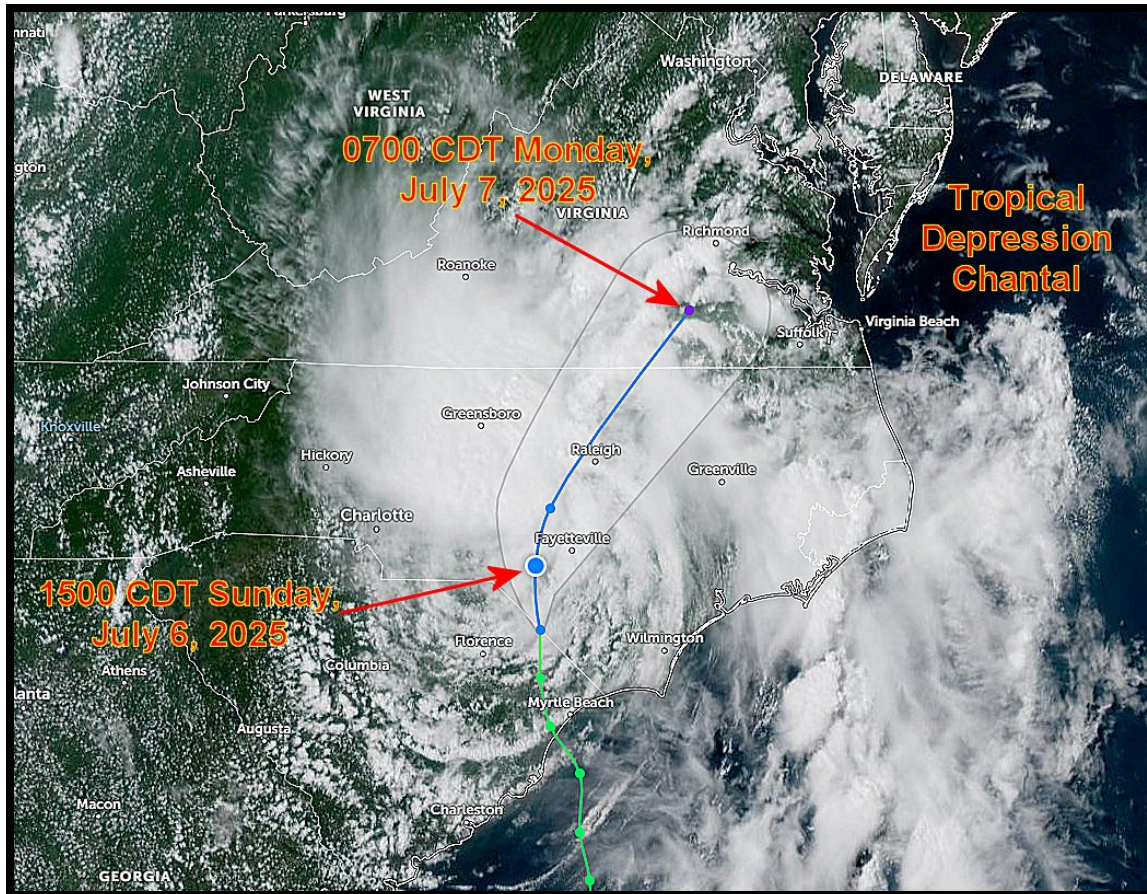


Depression Chantal Brings Heavy Rain To North Carolina

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Kansas City, July 6 (World Weather Inc.) – *Tropical Storm Chantal came ashore over the upper South Carolina coast early this morning and has since decreased to tropical depression status. Heavy rain has occurred along the storm's path and additional rain is predicted for central North Carolina and a few neighboring areas through the first half of this week. The storm will produce local flooding, but no wind damage or serious impact on agriculture is anticipated.*



At 1700 EDT today, the center of Tropical Depression Chantal was located near 34.9 north latitude and 79.0 west longitude or 23 miles west southwest of Fayetteville, N.C. moving northerly at 10 mph and producing maximum sustained wind speeds of 30 mph near its center.

The storm will continue to move northerly this afternoon before turning to the north northeast this evening and more northeasterly tonight. The depression will continue to slowly weaken, but sufficient moisture will be present in the atmosphere to perpetuate rainy conditions across central and parts of eastern North Carolina through Monday. Some rain from the storm will bleed over the border into eastern and central Virginia during the day Monday and Monday night.

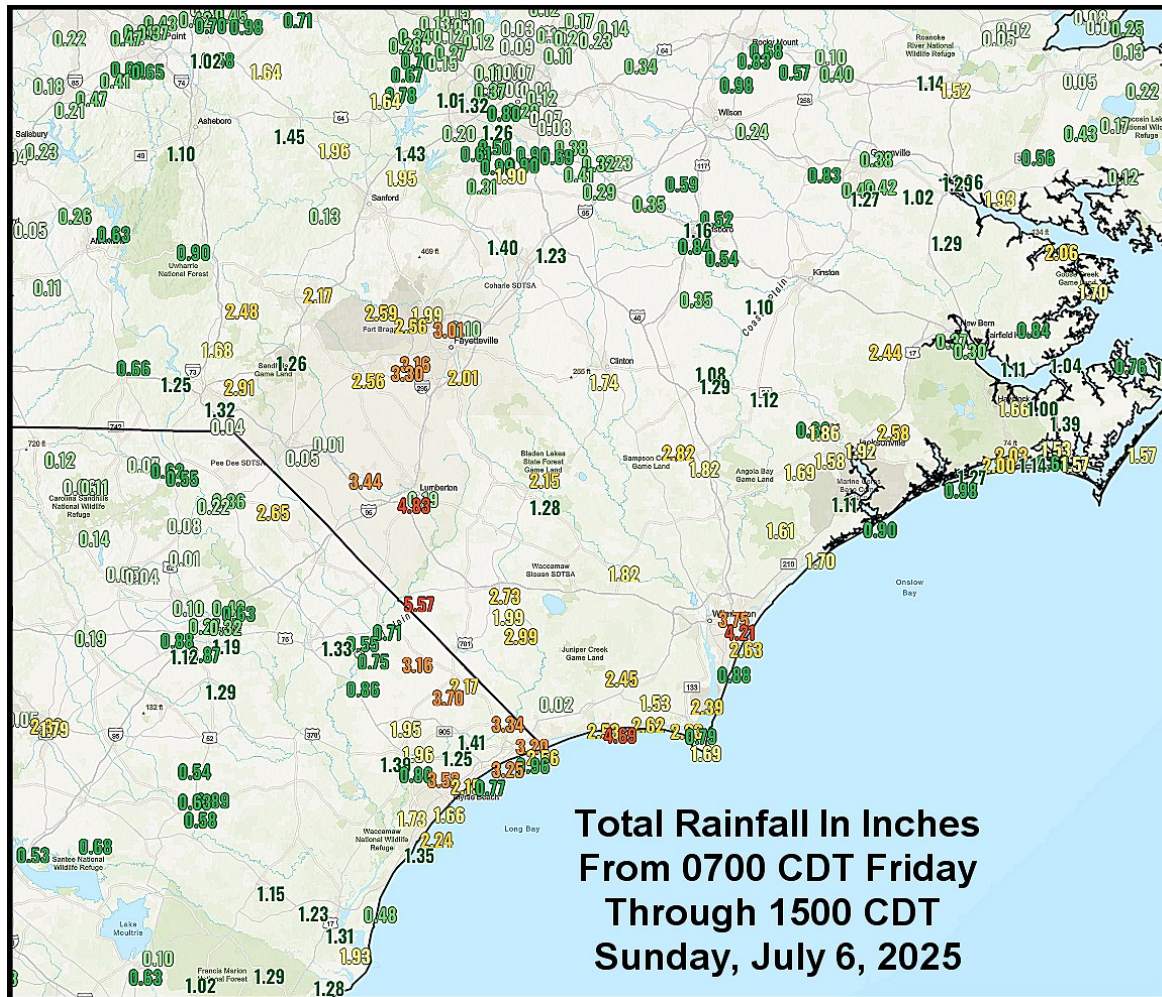
Additional rain of 2.00 to 4.00 inches and locally more will occur by Monday night over North Carolina and a few south-central and southeastern counties in Virginia. Rainfall

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had already reached the range of 2.00 to 5.00 inches in southern North Carolina and extreme eastern South Carolina through early afternoon Sunday. Some local flooding may have occurred in the greatest rainfall region which was near Fair Bluff, North Carolina. Rainfall in the surrounding region ranged from 1.00 to 3.00 inches.

Some of the greatest area of potential flooding tonight and Monday will be in central North Carolina, although the flooding is unlikely to be serious enough to induce much property and crop damage.

Chantal's remnants should be quick to dissipate while rushing off the eastern Virginia and Delaware coasts Monday.



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