

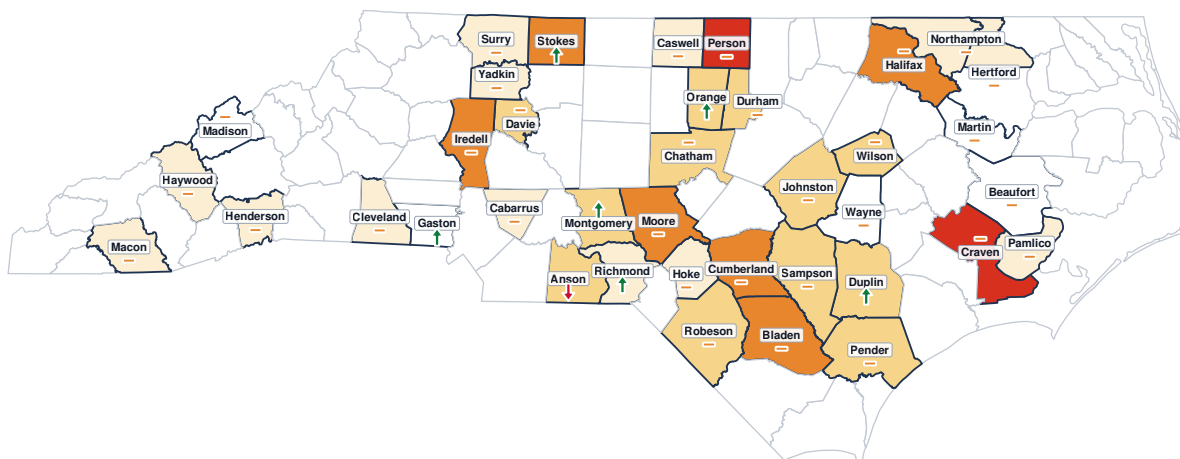
DROUGHT IMPACT (COUNTY REPORTED)

- 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 rains have improved conditions in many counties but rainfall was uneven and impacts persist where totals were low.
- Early-planted corn statewide experienced yield losses and pollination issues while later-planted corn generally looks better after recent rain.
- Pastures and hay conditions showed localized improvement after rain, but several counties reported reduced hay production or stressed forage.
- Streams, rivers, and water reserves remain low in multiple counties, limiting water availability despite some recent rainfall.
- Tobacco and other specialty crops are noted as affected in multiple counties where dry conditions persisted.

TOP STATEWIDE CONCERNS

- Persistent severe/extreme pockets
- Low stream and river levels
- Poor early-corn yields and pollination loss
- Reduced hay production
- Uneven rainfall and poor infiltration after heavy storms
- Low soil moisture and water reserves

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

WEST / MOUNTAINS & FOOTHILLS

Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Macon, Madison

- Mostly abnormally dry across the mountains and foothills, with pockets of no drought where recent rains fell.
- Early-planted corn in places like Cleveland is showing poor yields while later-planted corn improved after recent rainfall.
- Stream levels remain low in parts of the region and hay was cut ahead of forecasted dry days.

PIEDMONT / SANDHILLS

Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Cumberland, Davie, Durham, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Richmond, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin

- Drought severity ranges from abnormally dry to extreme, with several counties (e.g., Person, Moore, Cumberland, Stokes, Iredell) reporting severe to extreme conditions.
- Recent rains have improved conditions in many areas, but early corn suffered pollination problems and some crops will not recover.
- Pastures and hay showed localized improvement after rain, but reduced hay production was reported in some counties.

NORTH & CENTRAL COASTAL PLAIN

Beaufort, Craven, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, Northampton, Pamlico, Wayne, Wilson

- Coastal plain counties range from abnormally dry to extreme, with Craven and Halifax among the worst-off.
- Rainfall was highly variable; crops are doing well where rain fell but parts of counties remain dry and deficits persist for the year.

SOUTHEAST COASTAL PLAIN

Bladen, Duplin, Pender, Robeson, Sampson

- Most counties report moderate drought with Bladen in severe drought and ongoing crop stress across parts of the region.
- Recent showers have helped some crops, but soil moisture, water reserves, and streams remain lower than average in multiple counties.

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

Bladen

Showers moved through last week and are helping a good portion of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans, while water reserves and soil moisture remain below average.

Hoke

Heavy rains have decreased drought stress, but some earlier crops haven't time to recover before harvest; pastures have improved for fall.

Robeson

Dry soil conditions have stressed soybeans the most in most parts of the county; weekend rain was welcome and soybeans were already stressed prior to rain.

Cleveland

Early planted corn is being cut with poor yields due to drought; later planted corn is improving with recent rainfall and likely higher yields.

Johnston

Hot, dry conditions persist with limited, hit-and-miss storms; some areas received rain last week, but we're still running a deficit for the year.

Davie

Rainfall has been abundant; early corn had pollination issues due to drought, but later corn and soybeans are looking great.

Moore

Rain later than needed has helped pasture and hay, but a lot of rain in a short period limits soil water infiltration.

Duplin

Streams and rivers are very low, but recent rainfall is helping support current crop activity.

Person

The northern half of the county remains in an extreme to exceptional drought situation.