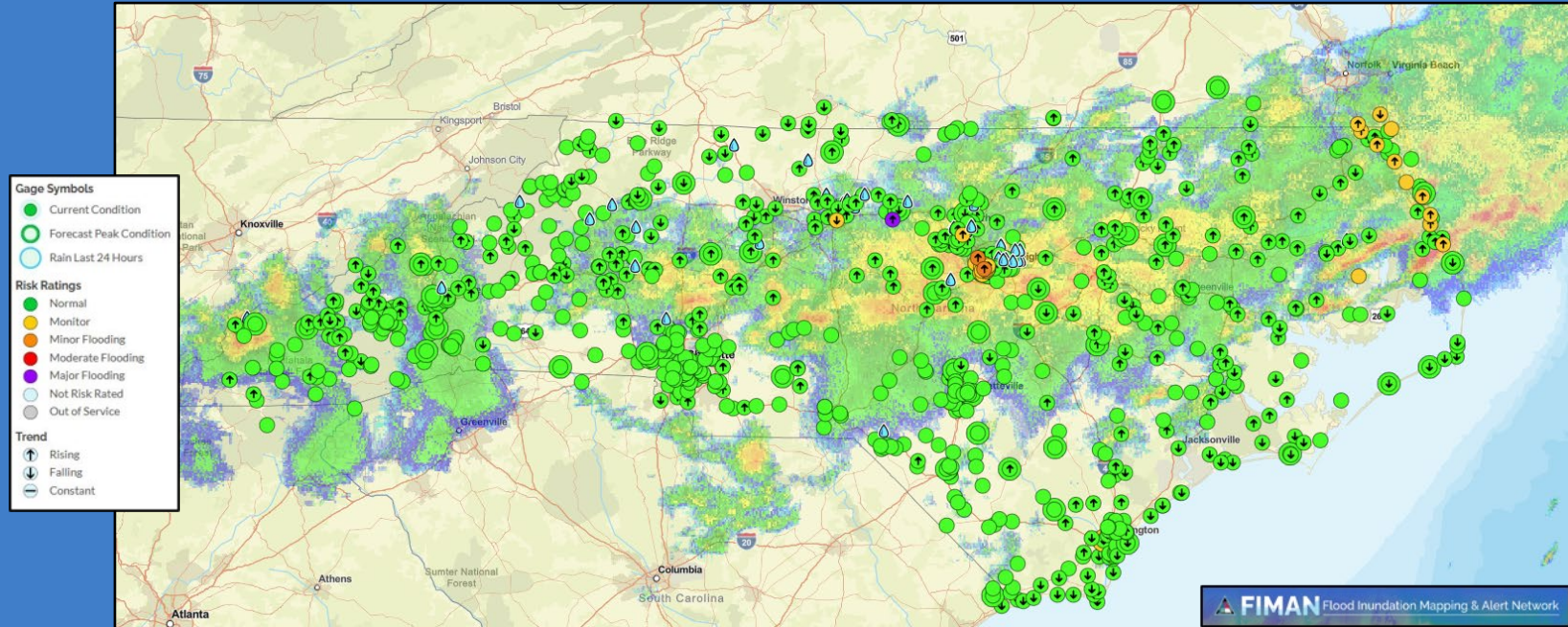




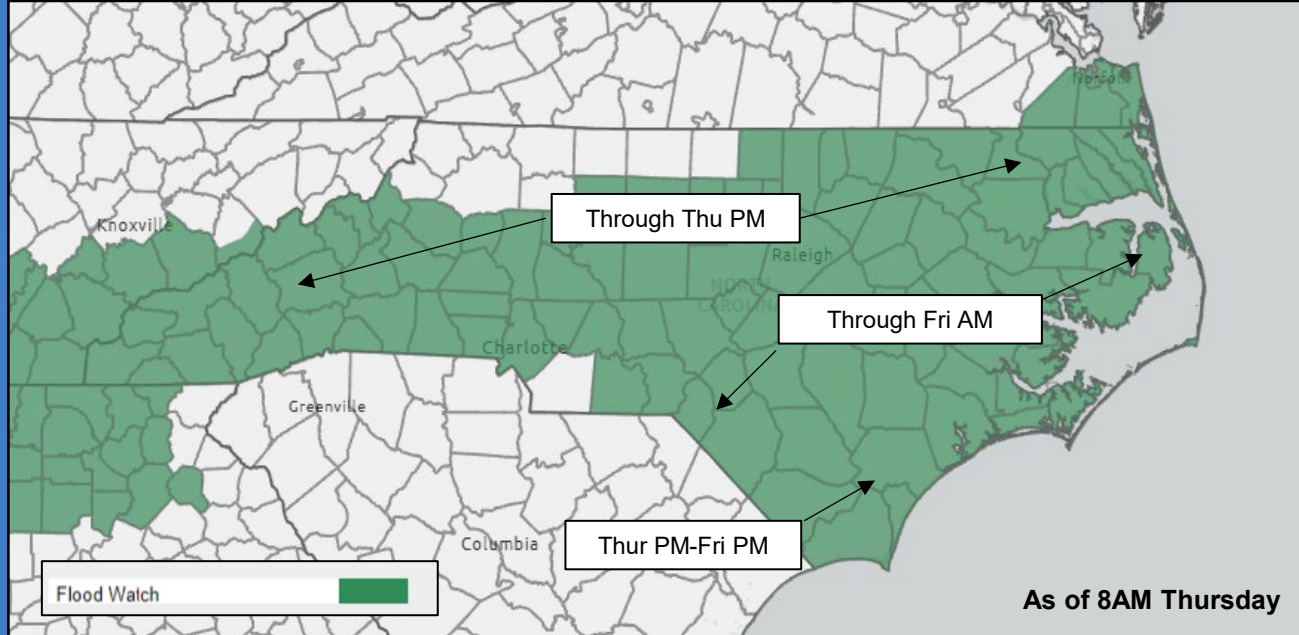
Radar & Current River Conditions

9AM Wednesday, July 23, 2026





Flood Watch

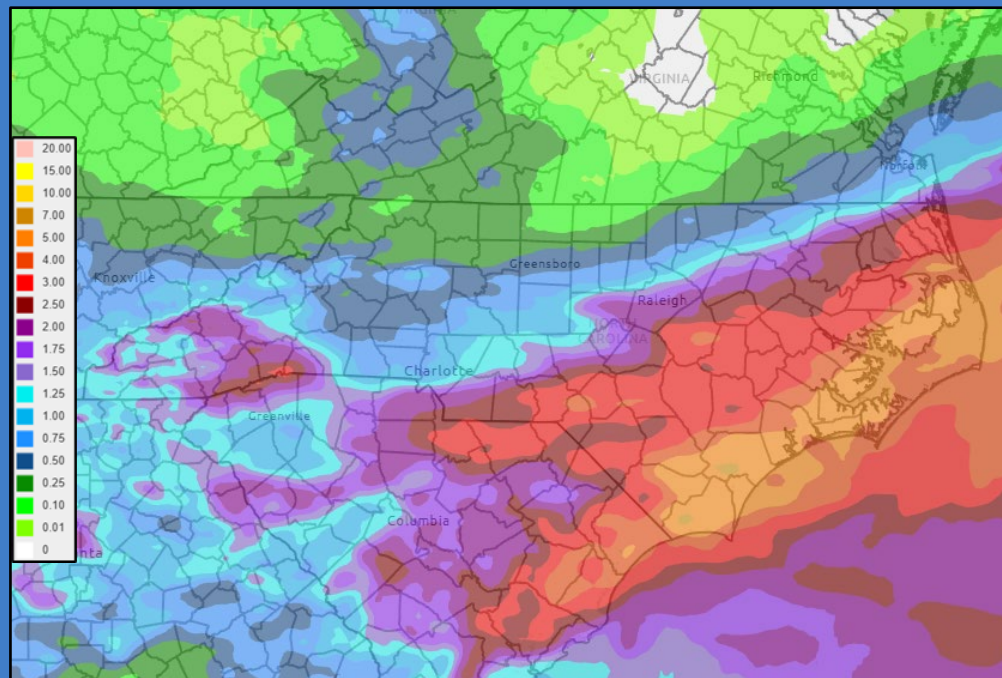


- A Flood Watch has been issued across much of NC as multiple days of heavy rainfall are forecast across the region. Flood Advisories and Flash Flood Warnings are now in effect across portions of the state.



5-Day Rainfall Forecast

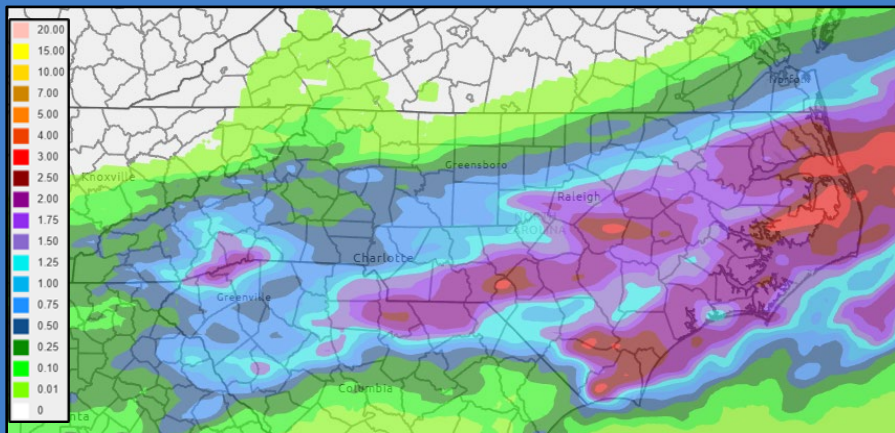
8AM Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 8AM Tuesday, July 28, 2026



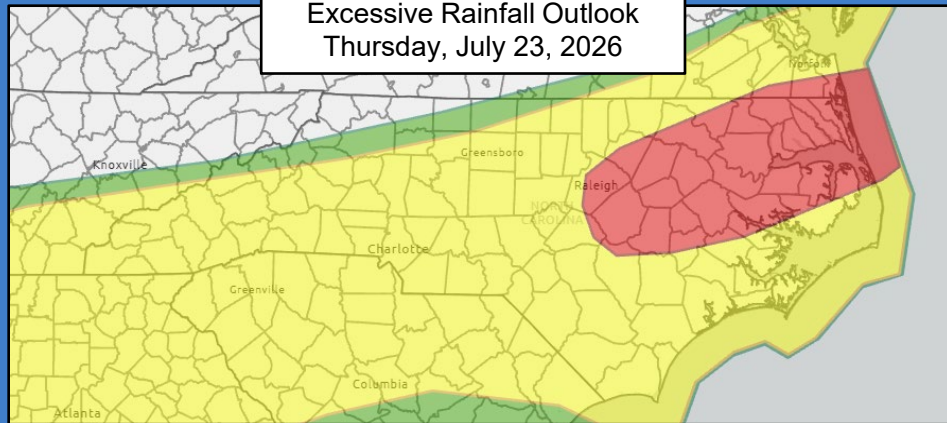
- Unsettled weather will continue through the work week into the weekend as a slow moving cold front stalls over the region.
- The greatest rainfall totals Thursday through Saturday will be across eastern NC where an additional 4-6" remain possible with locally higher amounts. Across central NC and portions of the southern mountains, an additional 1-4"+ remain possible through Friday night.
- The heaviest rainfall is expected through Friday as the front slowly moves southward over NC.



Thursday's Rainfall Forecast & Flash Flooding Potential



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Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Thursday, July 23, 2026

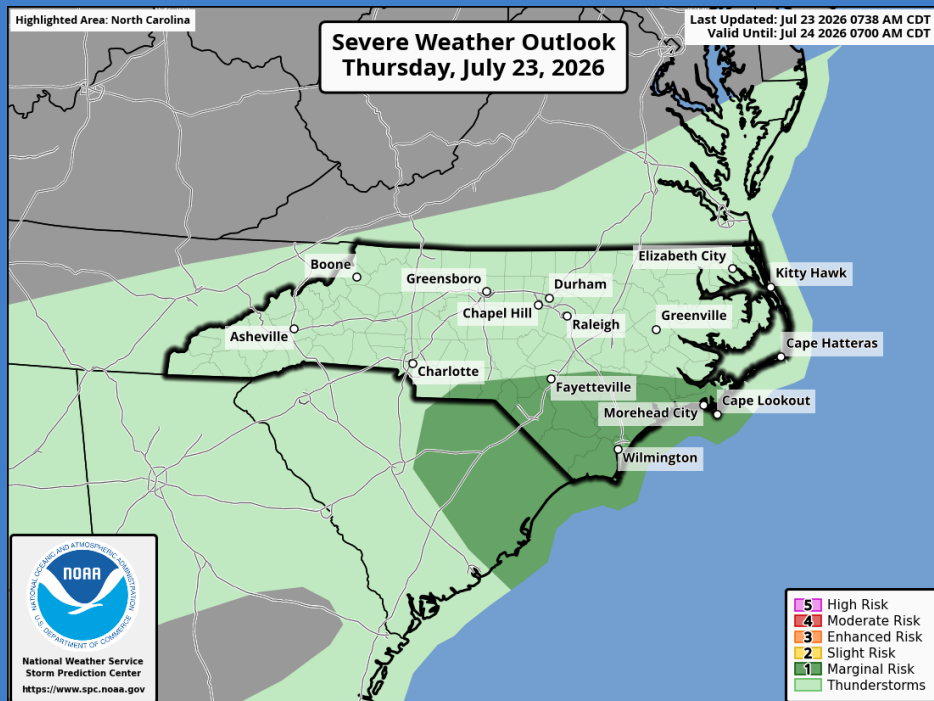


- As a cold front stalls across the region into the weekend, the greatest threat of numerous flash floods will be across portions of central and eastern NC on Thursday.
- Isolated to scattered flash floods remain possible elsewhere Thursday and Thursday night.

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Thursday's Severe Weather Outlook



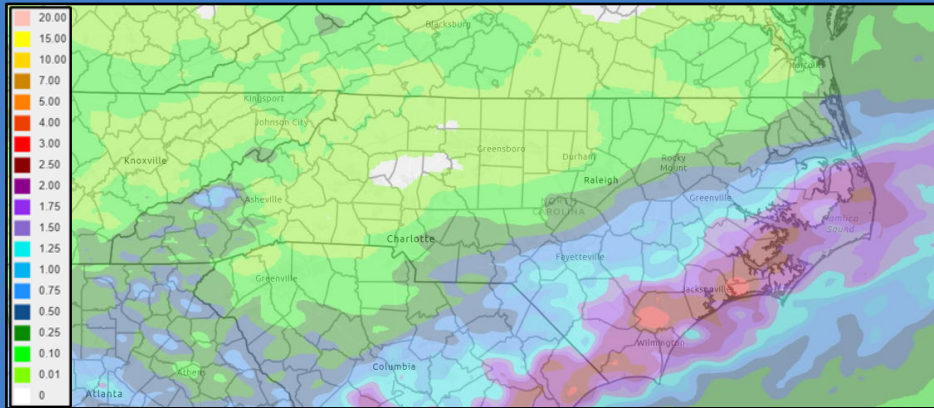
- Isolated severe storms are forecast Wednesday into Wednesday night southeastern NC.
- The primary threat with any strong to severe storms that develop will be damaging wind gusts, but a brief tornado can't be ruled out.

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Lightning/flooding threats exist with all thunderstorms	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity	Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense	Long-lived, widespread and intense	Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense

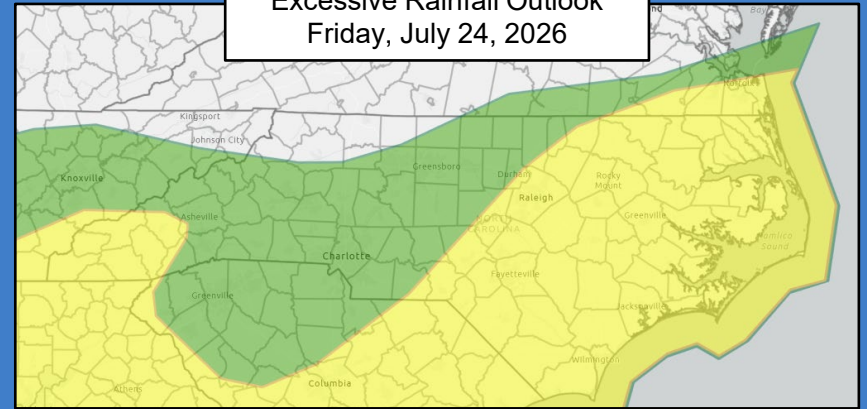
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Friday's Rainfall Forecast & Flash Flooding Potential



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Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Friday, July 24, 2026

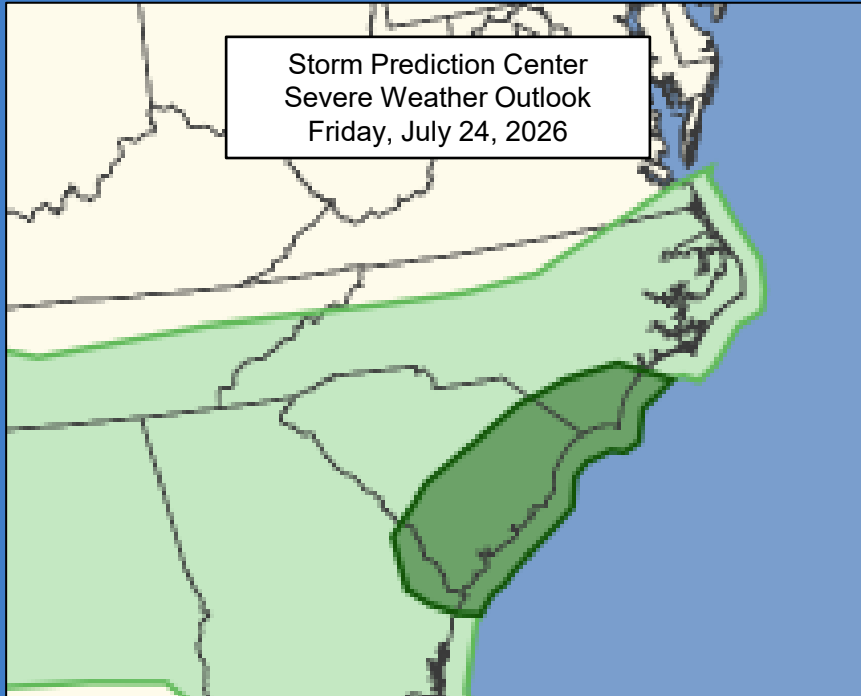


- Scattered flash floods remain possible in the southern mountains and the eastern half of NC on Friday with isolated flash floods possible elsewhere.

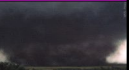
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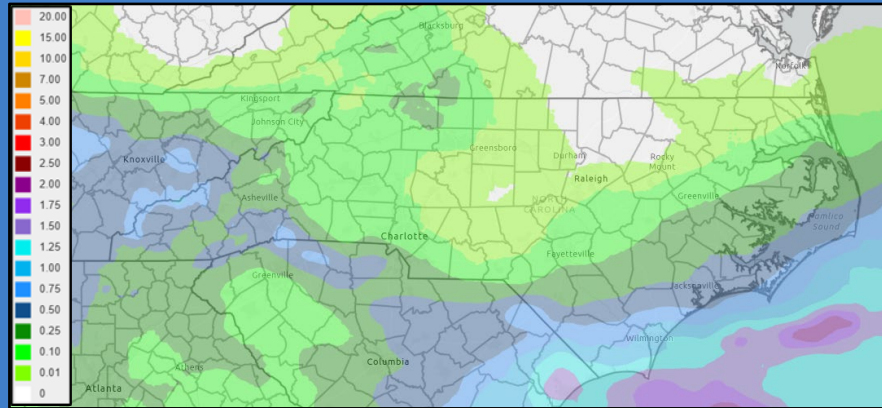
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Saturday's Rainfall Forecast & Flash Flooding Potential



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Saturday, July 25, 2026



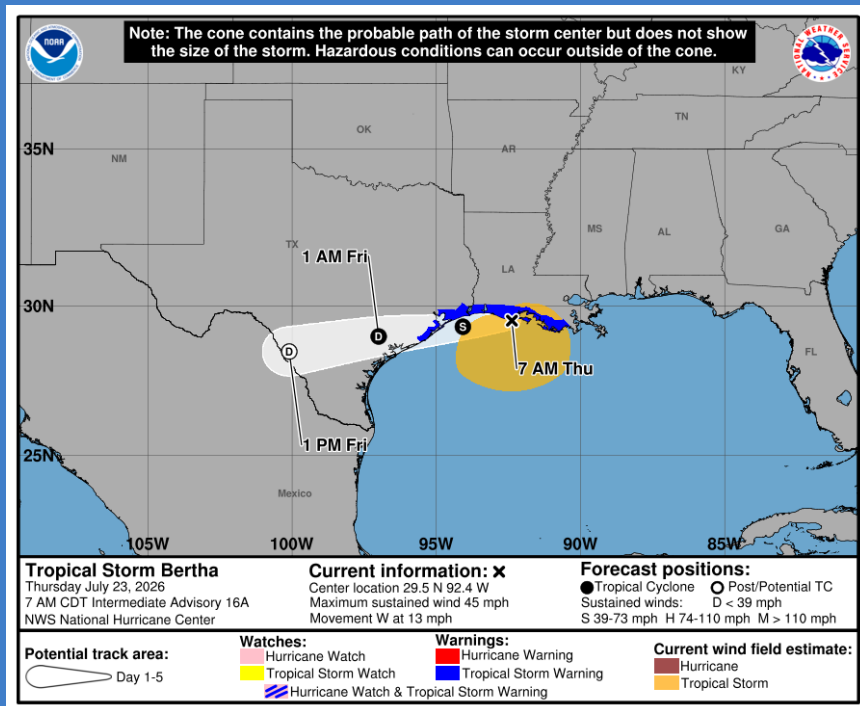
- Scattered flash floods remain possible along portions of eastern NC on Saturday with isolated flash floods possible across the Coastal Plain and southern areas.

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Tropical Storm Bertha

5AM Thursday, July 23, 2026



- Tropical Storm Bertha continues in the northern Gulf and has maximum sustained winds near 45 mph. This system will continue moving westward through tonight before turning toward the west-southwest on Friday along the Louisiana and upper Texas coast.
- Little change in strength is expected today and is forecast to dissipate inland over Texas by tonight or Friday.

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For the assessment period ending **July 21, 2026**
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

The Main Takeaway

After last week's heat, showers and storms returned with locally heavy rainfall totals, which helped reduce Extreme (D3) and Exceptional (D4) Drought coverage.

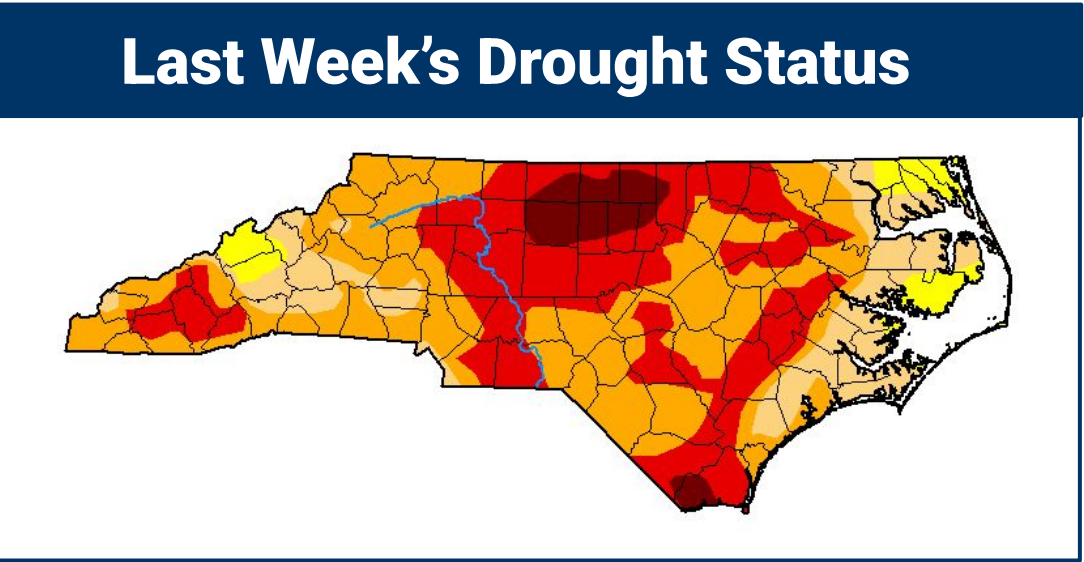
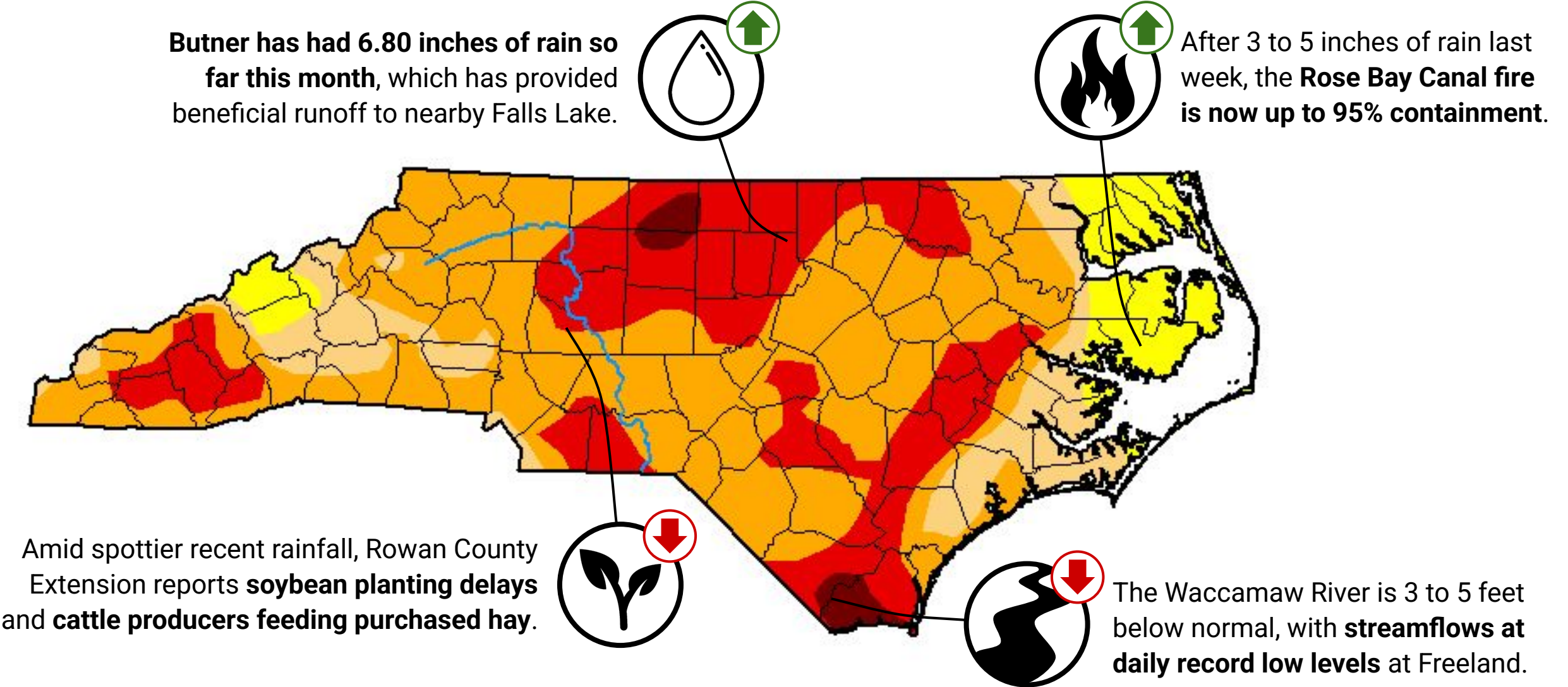
This Week's Summary

It took a few weeks for multiple rounds of rain to have an impact, but much of the northern Piedmont is finally out of D4. In that region, soil moisture, streamflow, and lake levels have begun to recover, and they're no longer on a record dry start to the year. That doesn't mean the drought is over, but it has helped plants perk up again and extended water supplies for a few more weeks.

Next Week's Outlook

A stalled front across the Carolinas will bring at-times heavy rainfall through Saturday, with additional totals of 2 inches or more likely across central and eastern NC.

For your local drought status, visit www.ncdrought.org



Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	8.76%	+3.63%
D1: Moderate Drought	12.00%	-3.52%
D2: Severe Drought	50.50%	+9.85%
D3: Extreme Drought	26.75%	-6.63%
D4: Exceptional Drought	1.97%	-3.35%