

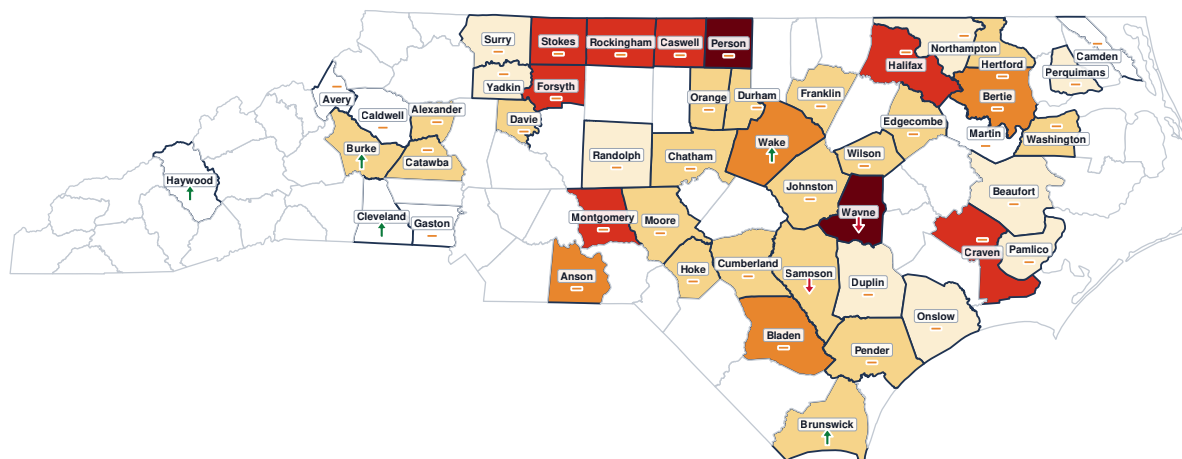
DROUGHT IMPACT (COUNTY REPORTED)

- 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

- Many counties report low soil moisture and low stream, river, or pond levels, indicating continued widespread moisture deficits.
- Pastures and forage production are widely stressed across regions, reducing available grazing and hay yields.
- Corn yields are reported below average in several counties and some corn remains drought-stressed near harvest.
- Tobacco harvest and curing are advancing in dry conditions in some areas while drought stress is affecting tobacco crops in others.
- Local water restrictions and limited water supplies were reported, constraining irrigation and livestock water availability in some counties.

TOP STATEWIDE CONCERNS

- Low soil moisture
- Low stream and pond levels
- Pasture and forage stress
- Late-season soybean pod fill
- Reduced corn and peanut yields
- Water restrictions and irrigation limits

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

WEST / MOUNTAINS & FOOTHILLS

Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood

- Most Mountain and Foothill reports are No mapped response or Moderate Drought; some recent localized rain provided short-term relief.
- Ponds, streams, and other water sources remain low in places, and impacts are generally reported as low water levels or local water restrictions.
- Crops mentioned include apples, corn, vegetables, and pastures, with limited current crop impacts reported in several counties.

PIEDMONT / SANDHILLS

Anson, Caswell, Chatham, Cumberland, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Wake, Yadkin

- Conditions range from Abnormally Dry to Exceptional Drought across the Piedmont; multiple counties are in Extreme or Severe categories.
- Pastures, hay, and soybeans are widely stressed; growers report plants browning, incomplete recovery, and uneven rainfall with only localized relief.
- Some areas note harvest progressing (including tobacco curing), but late-season crops remain vulnerable and northern subareas report the worst conditions.

NORTH & CENTRAL COASTAL PLAIN

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Craven, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, Northampton, Pamlico, Perquimans, Washington, Wayne, Wilson

- Reports span Abnormally Dry to Exceptional Drought, with several coastal plain counties in Extreme or Exceptional categories.
- Subsoil moisture, rivers, and streams reported low in multiple counties; observers note below-average corn and peanut yields and small or drying soybeans.
- Rainfall was spotty in places—some fields are holding up while others are drying down quickly as harvest approaches.

SOUTHEAST COASTAL PLAIN

Bladen, Brunswick, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Sampson

- Southeast coastal plain counties range from Abnormally Dry to Severe Drought; recent rains mitigated stress in some areas but concerns remain.
- Late-maturing soybeans, vegetables, and tobacco show water-stress symptoms in parts of the region, and pastures have mixed recovery after recent showers.

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

Bertie

Widespread drought covers the county; most crops are past the point where precipitation can have any positive effect.

Person

Northern half of the county is still experiencing extreme to exceptional drought.

Craven

Subsoil moisture remains very low; rivers are low, with scattered, minimal rainfall keeping crops alive.

Stokes

Drought is causing plants to brown near harvest time, not showing signs of maturity or readiness to harvest, just drought stress.

Forsyth

Drought is causing plants to brown; nearing harvest time, they aren't showing maturity, just drought-stressed rather than ready to harvest.

Wake

No major changes; isolated storms, but overall dry and hot; tobacco harvest progressing and curing; impacts in fields stable, with soybeans and pastures/forages most significant and variable across the county.

Moore

Crops such as corn, soybeans, and other crops planted earlier in the season have not been able to recover from the drought; pasture and hayfields have benefited from recent rain.

Wayne

Very dry, damaging peanut and soybean crops.