

For the assessment period ending **July 16, 2024**  
From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

### The Main Takeaway

Heavy rains across eastern NC brought some drought improvement, but another dry week for western NC allowed for more drought expansion and degradation.

### This Week's Summary

Widespread soaking rains late last week were overdue for parched parts of eastern NC, although that moisture may have come too late to save the corn crop. The driest areas in the short-term are now in the northern Foothills. Yadkinville is off to its driest start to summer on record, and in Wilkes County, dry vegetation helped a lightning-sparked wildfire burn 75 acres on Sunday.

### Next Week's Outlook

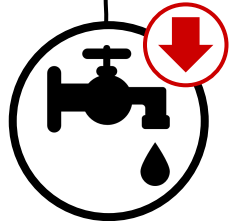
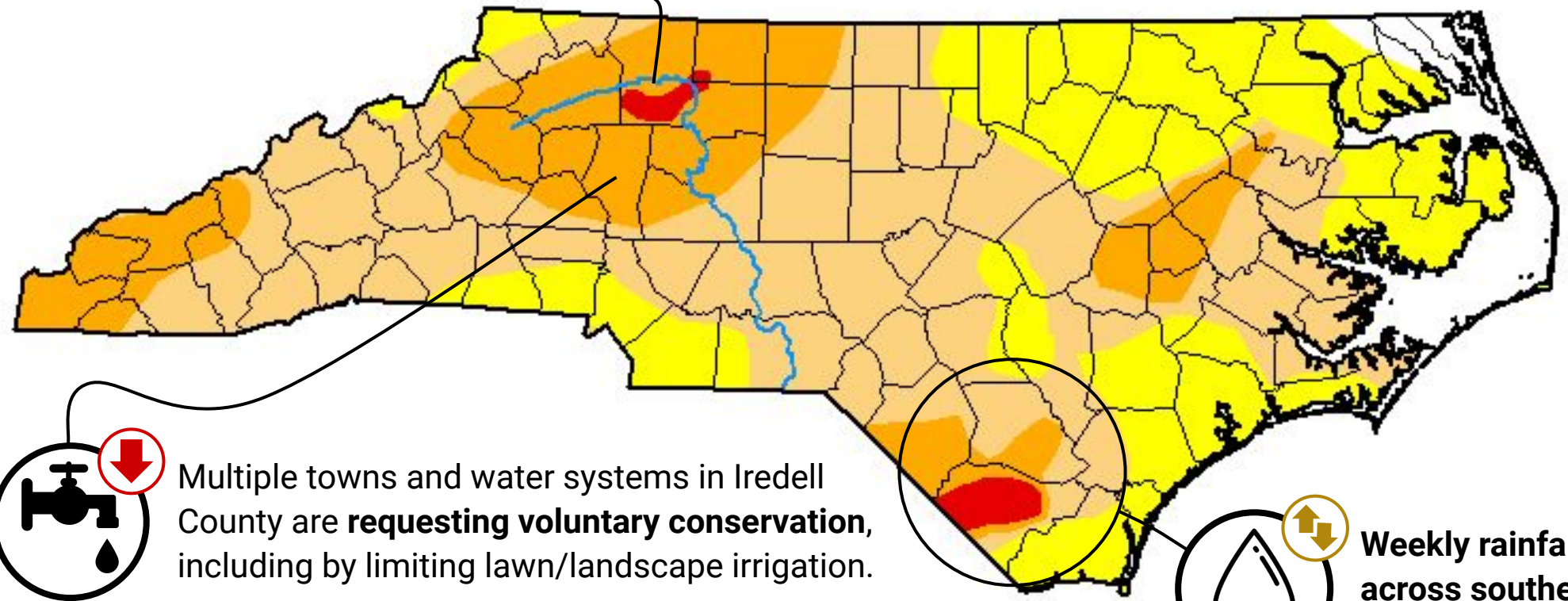
Moist southwesterly flow along a stalled front should fuel frequent showers through the weekend, with totals ranging from 1 inch in the west to 4 inches in the east.

For your local drought status, visit [www.ncdrought.org](http://www.ncdrought.org)

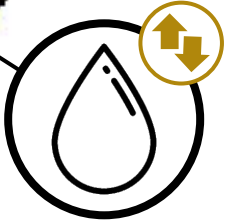
As a lack of rain continues, Surry and Yadkin County Extension report **major pasture losses and row crop stress.**



**Streamflows spiked across eastern NC** after the recent rain, with flash flooding observed where the highest totals occurred.

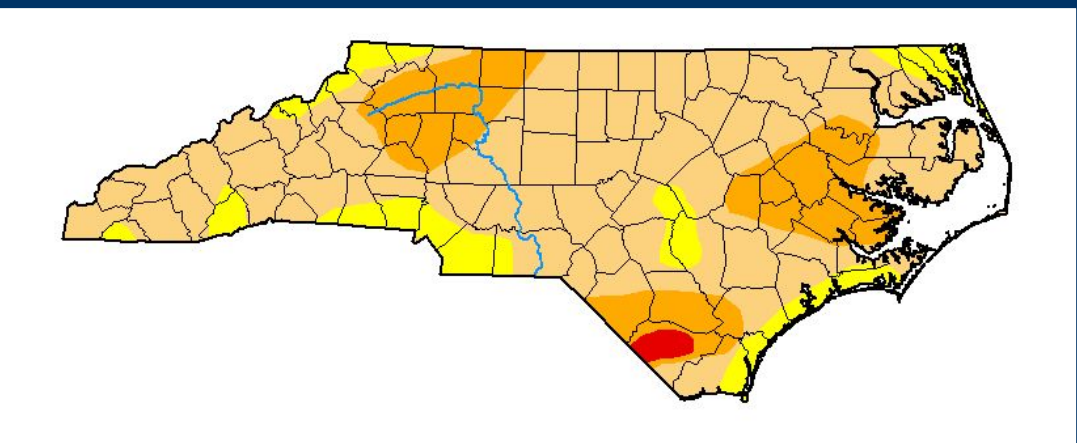


Multiple towns and water systems in Iredell County are **requesting voluntary conservation**, including by limiting lawn/landscape irrigation.



**Weekly rainfall totals varied widely across southeastern NC**, from 0.41" in Lumberton to 7.10" at Green Swamp.

### Last Week's Drought Status



### Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	30.04%	+18.05%
D1: Moderate Drought	47.17%	-20.74%
D2: Severe Drought	19.94%	+0.70%
D3: Extreme Drought	1.34%	+0.48%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%