


Catawba-Wateree LIP Trigger Status Summary for 06/1/2026 and Changes Compared to 05/15/26

	Reservoir Storage as % of Target	% of 6-Month Long-Term Avg Streamflow	3-Month Avg of US Drought Monitor
Normal	>=100%	>85%	<0
LIP Stage 0	>90%	<=85%	>=0
LIP Stage 1	 >75%	<=78%	>=1
LIP Stage 2	>57%	<=65%	 >=2
LIP Stage 3	>42%	<=55%	>=3
LIP Stage 4	<=42%	 <=40%	4

Previous trigger levels at last update (May 18, 2026)

- Reservoir Storage as % of Target – 71.8%
- 6-Month Average Streamflow – 39.9%
- 3-Month Average US Drought Monitor – 2.52

North Carolina Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending **June 2, 2026**
 From the US Drought Monitor, with input from the NC DMAC

The Main Takeaway

Moisture from our Memorial Day weekend rainfall, plus last week's lingering showers, have brought additional improvements especially in western North Carolina.

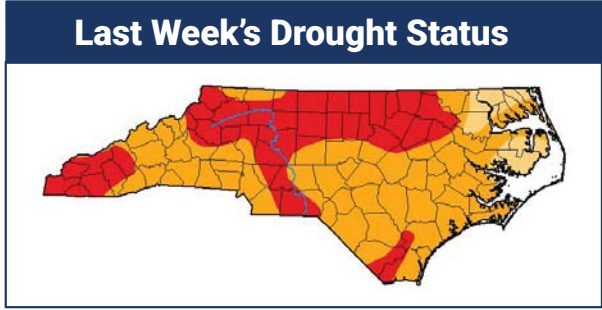
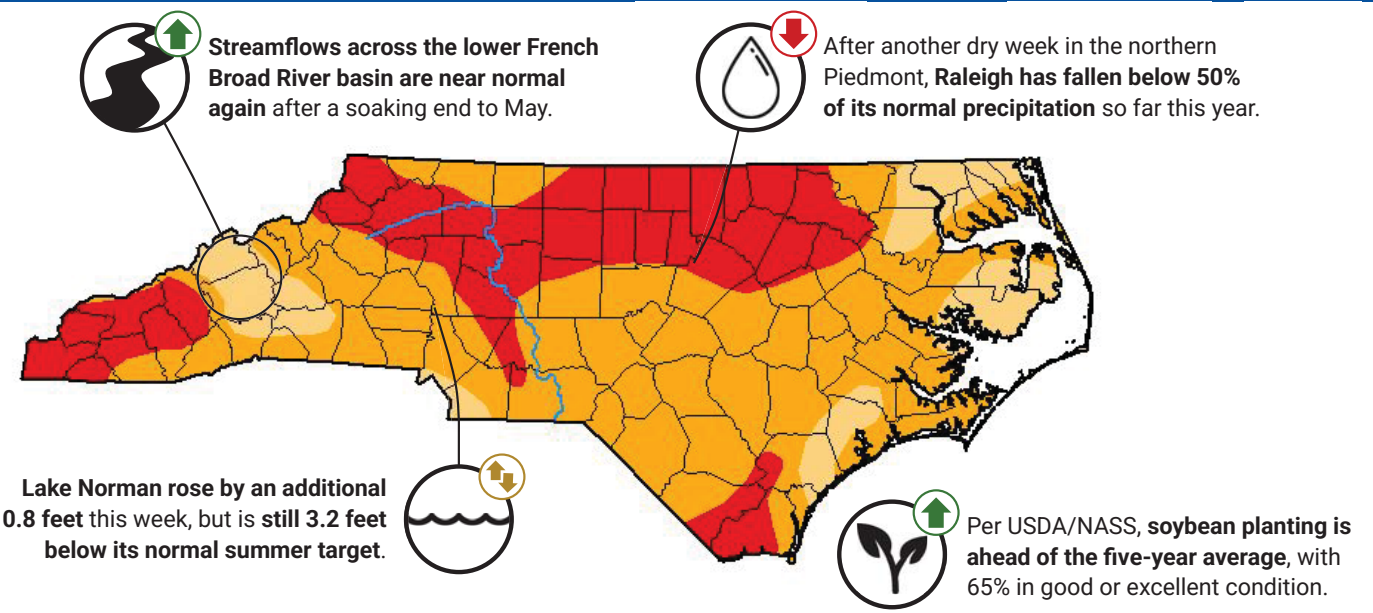
This Week's Summary

Several rounds of rain in the past two weeks have given the reinforcements we hoped for, with sustained gains in soil moisture and streamflow levels. That has erased some of the Extreme Drought (D3) and even seen a few areas shift back to Moderate Drought (D1) as we enter the summer. But totals have been lower in some spots, including the Triangle, and impacts continue there.

A Drought Deficit Update

Thanks to the May rainfall, Asheville and Elizabeth City are now less than 10 inches below normal since mid-August, while Raleigh's deficit is now almost 19 inches.

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Statewide Coverage by Category

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	0.00%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	12.52%	+6.34%
D2: Severe Drought	56.08%	-1.09%
D3: Extreme Drought	31.40%	-5.24%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%