rainfall this week ranged from 0.85 to 1.88 inches, with the western portion receiving less than other areas.

Hoke

Recent rains improved conditions; most plants are recovering but some still look poor, with cooler temperatures providing a small heat-break.

Forsyth

Harvest and season are delayed by a few weeks due to later planting and replanting plants that died.

Robeson

Topsoil improving in the northern tip; rest is dry, with two weeks of relief from spotty showers, subsoil still low, pond/stream levels up, dryland corn yields expected low across much of the county, some areas with decent corn.