

Weekly Fire Danger Assessment NCFS - Region **THREE**

For Time Period:

Friday (4/28/23) to Thursday (5/4/23)

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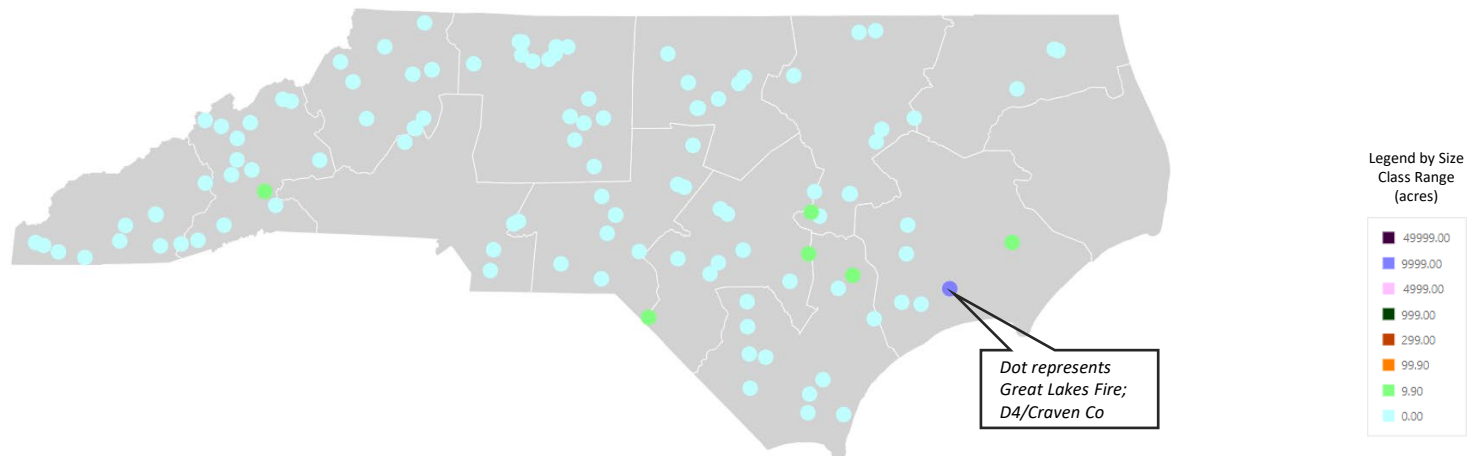
Past 7-Days Signal 14 Activity

NCFS - Region 3		
Previous 7-Day Fire Activity (Does Not Include Federal Ownerships)		
Data Source:	Signal 14 Regional Activity Summary Report (Signal 14 is a snapshot in time)	
Date Range:	4/20 - 4/26, 2023	
Type	Number	Acres
Wildfires:	Unavailable at time of Report Preparation	
Prescribed Fires (State & Private Lands):	Unavailable at time of Report Preparation	

fiResponse Incident Location Map (for general context)

Date Range: 4/20 – 4/26, 2023

Report: Business Intelligence Module, Response Trends Map



Current and Forecasted Fire Danger Conditions by FDRA

R3

Regional Comments for this Week – R3

- Normal Fire Season Activity noted this week.
 - Dead fuel moistures are beginning to recover with higher RH's and predicted rain showers coming.
 - Green-up progressing into higher elevations.
 - Expecting normal to below normal activity into next week (depending upon duration and amount of rainfall coming).
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From Today's SACC [Daily Outlook](#) Discussion for the Southern Area (SA)

- After widespread wetting rain through Sunday, a drying trend will take hold at least briefly next week as high pressure overspreads the South
- Dry weather taking hold over most of the region (SA) next week may linger into week two across northern portions of the region (SA)
- With green-up fully under way and areas of significant drought improvement likely the next 1-2 weeks, wildfire potential across the region (SA) should continue to decrease heading into mid- May, with the caveat that lightning-induced fires remain possible

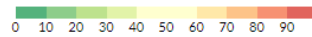
Today's (4/27/23) WIMS Observations and NFDRS Estimates

Averaged by FDRA SIG Group

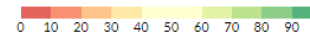
- This is available on the FWIP at: <https://products.climate.ncsu.edu/fwip/nfdrs.php?data=ob&state=NC>
- The averaged values are derived from the SIG Station Outputs for a particular FDRA
(SIG station names shown in bold on the live link above)
- You can toggle the percentiles on/off, displaying below the actual calculated values
these percentiles are based on analysis of "All Days" for entire calendar year range through 2021 for these stations

Averages by FDRA																		
FDRA	STATION_COUNT	NFDR_DATE	BI	ERC	IC	SC	KBDI	1HR	10HR	100HR	1000HR	HRB	WOODY	TEMP	RH	WIND	PRECIP	DUR
Southern Highlands	3	2023-04-27	0.00 10.1%	0.00 11.0%	0.00 17.2%	0.00 9.6%	5.33	35.00 100.0%	33.85 99.3%	18.73 46.0%	22.42 76.3%	110.53	104.67	53.3°F	96.7%	ESE 2.3 mph	1.02 in.	16.3
Central Mountains	3	2023-04-27	0.00 8.7%	0.00 9.2%	0.00 15.5%	0.00 8.4%	50.67	35.00 100.0%	33.59 99.4%	20.09 62.9%	21.87 83.1%	157.97	137.33	54.0°F	98.0%	SSE 1.3 mph	0.37 in.	14.7
Northern Highlands	2	2023-04-27	0.00 12.2%	0.05 12.6%	0.00 21.8%	0.00 11.7%	25.00	30.42 89.7%	27.30 90.9%	16.98 21.0%	21.02 66.8%	142.85	136.00	51.0°F	96.5%	NE 0.5 mph	0.15 in.	7.0
Blue Ridge Escarpment	3	2023-04-27	0.00 10.1%	0.00 10.7%	0.00 16.6%	0.00 9.8%	103.33	34.52 100.0%	30.07 94.1%	18.15 34.2%	17.03 9.3%	128.50	119.67	53.0°F	98.3%	NE 3.7 mph	0.26 in.	8.7
Western Piedmont	3	2023-04-27	0.00 7.2%	0.00 7.6%	0.00 12.3%	0.00 6.9%	137.33	32.73 97.8%	28.35 93.6%	19.22 62.7%	21.74 87.4%	85.73	87.33	60.0°F	96.0%	E 3.0 mph	0.19 in.	5.7
Sandhills	3	2023-04-27	2.20 7.5%	2.90 7.1%	0.00 11.7%	0.20 7.5%	73.33	26.62 92.2%	31.21 97.3%	19.76 68.3%	21.15 77.5%	107.50	107.67	63.0°F	91.7%	NE 3.0 mph	0.47 in.	14.0
Eastern Piedmont	4	2023-04-27	5.75 7.1%	2.43 8.1%	0.18 10.9%	2.13 6.2%	58.50	24.77 91.1%	28.88 95.8%	18.90 55.5%	20.88 78.3%	123.33	119.25	60.8°F	87.3%	E 6.5 mph	0.19 in.	7.5
Southern Coastal	7	2023-04-27	12.20 8.9%	5.64 10.9%	0.63 16.0%	4.29 9.3%	165.71	23.54 90.7%	27.29 92.5%	19.14 46.5%	21.98 77.3%	212.04	187.29	69.7°F	78.3%	ENE 5.0 mph	0.45 in.	8.0
Northern Coastal	4	2023-04-27	5.38 8.4%	2.30 9.6%	0.10 12.2%	2.35 8.1%	279.75	24.84 89.6%	28.35 93.5%	18.40 38.0%	21.32 70.2%	117.70	138.75	65.3°F	75.0%	E 4.5 mph	0.22 in.	7.5

BI/ERC/IC/SC
Percentiles (%)
(based on all days through 2021)



Fuel Moisture
Percentiles (%)
(based on all days through 2021)



Important notes for next slide group:

A. Current ERC, KBDI, 100-Hr & 1000-Hr Graphics:

- These are extracts from FF+ using weekly observation data downloaded from WIMS.

B. Weekly Outlook - FDRA General Fire Danger Forecast Matrix:

- Available on the FWIP within the “[Resources for NCFS](#)” page.
- The operation link is: <https://products.climate.ncsu.edu/fwip/outlook.php>
- The matrix updates daily - please review the tool notes below for more details.

Tool Summary:

The forecast matrix was created using **standard NFDRS and weather forecast data**:

- Weather conditions and NFDRS outputs are forecasted over the next 7 days by NWS for SIG stations in each FDRA.
- Weather variable ranges and breakpoints were defined by FDRA stakeholders and relate to Pocket Card notes.
- Maximum temperatures in the Critical range are color-coded with shades of red to help visually distinguish daily variations. The brightest red color corresponds to temperatures of 100°F or greater.

Fire danger forecast indices and component values are grouped into three categories based on historical percentiles, assessed using the FF+ All Days filter through 2021:

- Low to Moderate (0 to 74th percentile); shown in **blue-green**
- High (75th to 89th percentile); shown in **yellow**
- Very High to Extreme (90th+ percentile); shown in **red** and labeled as Critical

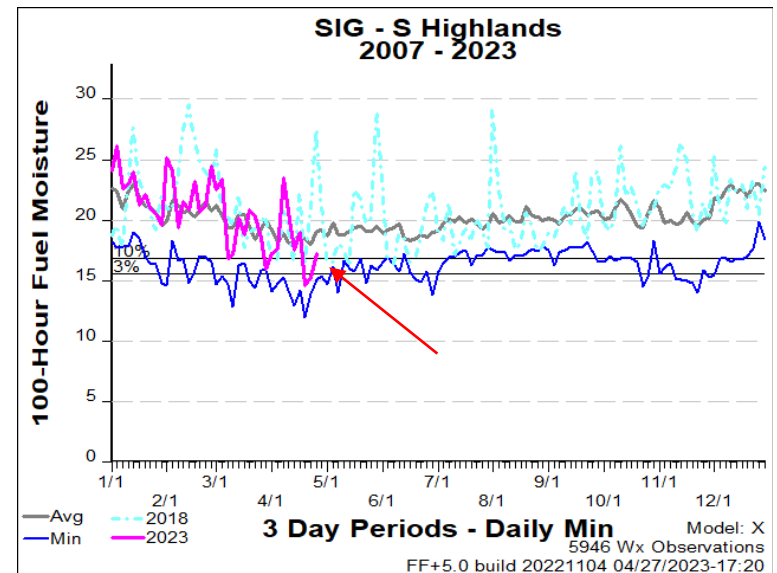
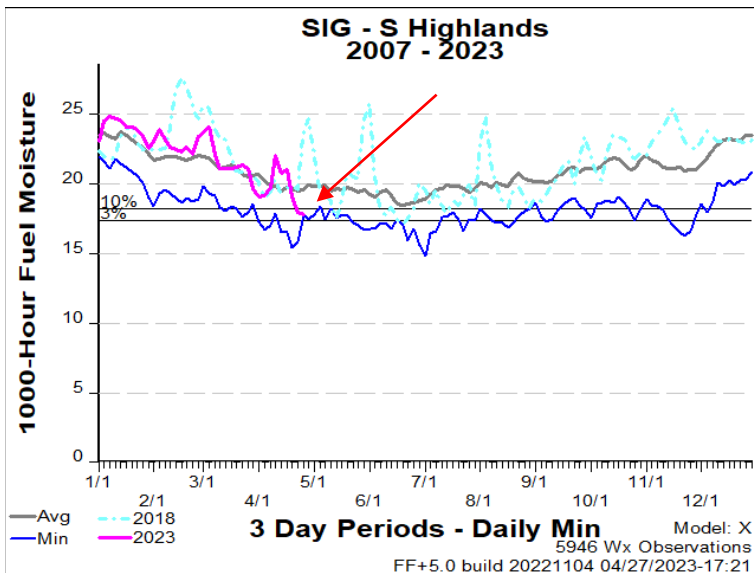
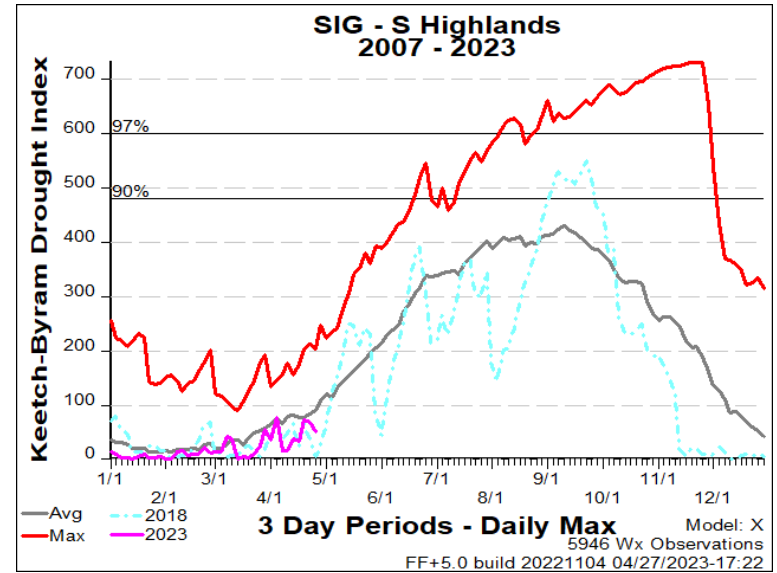
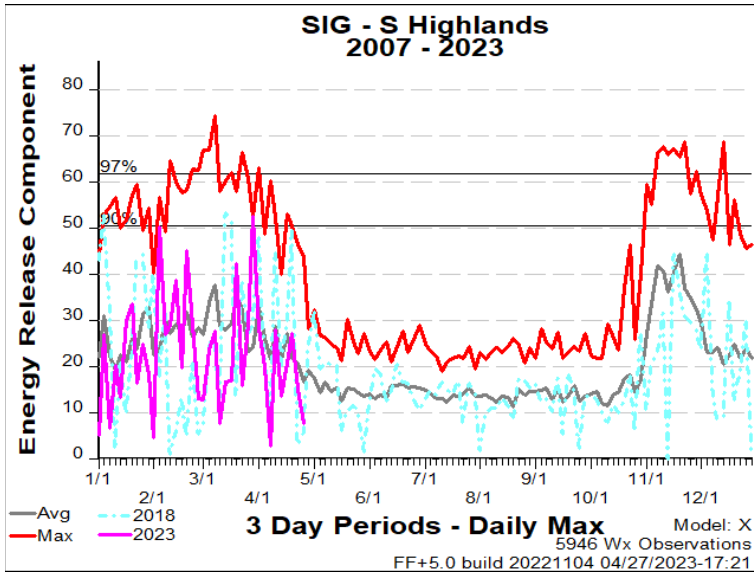
Dead fuel moisture forecast values are grouped into three categories based on historical percentiles, assessed using the FF+ All Days filter through 2021:

- Low to Moderate (26th to 100th percentile); shown in **blue-green**
- High (11th to 25th percentile); shown in **yellow**
- Very High to Extreme (0 to 10th percentile); shown in **red** and labeled as Critical

Other Notes:

- Read the key and notes for each FDRA, included on the outlook matrix page.
- Forecasts are variable and can change significantly over a forecast cycle and across the landscape.
- This is another tool for gaining better situational awareness, and should be used for general planning purposes only.
- The outlook matrix is refreshed when an FDRA is selected, using the most recent forecast data available at that time. The 7th day may drop off or display partial data prior to the afternoon/evening forecast update.
- Daily updates to NFDRS forecasts occur around 1530 daily, while general weather forecasts are updated around 1730 daily.

Region Specific – Southern Highlands



Weekly Outlook

Southern Highlands FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

For planning purposes only; forecast is subject to change

Four or more **RED** blocks in a day signals the potential for a **Critical Fire Day**

DAY	FRI 28-Apr	SAT 29-Apr	SUN 30-Apr	MON 01-May	TUE 02-May	WED 03-May	THU 04-May
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	68	73	62	59	61	60	67
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	61	39	53	34	35	35	33
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	6	6	11	15	14	12	8
Avg. Wind Direction*	SW	W	WSW	W	WNW	NW	NW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	50	68	60	10	7	3	9
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	0.3	0.0	0.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	6.1	16.8	16.0	29.6	31.7	28.2	26.7
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	25.3	52.8	63.1	122.0	123.1	99.4	80.4
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	1.0	4.2	4.5	10.5	11.7	8.9	7.5
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	22.9	24.2	23.9	22.9	21.2	19.8	18.8
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	22.4	22.4	22.3	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.4
KBDI	5.3						

Data Source:

- Weather forecasts come from the National Weather Service's [Digital Forecast Database](#). The wind speed and direction, and probability of precipitation, are calculated as averages of the 1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, and 7 pm forecasts. The 20-foot wind speed is estimated from the 10-meter forecast using the log wind profile method.
- Days since a wetting rain is calculated using a combination of historical data (to determine the most recent wetting rain event) and forecasted precipitation amounts. These forecasted amounts are only available for the first three days of the forecast period.
- Fire danger forecasts for the next 7 days are issued by National Weather Service through WIMS. KBDI is only available on the first forecast day since the [NFDRS Forecast](#) product does not include precipitation amounts, which are used to adjust KBDI from day to day

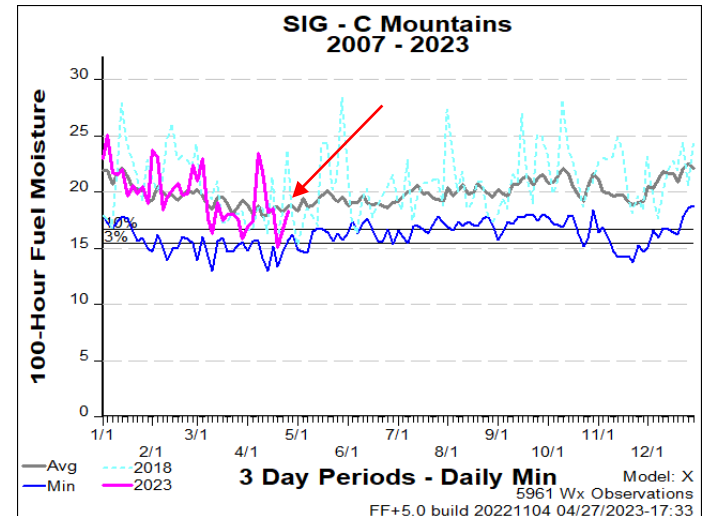
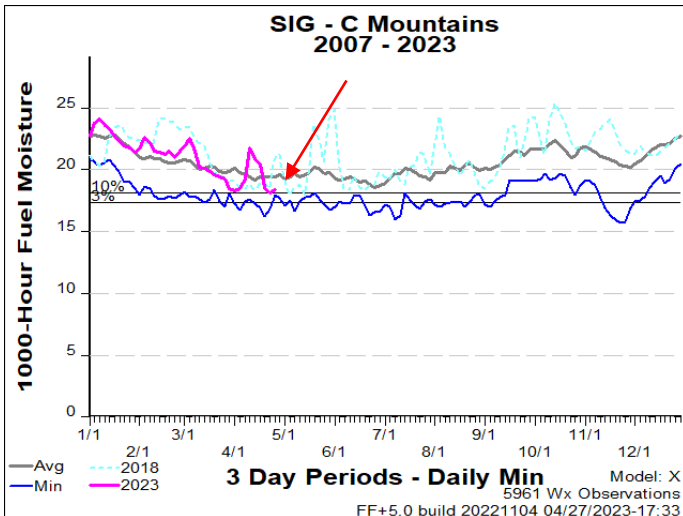
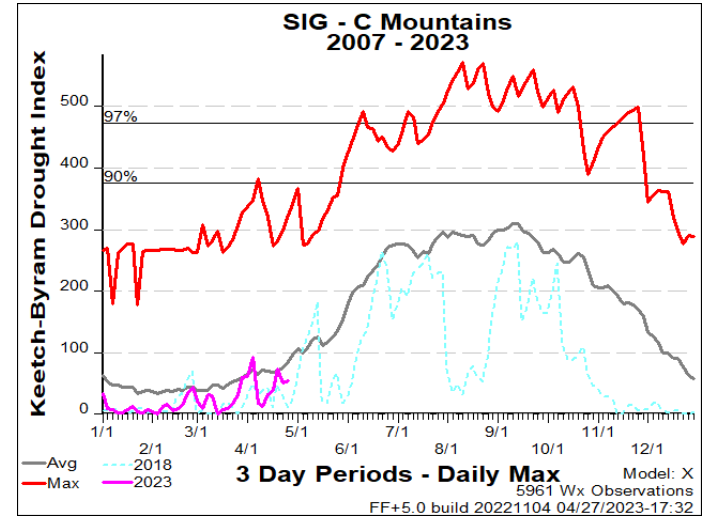
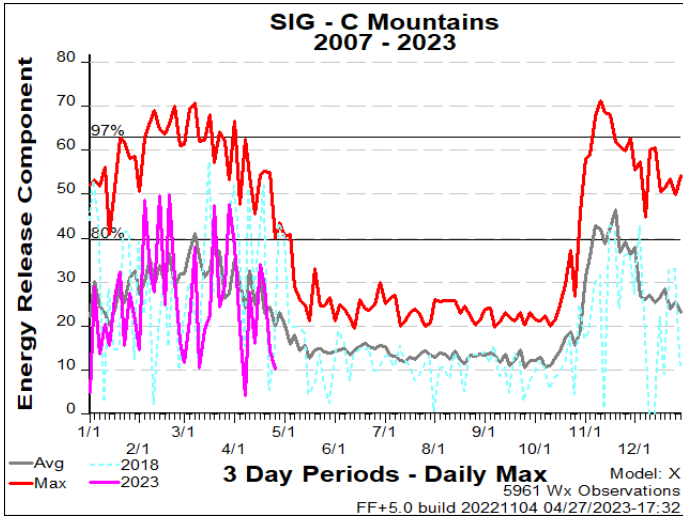
Values in the table above are averages from 3 stations in this FDRA:

- Tusquitee (315602)
- Locust Gap (315802)
- Highlands (315803)

KEY	Low to Moderate Burning Conditions	Burning Conditions Can be High CAUTION	Burning Conditions Can be Critical WATCH OUT!
Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 50°F	Between 50°F and 55°F	Greater than 55°F
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 5 mph	Between 5 mph and 7 mph	Greater than 7 mph
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.		
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.		
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 40	Between 40 and 52	Greater than 52
Burning Index	Less than 95	Between 95 and 118	Greater than 118
Ignition Component	Less than 9	Between 9 and 14	Greater than 14
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 17% and 18%	Less than 17%
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 18% and 19%	Less than 18%
KBDI	Less than 345	Between 345 and 479	Greater than 479

Other factors to consider when determining fire danger: sky conditions, precipitation amount, number of days since rain, and season

Region Specific – Central Mountains



Weekly Outlook

Central Mountains FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

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Four or more **RED** blocks in a day signals the potential for a **Critical Fire Day**

DAY	FRI 28-Apr	SAT 29-Apr	SUN 30-Apr	MON 01-May	TUE 02-May	WED 03-May	THU 04-May
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	70	74	65	61	63	62	69
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	60	40	50	31	33	34	31
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	7	7	11	16	15	14	10
Avg. Wind Direction*	SW	W	WSW	WNW	WNW	NW	NW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	54	67	66	8	10	4	9
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	6.5	14.2	14.1	21.9	24.7	23.9	22.9
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	24.6	36.6	45.0	69.9	74.9	62.7	52.0
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	1.2	3.1	3.5	7.0	8.5	6.6	5.5
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	24.5	25.1	23.7	22.4	20.8	19.4	18.2
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.1	22.1	22.2	22.2
KBDI	50.7						

Data Source:

- Weather forecasts come from the National Weather Service's [Digital Forecast Database](#). The wind speed and direction, and probability of precipitation, are calculated as averages of the 1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, and 7 pm forecasts. The 20-foot wind speed is estimated from the 10-meter forecast using the log wind profile method.
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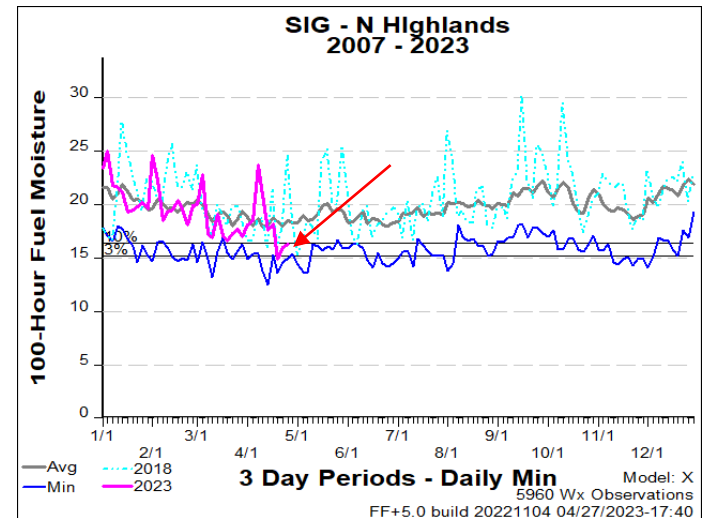
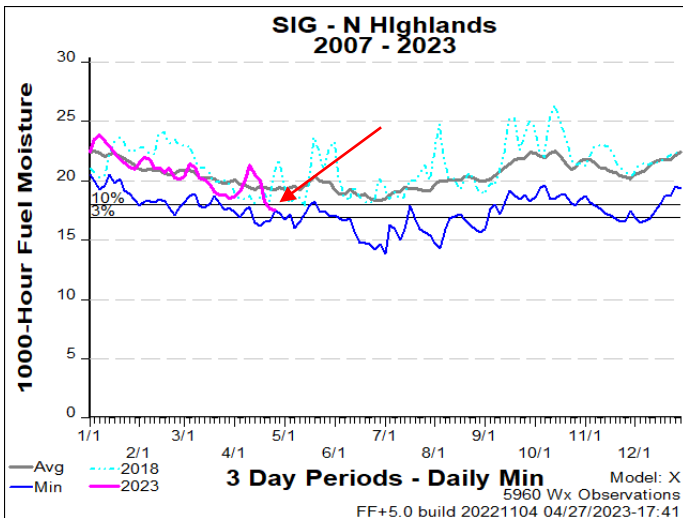
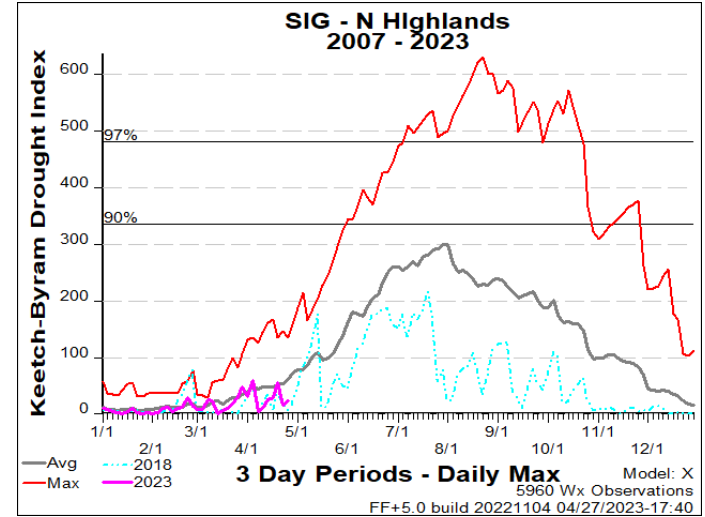
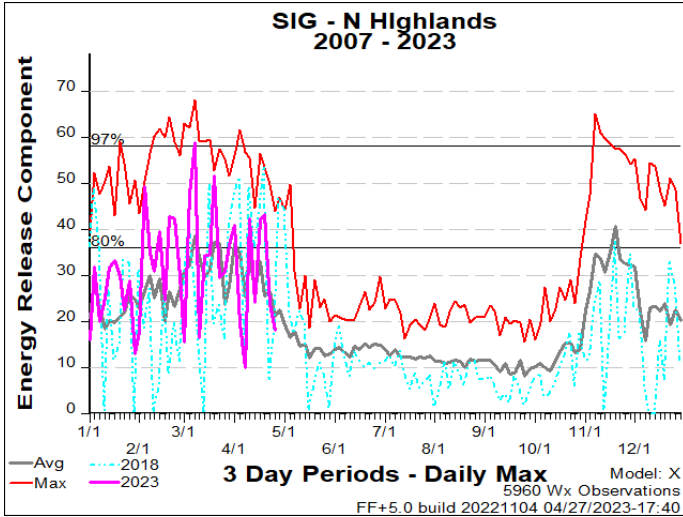
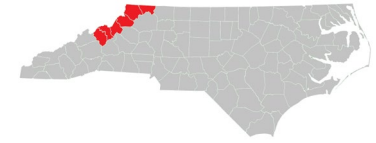
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- 7 Mile Ridge (313302)
- Davidson River (316001)
- Mtn Horticultural Crops Res Stn (316141)

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Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 50°F	Between 50°F and 60°F	Greater than 60°F
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 5 mph	Between 5 mph and 10 mph	Greater than 10 mph
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.		
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.		
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 33	Between 33 and 50	Greater than 50
Burning Index	Less than 78	Between 78 and 106	Greater than 106
Ignition Component	Less than 6	Between 6 and 11	Greater than 11
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 17% and 19%	Less than 17%
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 20%	Between 19% and 20%	Less than 19%
KBDI	Less than 319	Between 319 and 417	Greater than 417

Other factors to consider when determining fire danger: sky conditions, precipitation amount, number of days since rain, and season

Region Specific – Northern Highlands



Weekly Outlook

Northern Highlands FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

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DAY	FRI 28-Apr	SAT 29-Apr	SUN 30-Apr	MON 01-May	TUE 02-May	WED 03-May	THU 04-May
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	63	67	60	53	54	54	62
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	71	46	59	38	40	39	35
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	7	9	11	20	20	19	15
Avg. Wind Direction*	SSW	W	WSW	WNW	WNW	WNW	WNW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	70	69	79	12	21	8	10
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	0.0	0.7	0.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	3.2	14.3	12.2	21.8	25.1	23.6	23.6
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	15.0	40.1	38.2	66.9	80.0	66.2	58.3
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	0.4	3.2	2.8	6.1	8.0	5.9	5.6
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	21.7	23.1	24.7	24.2	22.2	20.6	19.2
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.2
KBDI	25.0						

Data Source:

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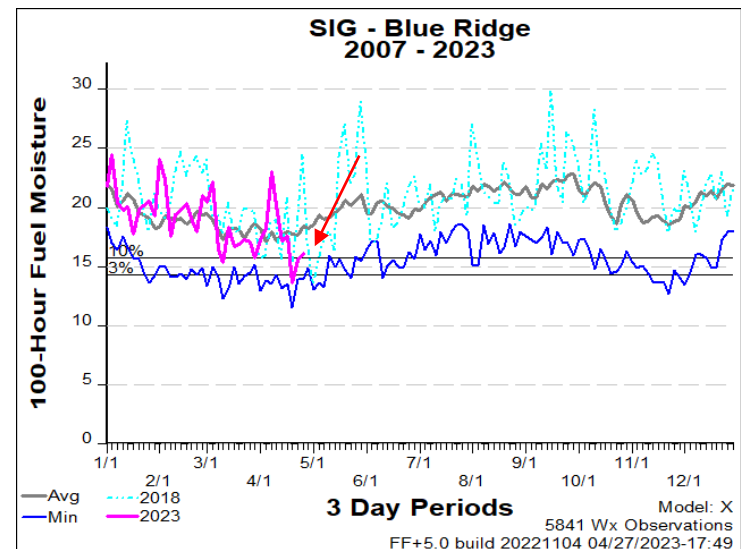
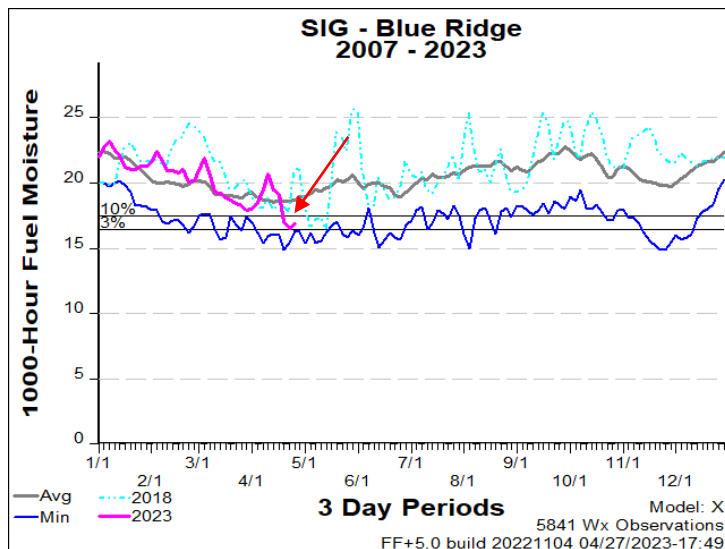
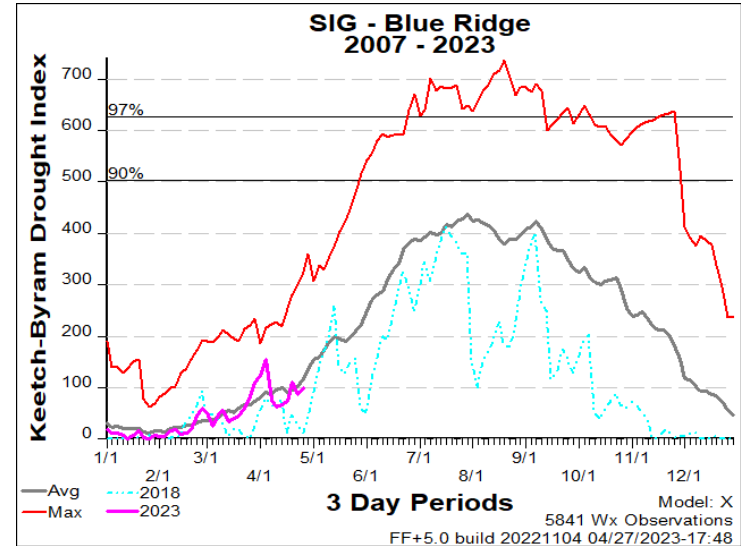
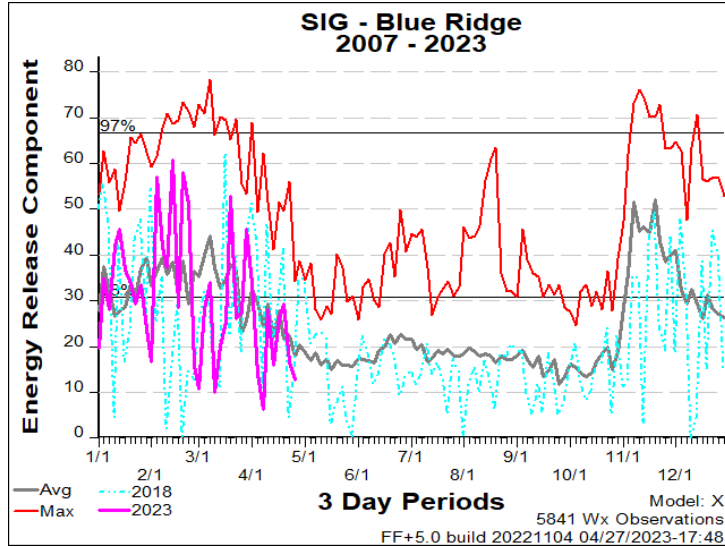
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- Laurel Springs (310101)
- Upper Mountain Research Stn (310141)
- Busick (313402)

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Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 50°F	Between 50°F and 58°F	Greater than 58°F
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 2 mph	Between 2 mph and 5 mph	Greater than 5 mph
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.		
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.		
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 26	Between 26 and 46	Greater than 46
Burning Index	Less than 67	Between 67 and 108	Greater than 108
Ignition Component	Less than 5	Between 5 and 9	Greater than 9
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 17% and 18%	Less than 17%
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 20%	Between 19% and 20%	Less than 19%
KBDI	Less than 192	Between 192 and 330	Greater than 330

Other factors to consider when determining fire danger: sky conditions, precipitation amount, number of days since rain, and season

Region Specific – Blue Ridge Escarpment



Weekly Outlook

Blue Ridge Escarpment FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

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DAY	FRI 28-Apr	SAT 29-Apr	SUN 30-Apr	MON 01-May	TUE 02-May	WED 03-May	THU 04-May
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	69	73	66	61	62	62	68
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	69	46	54	32	34	35	33
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	6	6	8	15	15	14	10
Avg. Wind Direction*	SSW	W	WSW	W	W	WNW	WNW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	60	70	74	9	12	5	8
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	0.0	0.3	0.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	5.5	21.4	20.7	31.5	33.3	31.5	28.8
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	21.0	54.0	60.6	96.5	103.7	84.6	68.3
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	0.8	4.2	4.4	9.6	11.6	9.4	7.6
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	26.0	26.3	26.1	22.7	19.8	17.8	16.6
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	18.7	20.3	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.3	20.5
KBDI	103.3						

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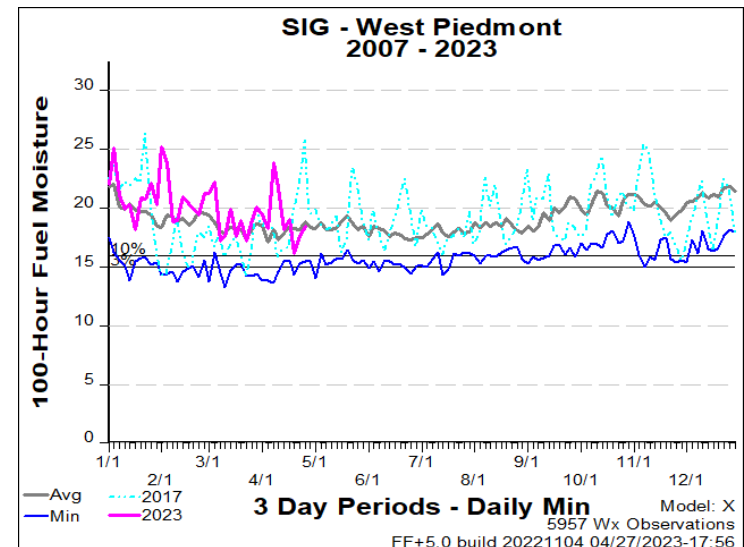
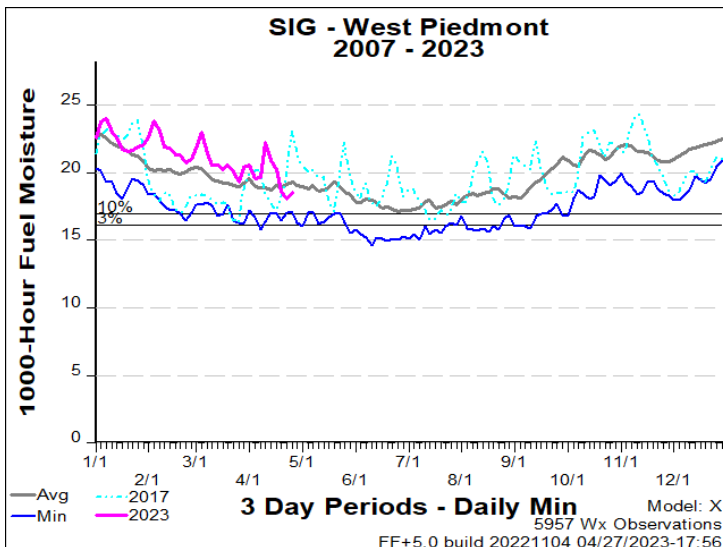
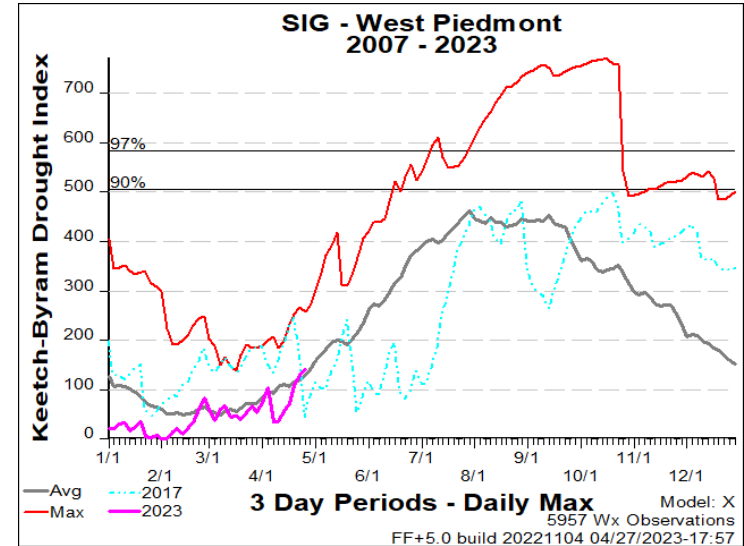
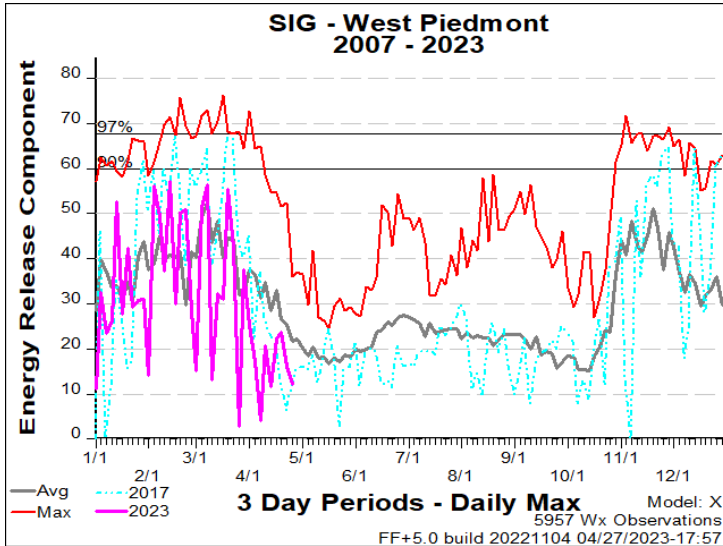
Values in the table above are averages from 3 stations in this FDRA:

- Rendezvous Mtn. (312001)
- North Cove Pinnacle (fr1) (314301)
- Rutherford County (316302)

KEY	Low to Moderate Burning Conditions	Burning Conditions Can be High CAUTION	Burning Conditions Can be Critical WATCH OUT!
Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 40°F	Between 40°F and 50°F	Greater than 50°F
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 2 mph	Between 2 mph and 4 mph	Greater than 4 mph
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.		
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.		
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 52	Between 52 and 62	Greater than 62
Burning Index	Less than 116	Between 116 and 136	Greater than 136
Ignition Component	Less than 14	Between 14 and 20	Greater than 20
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 16% and 18%	Less than 16%
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 18% and 19%	Less than 18%
KBDI	Less than 351	Between 351 and 508	Greater than 508

Other factors to consider when determining fire danger: sky conditions, precipitation amount, number of days since rain, and season

Region Specific – Western Piedmont



Weekly Outlook

Western Piedmont FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

For planning purposes only; forecast is subject to change

Four or more **RED** blocks in a day signals the potential for a **Critical Fire Day**

DAY	FRI 28-Apr	SAT 29-Apr	SUN 30-Apr	MON 01-May	TUE 02-May	WED 03-May	THU 04-May
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	75	79	71	67	69	68	72
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	68	47	69	36	38	36	36
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	6	4	11	14	14	12	9
Avg. Wind Direction*	S	W	SSW	W	WSW	WNW	WNW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	66	75	80	6	6	2	5
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	0.0	0.7	0.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	5.8	18.8	12.8	30.0	32.9	30.4	27.7
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	20.0	50.8	53.2	114.8	119.0	93.0	78.5
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	0.9	3.5	3.7	10.8	12.5	9.5	7.9
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	23.4	25.2	26.0	25.7	23.2	21.0	19.5
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	21.8	21.8	22.4	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.5
KBDI	137.3						

Data Source:

- Weather forecasts come from the National Weather Service's [Digital Forecast Database](#). The wind speed and direction, and probability of precipitation, are calculated as averages of the 1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, and 7 pm forecasts. The 20-foot wind speed is estimated from the 10-meter forecast using the log wind profile method.
- Days since a wetting rain is calculated using a combination of historical data (to determine the most recent wetting rain event) and forecasted precipitation amounts. These forecasted amounts are only available for the first three days of the forecast period.
- Fire danger forecasts for the next 7 days are issued by National Weather Service through WIMS. KBDI is only available on the first forecast day since the [NFDRS Forecast](#) product does not include precipitation amounts, which are used to adjust KBDI from day to day

Values in the table above are averages from 3 stations in this FDRA:

- Duke Forest (312501)
- Lexington (314602)
- Mt. Island Lake (316602)

KEY	Low to Moderate Burning Conditions	Burning Conditions Can be High CAUTION	Burning Conditions Can be Critical WATCH OUT!
Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 40°F	Between 40°F and 50°F	Greater than 50°F
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 2 mph	Between 2 mph and 4 mph	Greater than 4 mph
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.		
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.		
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 40	Between 40 and 52	Greater than 52
Burning Index	Less than 95	Between 95 and 120	Greater than 120
Ignition Component	Less than 9	Between 9 and 14	Greater than 14
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 17% and 18%	Less than 17%
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 18% and 19%	Less than 18%
KBDI	Less than 344	Between 344 and 479	Greater than 479
Other factors to consider when determining fire danger: sky conditions, precipitation amount, number of days since rain, and season			

Outlook Summary Table – R3

Summary Table by FDRA using count of colored blocks in a day’s forecast.

Forecast Subject to Change

Key: 4+ Red Blocks on a Day = “Critical” Day Potential; Red Color
 4+ Yellow or Combo of Yellow/Red = “High” Day Potential; Yellow Color
 6+ Blue-Green Blocks = “Low to Mod” Potential Day; Blue-green Color

Date	Day of Week	FDRA Matrix Summary - NCFS Region 3				
		Southern Highlands	Central Mountains	Northern Highlands	Blue Ridge Escarp	Western Piedmont
28-Apr	Fri	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod
29-Apr	Sat	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod
30-Apr	Sun	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod
1-May	Mon	High	High	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	High
2-May	Tues	High	High	High	Low/Mod	High
3-May	Wed	High	High	Low/Mod	High	Low/Mod
4-May	Thurs	Low/Mod	High	High	High	Low/Mod

Weather Outlook Discussion

Greenville-Spartanburg NWS (PM Fire WX Forecast Discussion):

National Weather Service Greenville-Spartanburg SC
251 PM EDT Thu Apr 27, 2023

.DISCUSSION...

Waves of low pressure will trigger widespread showers into early Friday and then again on Sunday. A cold frontal passage Sunday night will usher in much drier conditions to start off the work week and these dry conditions should linger through at least Wednesday.

Blacksburg NWS (PM Fire WX Forecast Discussion):

National Weather Service Blacksburg VA
27 PM EDT Thu Apr 27, 2023

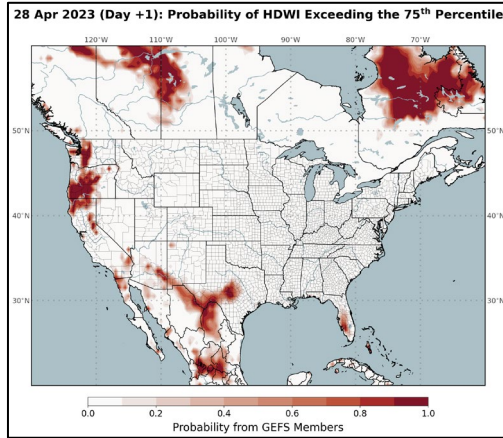
.DISCUSSION...

...Widespread Rain Tonight And Friday...

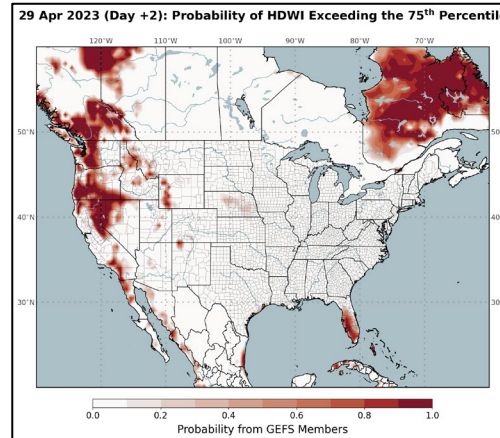
A wave of low pressure will approach from the southwest today, crossing the Mid-Atlantic tonight and Friday. This feature will bring widespread rain to the area tonight and early Friday. After a break in the weather Saturday, another wave of low pressure should arrive on Sunday to provide more rain. Gusty winds and colder air will follow to begin the next work week.

Hot-Dry-Windy Index (HDW)

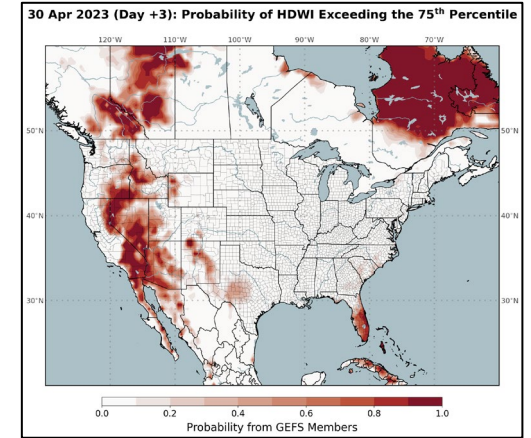
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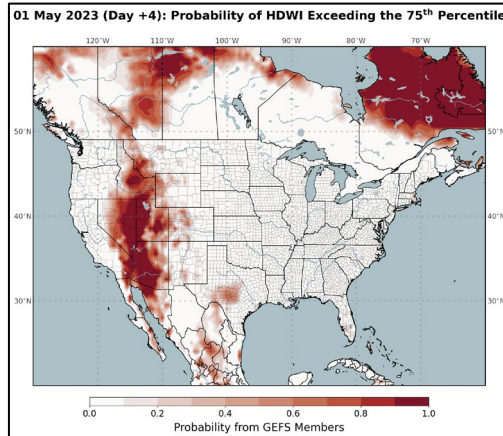
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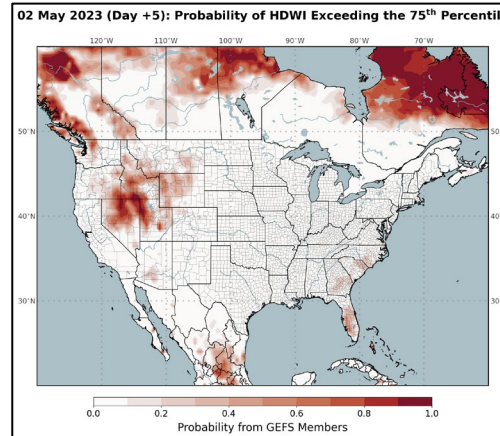
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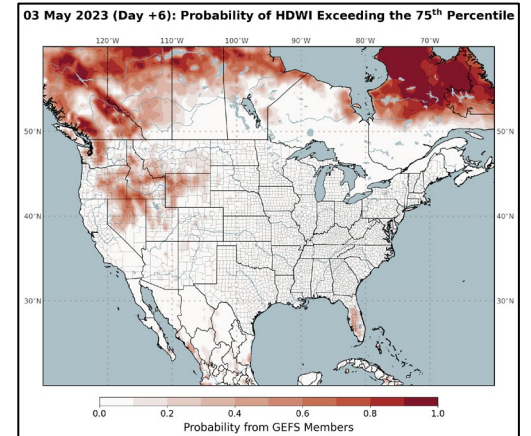
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Tuesday > 75th Percentile

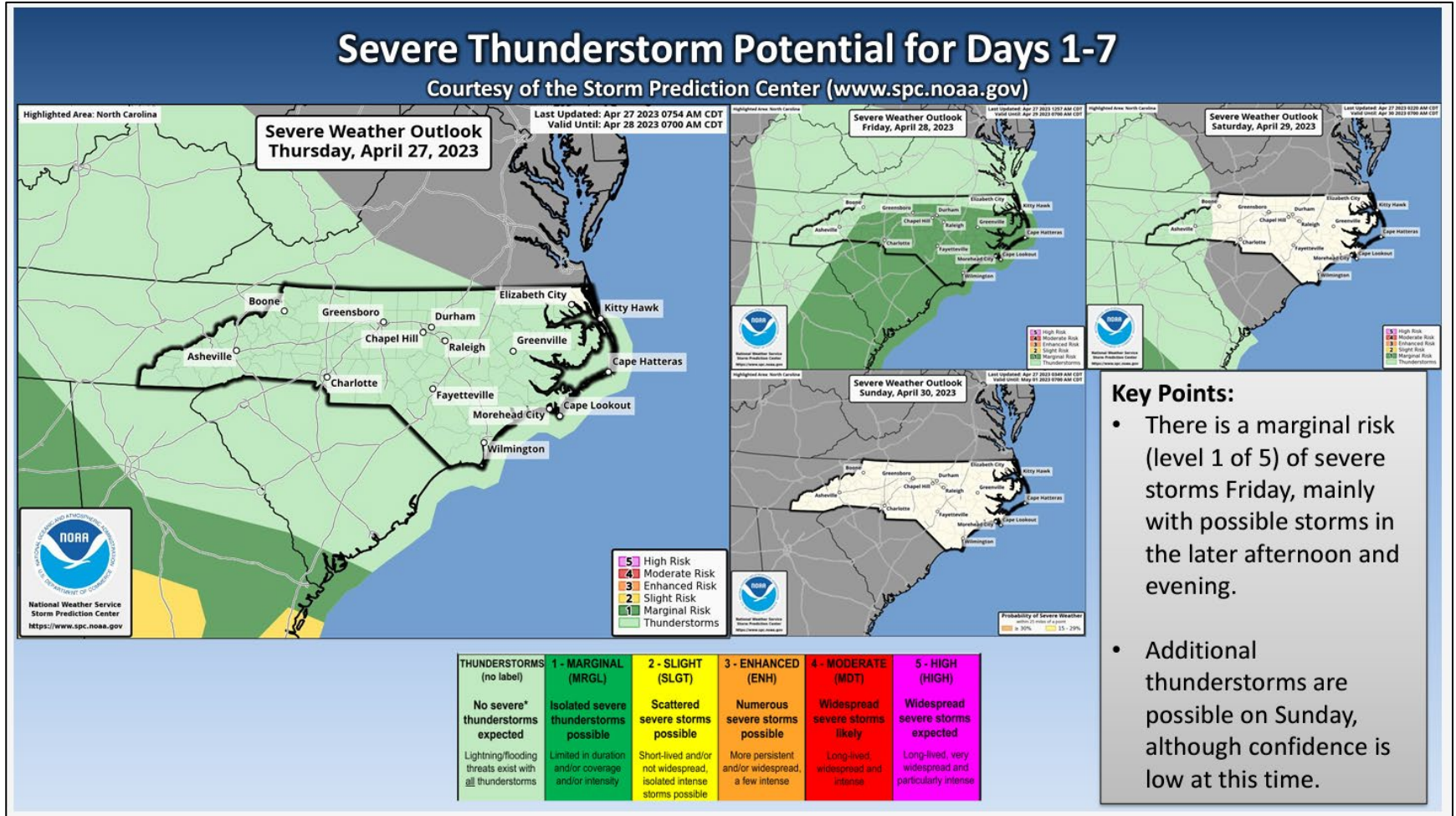


Wednesday > 75th Percentile



- Another visualization tool to pick up on broader weather, but with *limitations
- Only uses Max VPD (atmospheric moisture & temp) & Max Wind Speed to generate outputs
- Coarse Resolution - 0.5 Degree Grid
- No Account of Local Fuel Conditions and Topo

Severe Thunderstorm Potential for Days 1-7



NC DAQ Air Quality Forecast - Next Three Days

The North Carolina Division of Air Quality issues forecasts for fine particulate matter year-round and ozone from March through October. Forecasts and discussions are updated each afternoon for the next three days, and are sometimes updated in the morning to reflect the latest ambient conditions.

View: The latest forecast discussion The forecast discussion from

This forecast was issued on **Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 2:35 pm.** ✔ This forecast is currently valid.

Today's Air Quality Conditions

Fine particulate levels are in the mid Code Yellow range in portions of the western Piedmont this afternoon, with Code Green elsewhere across the state. Ozone levels are Code Green statewide.

[↗](#) For a display of the most recent Air Quality Index (AQI) conditions throughout the day, visit the [Ambient Information Reporter \(AIR\) tool](#).

General Forecast Discussion

Tomorrow's weather will be impacted by a surface low pressure system crossing the Tennessee and Ohio Valley areas. Widespread rain along the initial warm front will be followed by the potential for more isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon as the attendant cold front approaches. These conditions will hold both ozone and fine particulate levels in the Code Green range.

Outlook

Saturday will be relatively quiet after the frontal passage, with more sunshine and winds out of the west. Model guidance suggests some amount of fine particulate transport into the state from the west, so right now have forecasted upper Code Green for portions of the interior, as well as for ozone. On Sunday, the next wave of unsettled weather will arrive as another surface low tracks through the deep south. More widespread rain and thunderstorms will traverse across the state, holding air quality in the Code Green range.

Author: [Kreuser](#) - NC Division of Air Quality

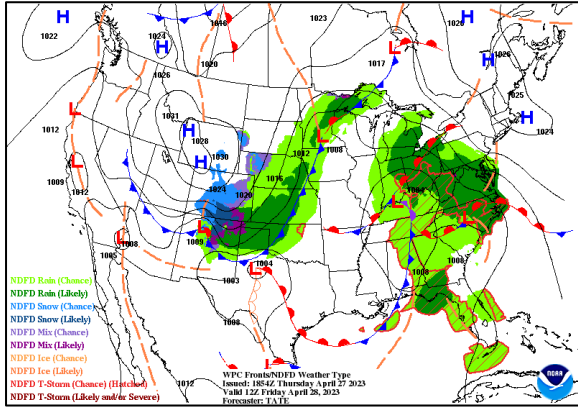
Extended Air Quality Outlook

The forecast Air Quality Index value for each pollutant represents the highest value expected within each county, so some areas and monitors may see lower values. We use the best information and techniques available to ensure the quality and accuracy of the forecasts we provide to the public. Note that ranges do *not* include the nine-county Triad region, which is covered by the Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection.

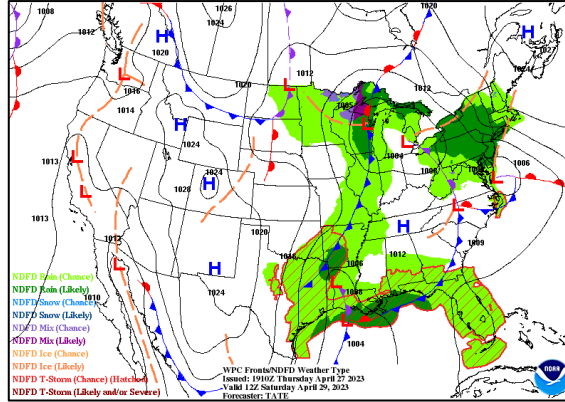
Forecast Day	AQI Range	Category Range
Thursday (Apr 27)	46 to 51	Green to Yellow
Friday (Apr 28) 🌧️	30	Green
Saturday (Apr 29)	40 to 50	Green
Sunday (Apr 30)	35	Green

WPC Forecasted Surface Fronts & Sea-Level Pressures

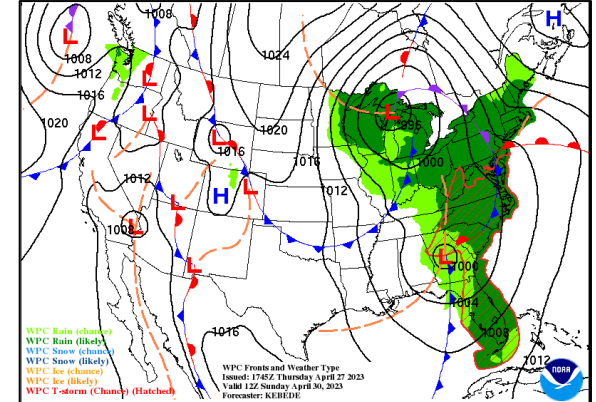
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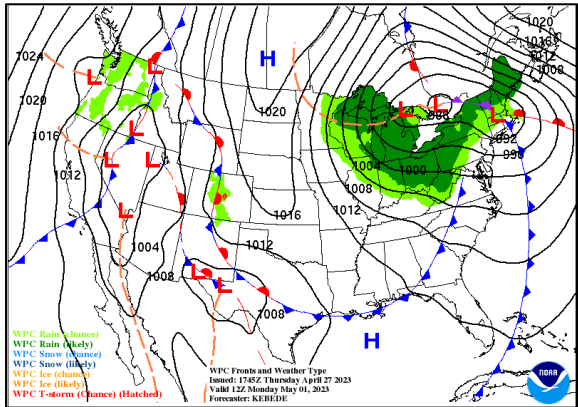
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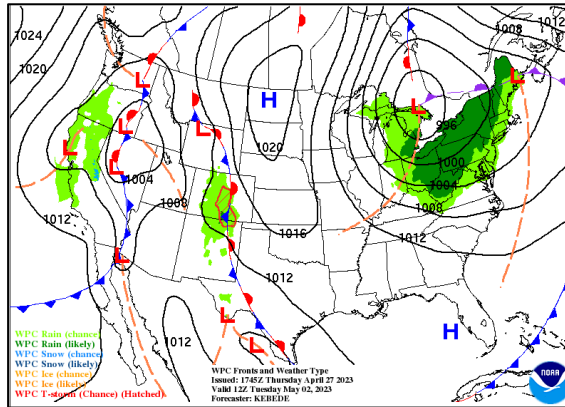
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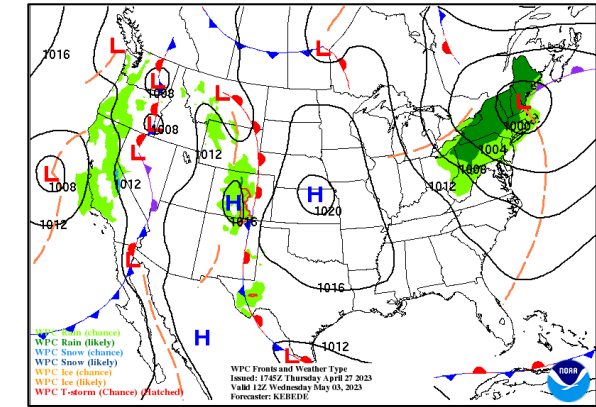
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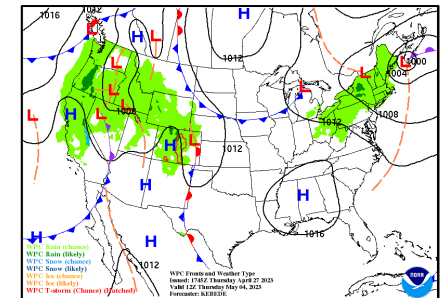
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Wednesday - 800 am

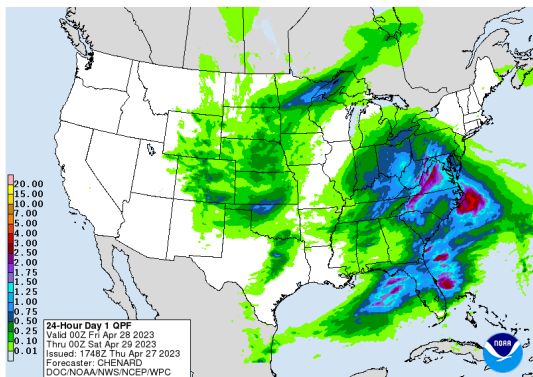


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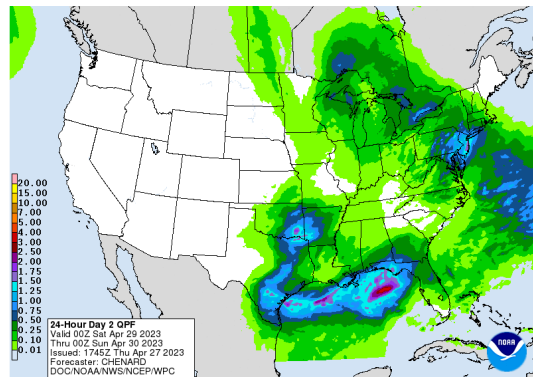


Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, 7-Day

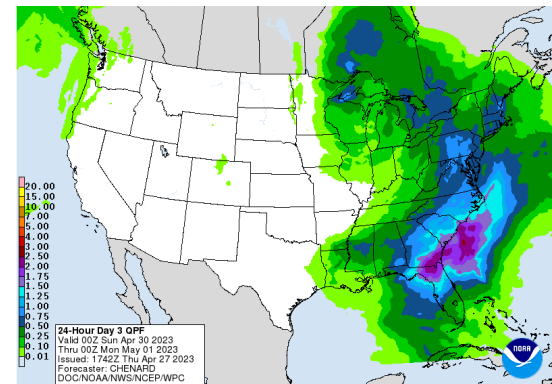
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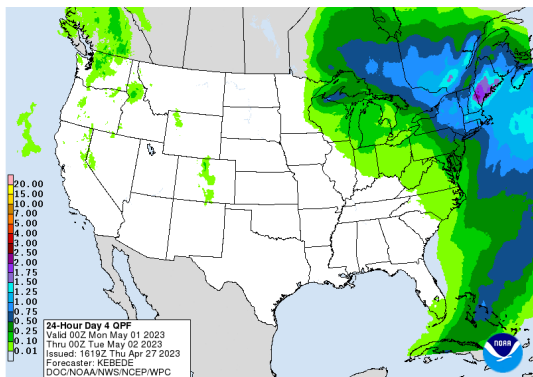
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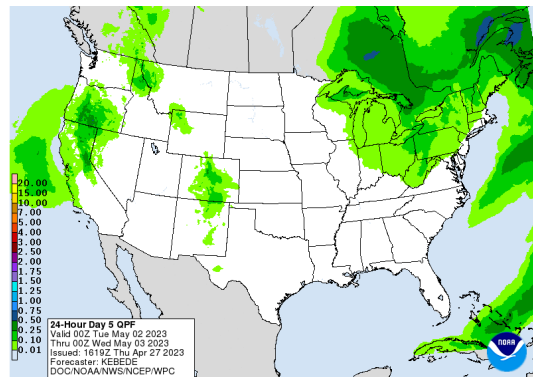
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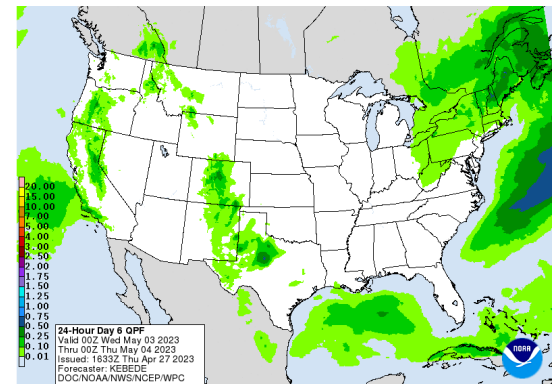
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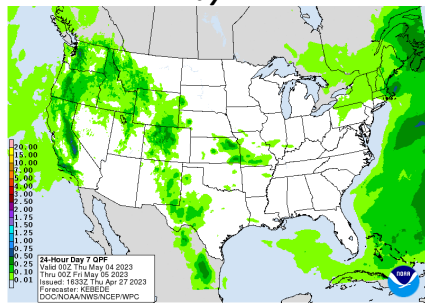
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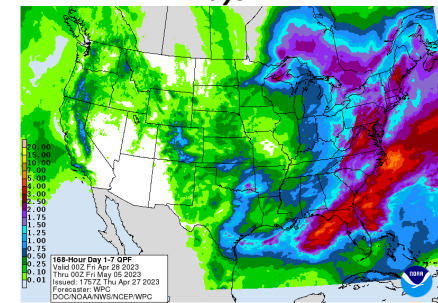
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Day - 7



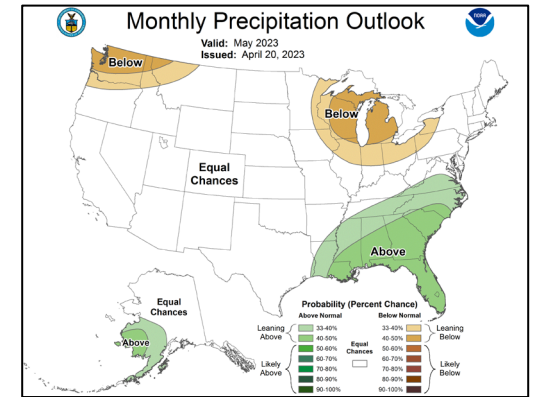
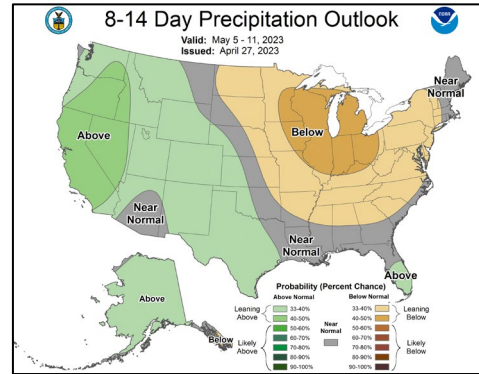
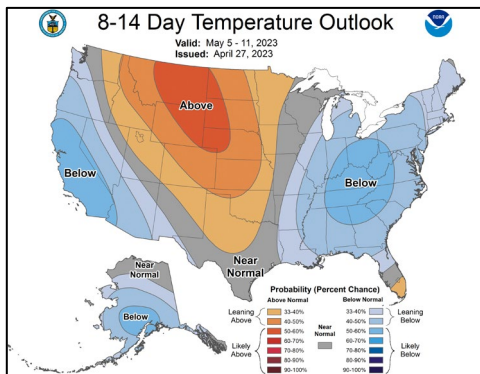
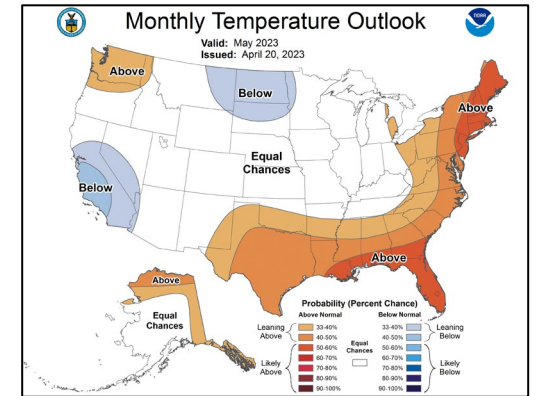
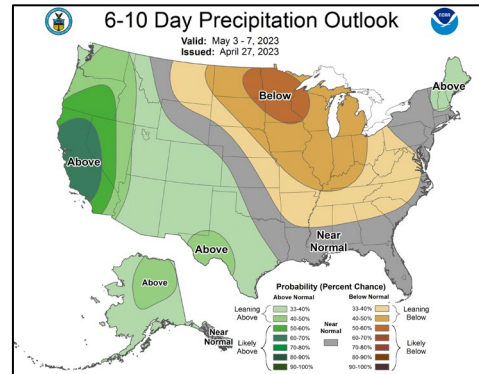
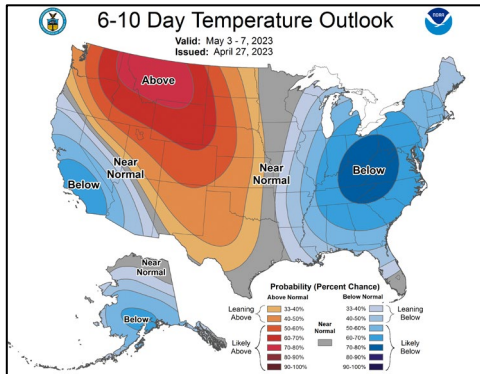
Days 1 - 7



Location: <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/#>

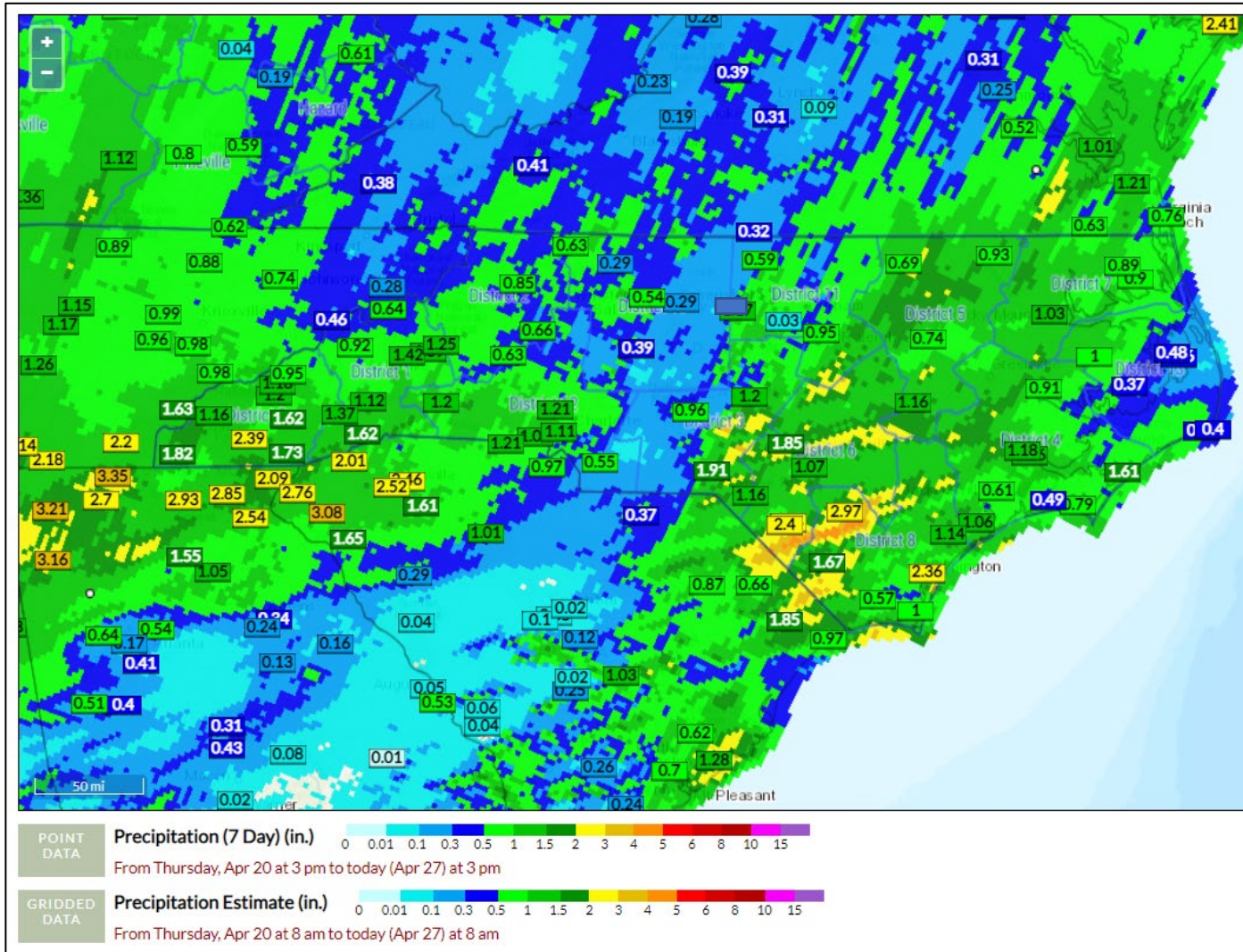
Temp & Precip Outlook

6-10 Day, 8-14 Day & Monthly (May)



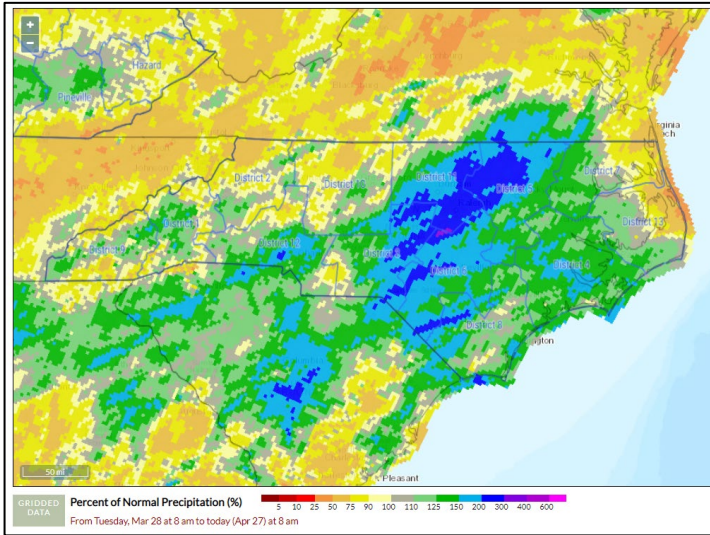
7 Day Precipitation Totals

FWIP (Point accumulation ending at 1500 on 4/27, Grid ending 0800 4/27)

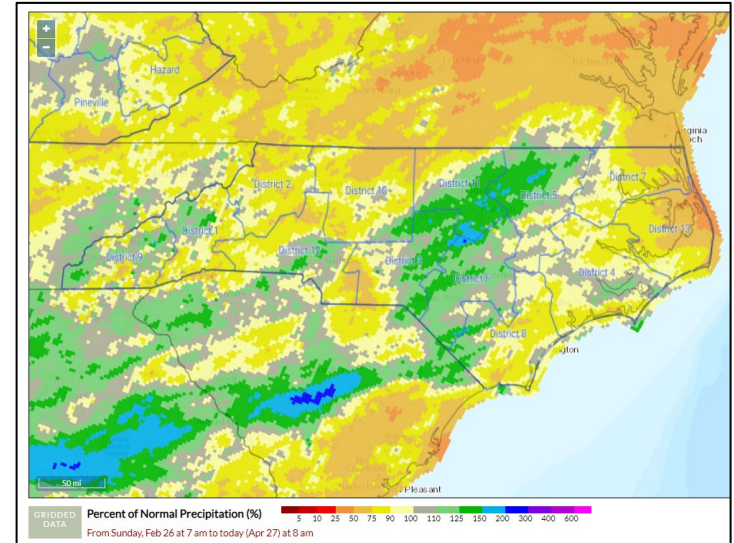


Percent of Normal Precip, FWIP (Ending 0800 4/27)

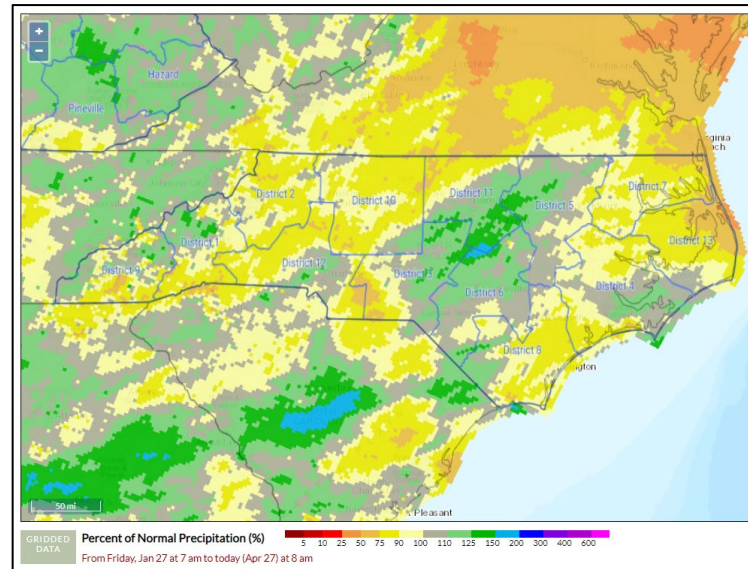
30-Day % of Normal



60-Day % of Normal

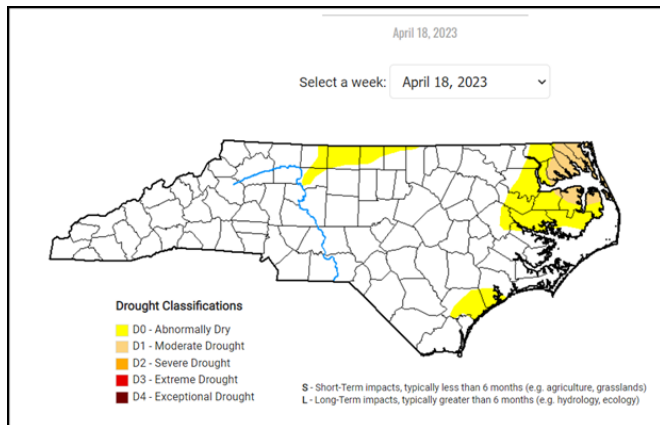


90-Day % of Normal

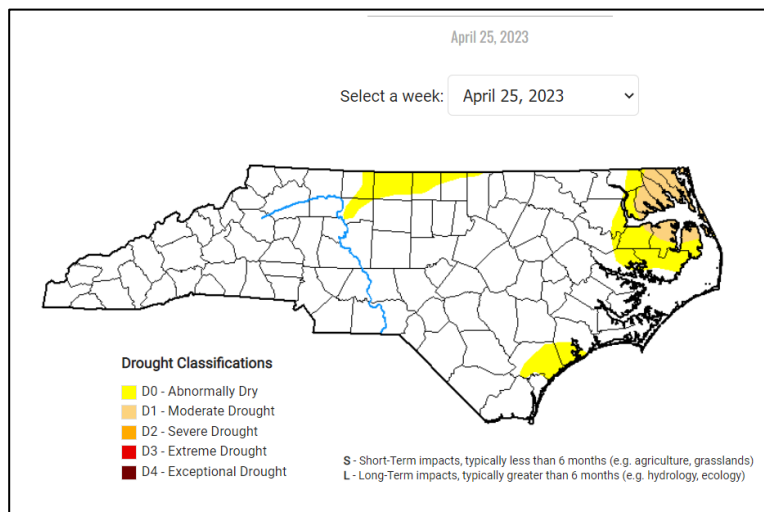


Drought Situation

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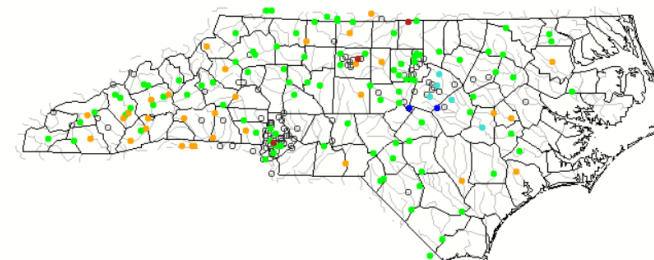
Current Week:



Map of 7-day average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the year (North Carolina)

North Carolina or Water-Resources Regions All Days

Hednesday, April 26, 2023



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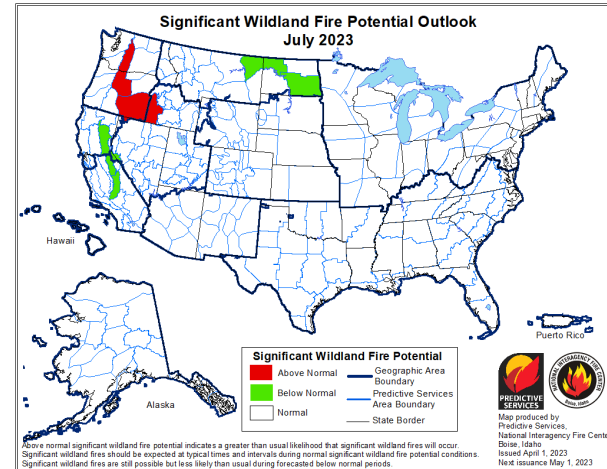
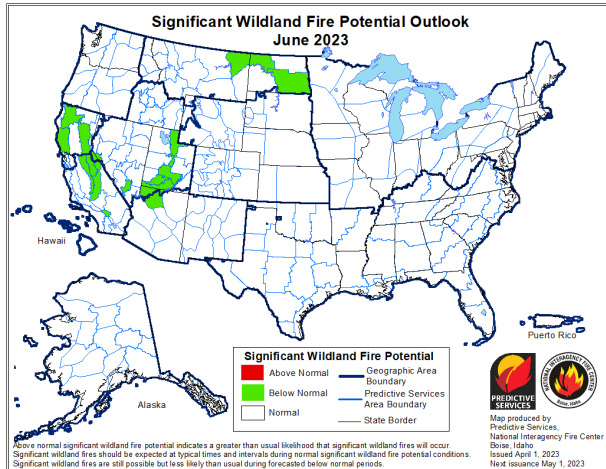
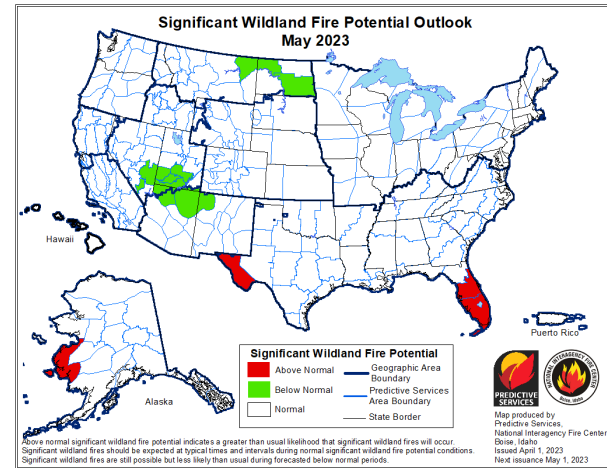
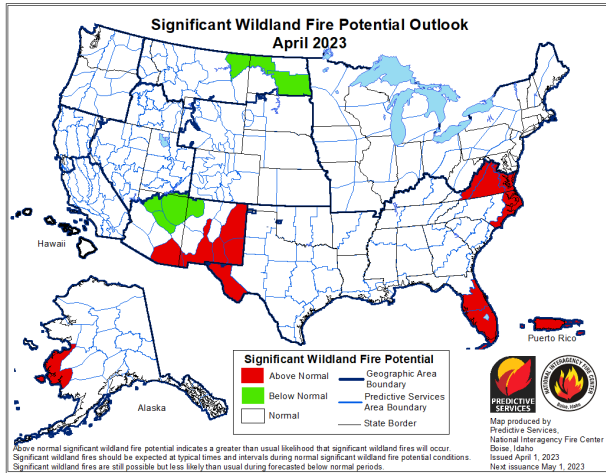
List of all stations Single station Nearest stations

Explanation - Percentile classes							
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Low	<10 <small>Much below normal</small>	10-24 <small>Below normal</small>	25-75 <small>Normal</small>	76-90 <small>Above normal</small>	>90 <small>Much above normal</small>	High	Not-ranked

- D-0 Abnormally Dry Conditions Decreased (~8% of State)
- D-1 Moderate Drought in Several Counties. (~3% of State)
- 7-Day Stream flow averages have responded to rain influences in some areas; also note slow decline in both west and east.

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook:

Updated 4/1/23 – Next Update on 5/1/23



A significant fire is one that requires resources from outside the district (other than aviation). IA potential is based more on shorter term weather factors. Just a few days of dry weather can increase IA activity considerably as we have already seen this year.

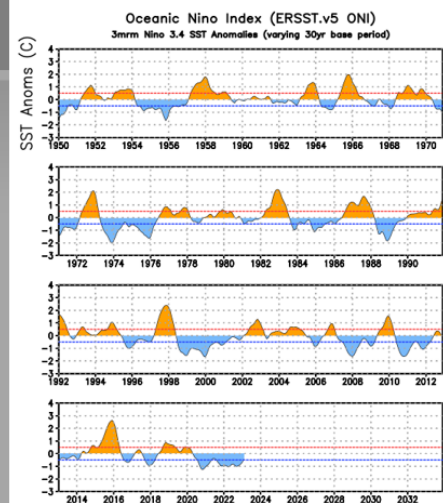
ENSO Notes from the CPC (4/17/23 Update)

ENSO Alert System Status: **El Niño Watch**

ENSO-neutral conditions are expected to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring, followed by a 62% chance of El Niño developing during May-July 2023.

ONI (°C): Evolution since 1950

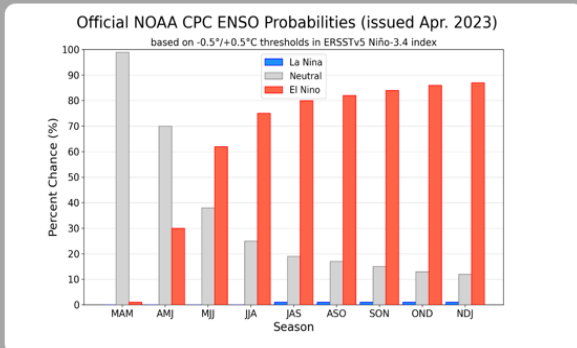
The most recent ONI value (January - March 2023) is -0.4°C .



CPC Probabilistic ENSO Outlook

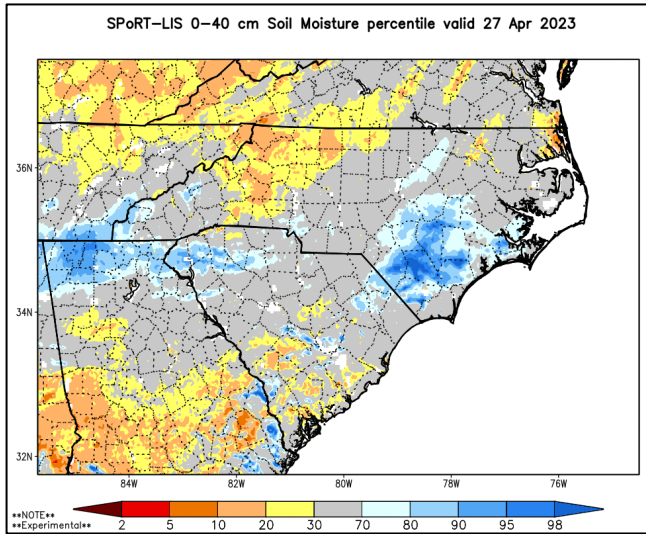
Updated: 13 April 2023

A transition from ENSO-neutral to El Niño is favored during May-July 2023, with chances of El Niño increasing through the fall and early winter 2023-24.



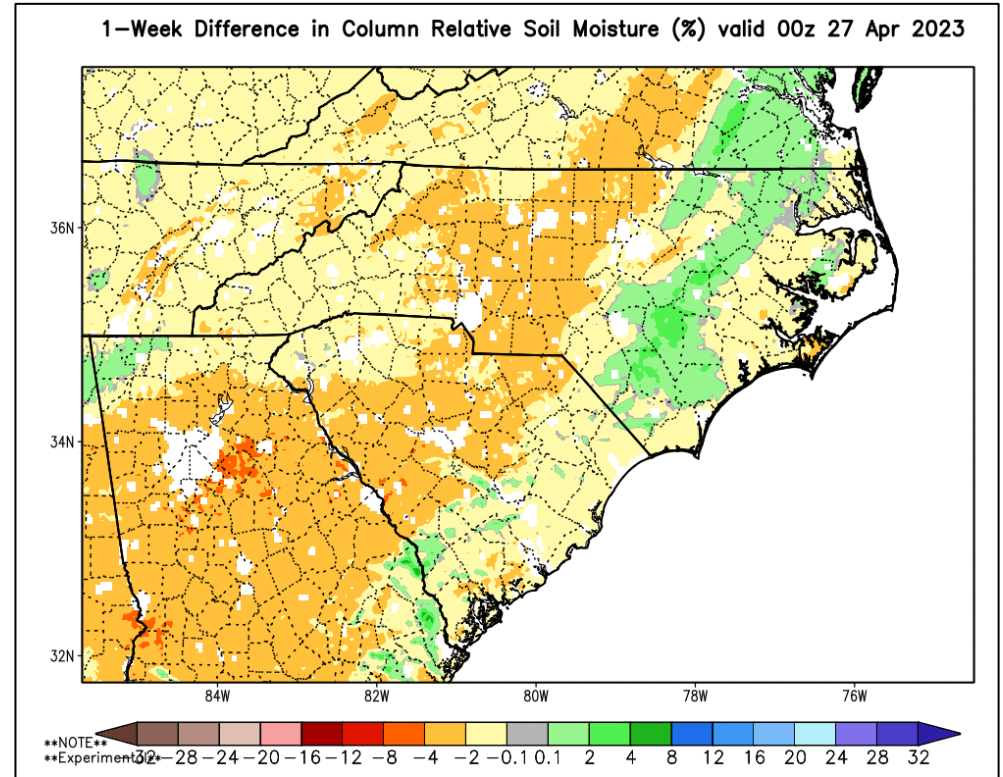
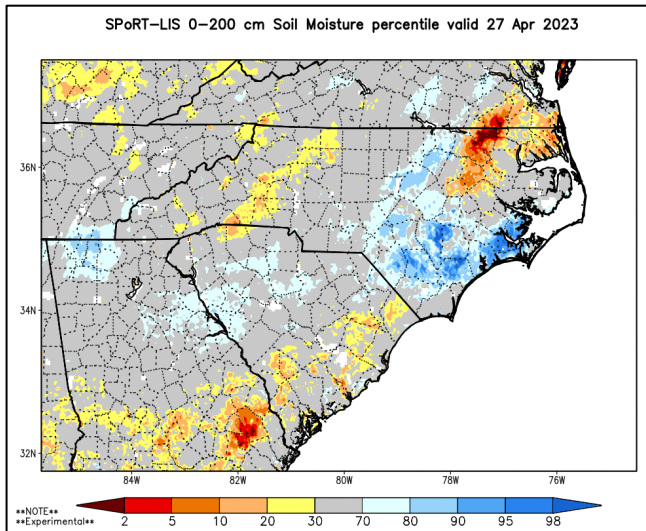
SPoRT Modeled Relative Soil Dryness

0-40 cm Depth



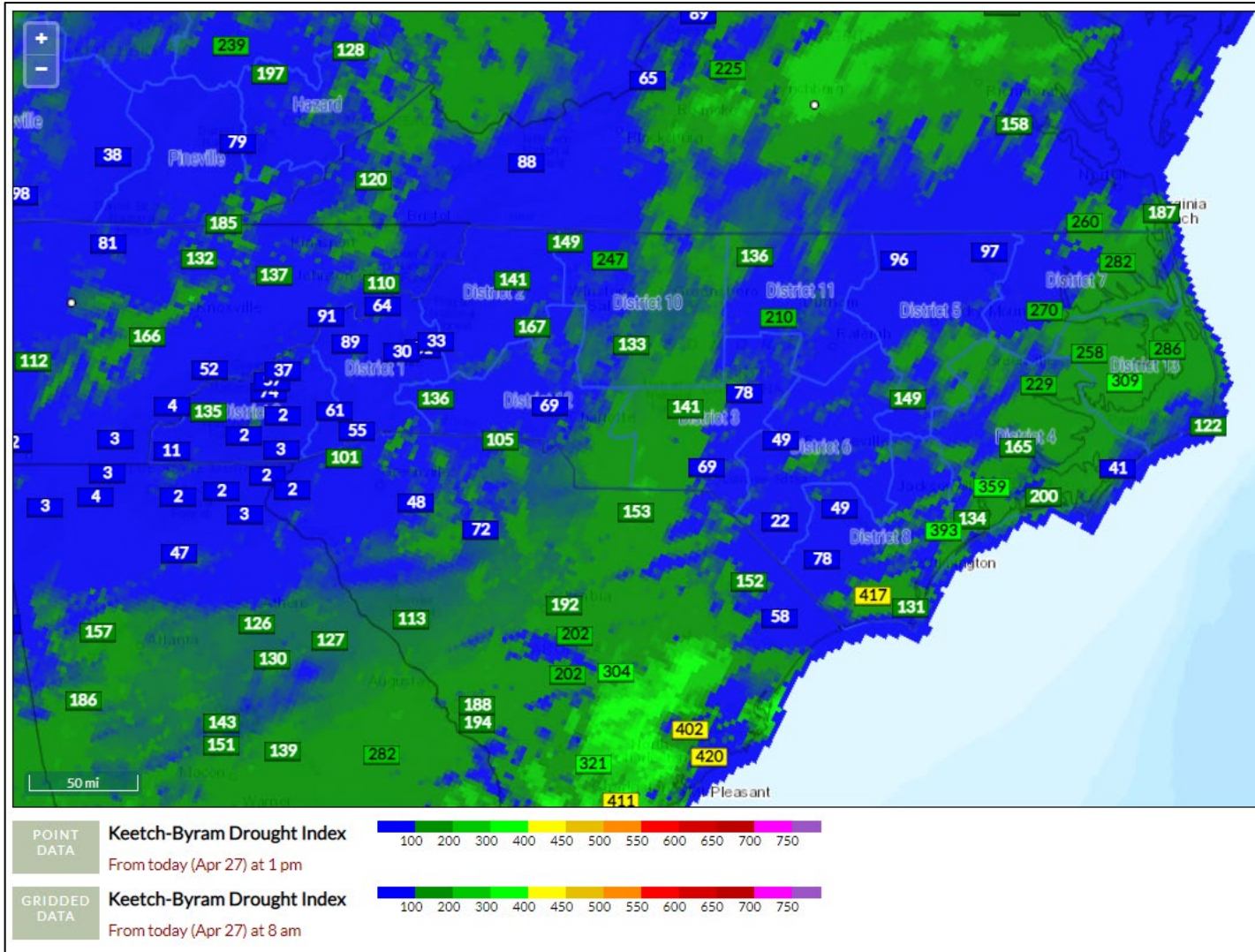
- Note areas of modeled improvement/degradation over the past week.

0-200 cm Depth



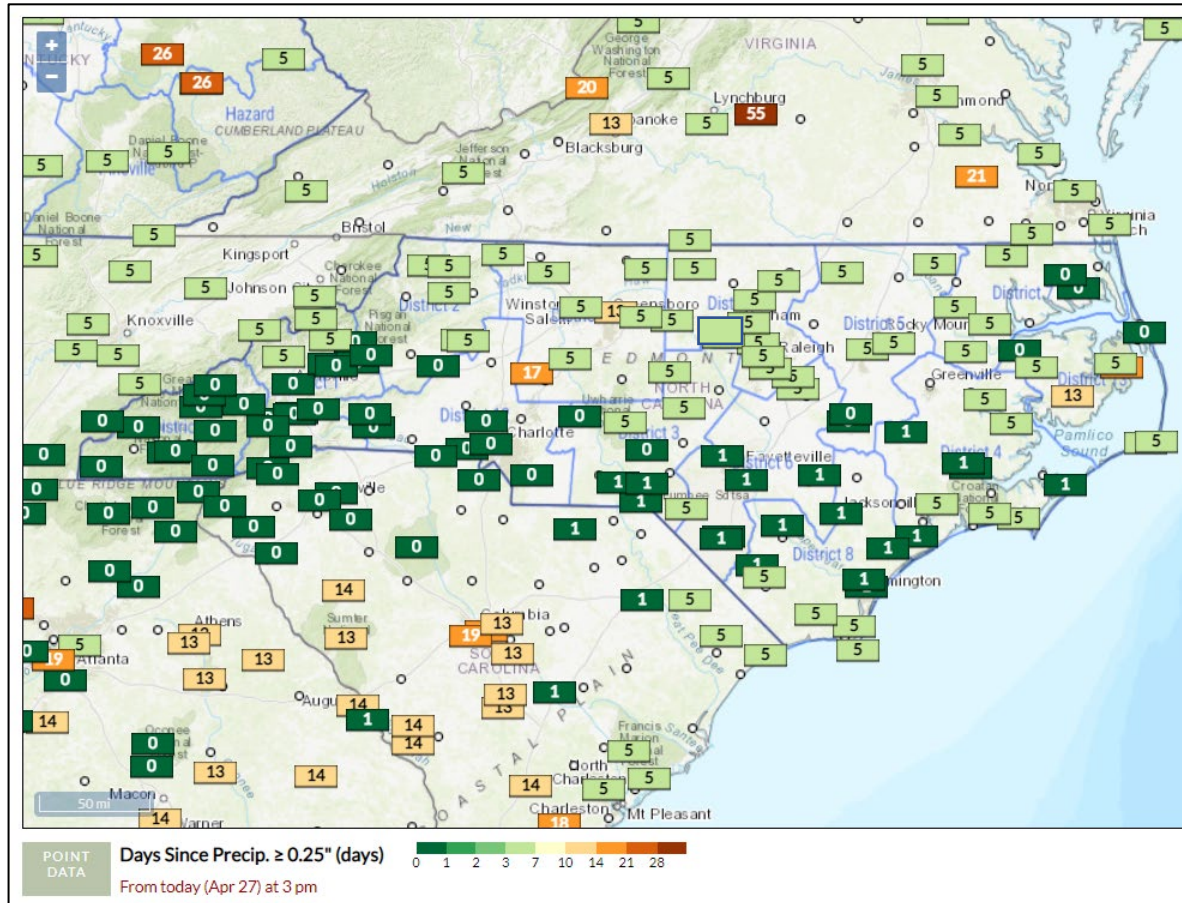
KBDI - Gridded & Station Points

FWIP (Point calculation from 1300 on 4/27, Grid ending 0800 4/27)



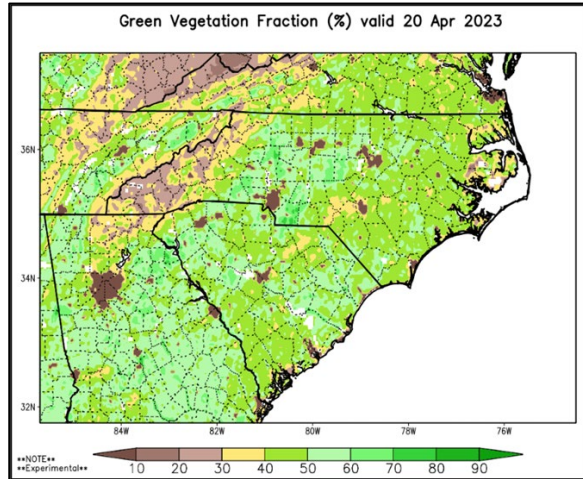
Days Since Daily Precip $\geq 0.25"$

Note – Latest product run was on 4/27/23 @ 1500.
Does not consider rainfall after that point.



Green Fraction & Green-Up Anomaly

Last Week



- Green-up nearly complete in lower elevations, higher elevations progressing.
- General reminder that many live fuels, even when appearing “green” still lack full moisture content until completing spring regrowth processes. A couple examples being conifer needles and waxy leaf pocosin plants. Combining this live fuel condition with very dry dead fuels can create enhanced fire behavior.

Current

