

# North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **Dec. 17, 2024**

From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

## The Main Takeaway

Last week's widespread rain helped erase Moderate Drought (D1) in the Mountains and Piedmont, but areas along the coast remain in drought after a drier week.

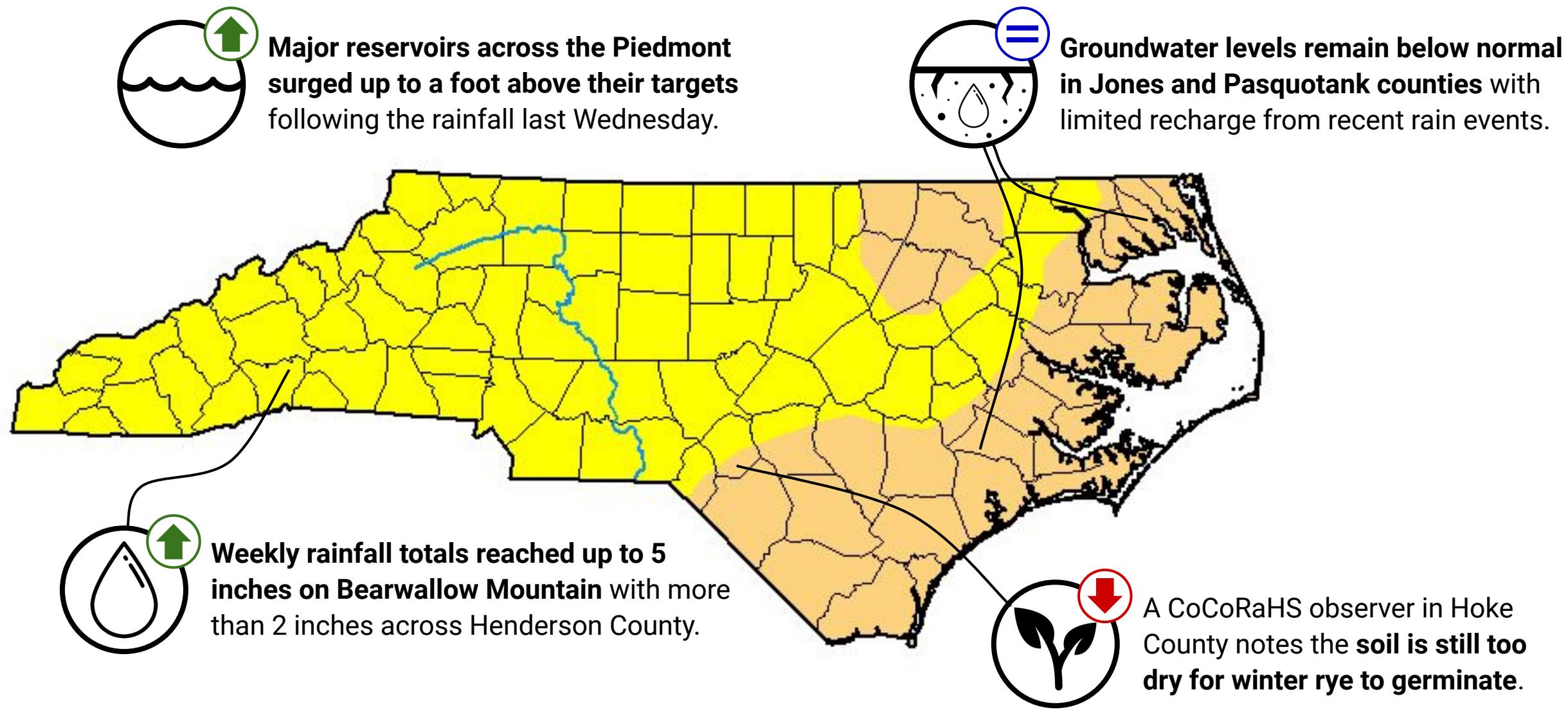
## This Week's Summary

Rainfall totals for the week exceeded an inch across northern and western NC, with 2 to 5 inches in parts of the Mountains and northern Piedmont. Those areas shifted back to Abnormally Dry (D0), reflecting rainfall deficits of 1 to 3 inches over the past two months, while 3 to 5-inch deficits as well as dry soils and low streamflows support Moderate Drought at the coast.

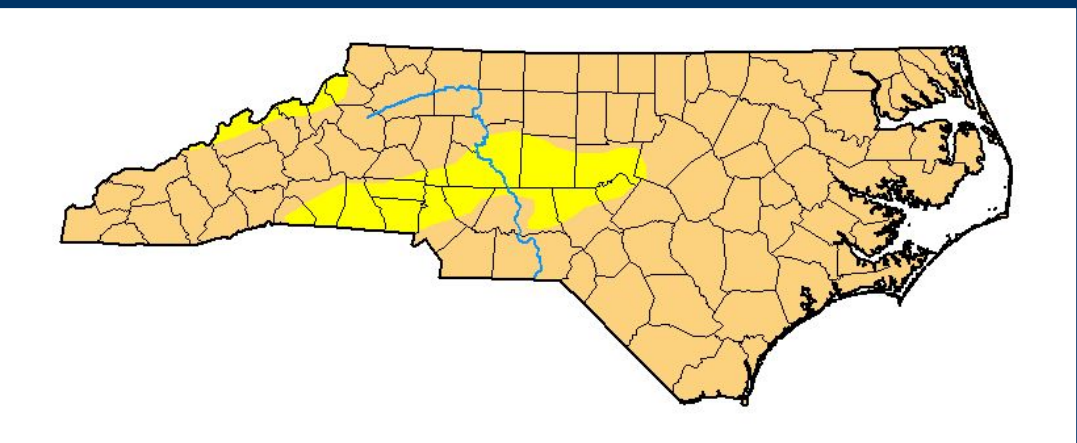
## Next Week's Outlook

Scattered rain showers are possible Friday afternoon, then a colder air mass will build in this weekend. A chance of light rain could return by Christmas Eve.

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## Last Week's Drought Status



## Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	65.57%	+53.56%
D1: Moderate Drought	34.43%	-53.56%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%