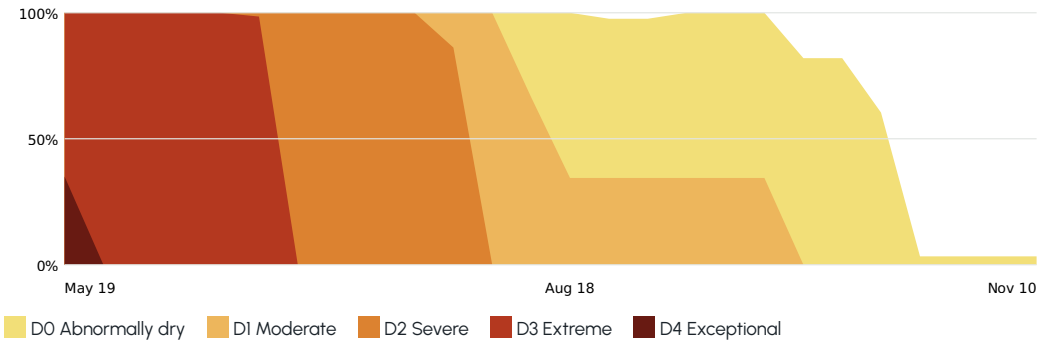
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COUNTY DROUGHT AND BURN-BAN BRIEF · NOV 15, 2026

Watauga County, North Carolina

Drought

No drought across most of the county (0%); abnormally dry on 3%. No severe drought (D2) this week.



Share of the county in each level, last 26 weeks. Source: U.S. Drought Monitor, map dated Nov 10, 2026.

Drought pay (LFP)

On FSA's 2026 Livestock Forage Disaster Program list, up to 4 monthly payments. Applications and papers for 2026 losses are due **Mar 1, 2027** at the county FSA office (7 CFR 1416.206(a)).

Source: FSA LFP eligibility file posted Nov 5, 2026.

Disaster designations

- S6203 · Primary · Drought · approved Apr 21, 2026
- S6172 · Contiguous · Drought · approved Apr 10, 2026
- S6177 · Contiguous · Drought · approved Apr 10, 2026

Primary or contiguous, both open FSA emergency loans for about 8 months. Source: USDA secretarial designations.

Burn ban

Cownty doesn't read an official statewide burn-ban list for North Carolina; county commissions, sheriffs and fire districts post local fire restrictions, so check your county's own notices.

Fire weather and fires

No NWS fire-weather alerts right now.

No mapped wildfires within 50 miles.

Sources: National Weather Service alerts; NIFC current fire perimeters, layer updated Nov 15, 2026.

Live page: cownty.com/county/watauga-nc · Information only. FSA decides who qualifies for a program. Free to print and post.