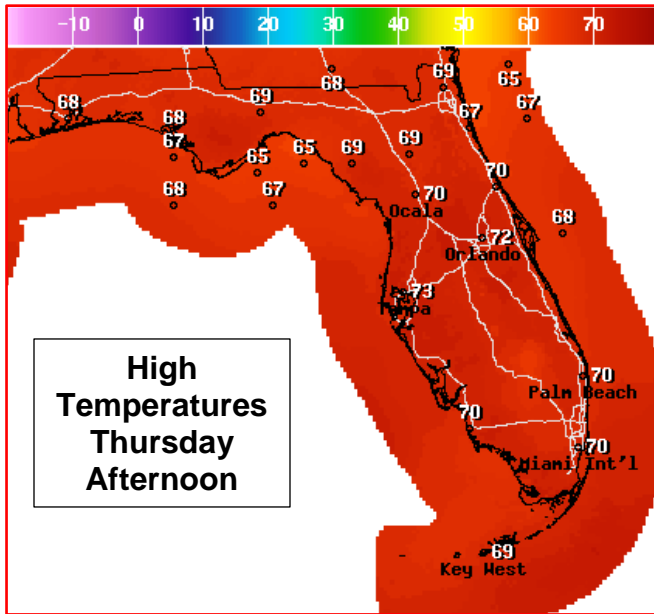




**...Temperatures Near Freezing Tonight With Frost Across Inland North & Central Florida...Seasonable Temperatures and Dry the Rest of the Week...Cold Front Brings Isolated to Scattered Rain Chances This Weekend...**



**Tuesday – Friday:**

A cold and dry air mass has moved into the state. Skies will be sunny today with no chance of rain statewide. The exception will be the lower Florida Keys where some low clouds are expected. Winds will remain breezy today out of the north and northwest (10-15 mph with gusts 20-25 mph), particularly in South Florida. High temperatures today will be in the 50s and 60s.

Temperatures will quickly fall after sunset tonight. Low temperatures will be in the middle and upper 30s across inland North and Central Florida and the 40s along the coast and in South Florida. Some rural locations in Northeast Florida will drop to or just below freezing tonight. With clear skies and light

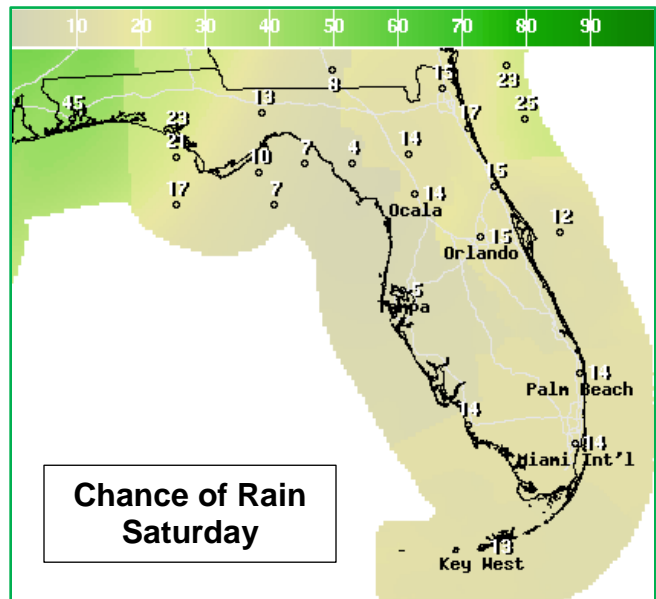
winds, frost will develop across inland North and Central Florida early tomorrow morning. **Frost Advisories** are in effect for inland Northeast and Central Florida.

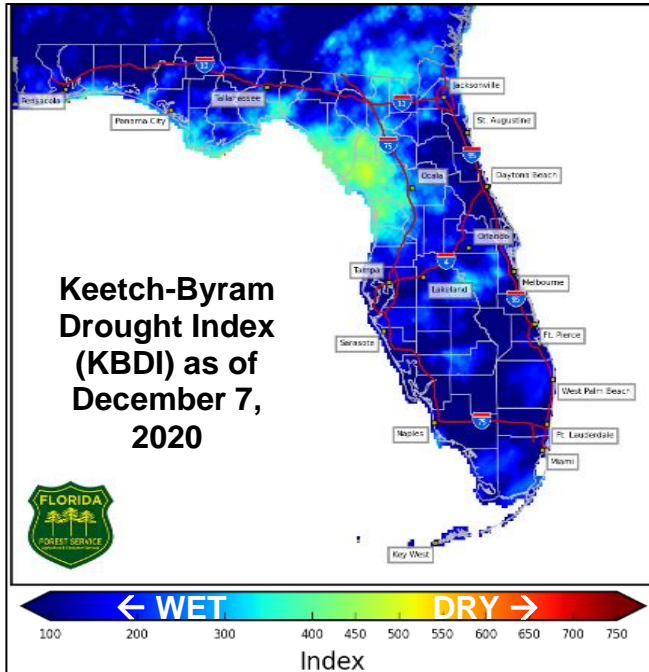
Milder temperatures are expected the rest of the week with sunny and dry weather continuing. High temperatures on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, will be in the 60s and 70s, with low temperatures in the 40s, 50s, and 60s. A few clouds may move through on Thursday and Friday, but rain chances will remain at 0%.

**Saturday:**

Another cold front will move across the state this weekend, approaching the Panhandle on Saturday before moving through the Peninsula on Sunday. This cold front looks to be much weaker than the last couple of cold fronts. However, the frontal passage is still a few days away and a strong to marginal severe thunderstorm may still be possible in the Panhandle Saturday afternoon. Details on this frontal passage will be discussed in the 5-Day weather outlook issued on Friday.

Skies will be partly cloudy on Saturday with more sunshine in the Peninsula than in Northwest Florida. Isolated showers will develop across the state during the afternoon, with more widespread rain chances and a few thunderstorms developing in the Panhandle. High temperatures will be in the 70s to near 80 degrees with lows in the 50s and 60s. Breezy south to southeast winds are expected at 10-15 mph Saturday afternoon.





## Drought & Fire Weather:

Florida remains drought free and soils are generally wet across the state. However, some abnormally dry conditions continue in Nassau County with the driest soils right now across the eastern Big Bend and northern Nature Coast. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) average for the state is 160 (on a scale from 0-very wet to 800-very dry).

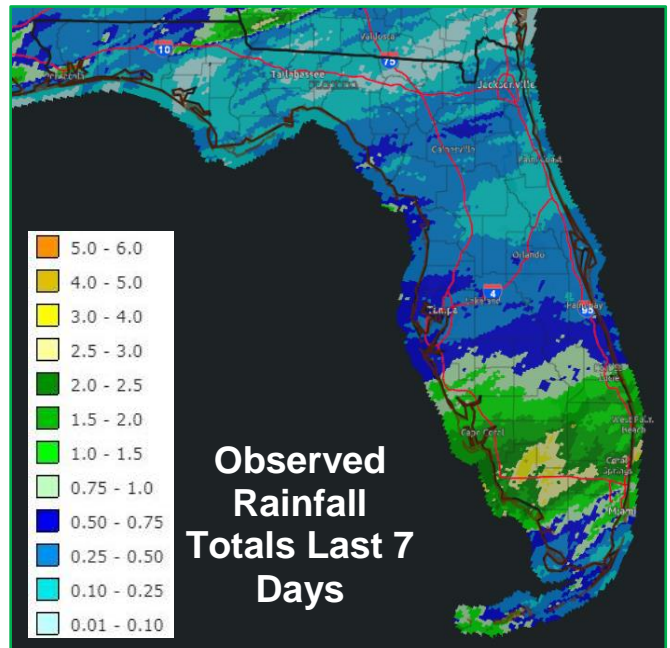
Wildfire activity has been minimal over the last week due to wet soils. Humidity is expected to remain above critical levels through the next 5 days, though breezy winds are expected at times. The wildfire threat will remain minimal through the upcoming weekend. There is currently 1 [active wildfire](#) across the state burning a total of 0.2 acres. The fire is 100% contained.

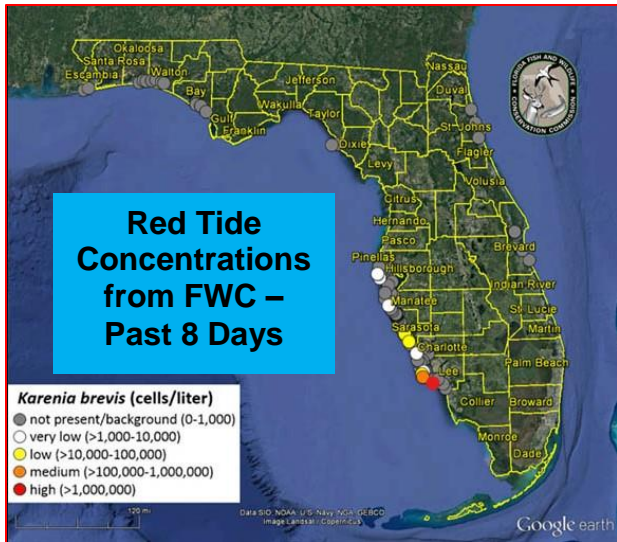
## Flooding & Hydrology:

South Florida saw another heavy rainfall event Sunday and Monday but flooding was minimal. All rivers, creeks, and streams remain below flood stage. However, streamflow remains much above normal for this time of year in the Peninsula. Rainfall totals this week will not result in river flooding. For more information on specific rivers, please visit the Southeast River Forecast Center [here](#).

There is no flash flood or coastal flood threat this week. Locally heavy rainfall could occur in any thunderstorms in the Panhandle on Saturday.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 16.06 feet, which is 1.30 feet above normal for this time of year and 0.06 feet lower than this time last week. Releases have been ongoing down the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers to lower the lake level, but heavy rainfall Sunday night resulted in a rise in the lake level yesterday.





## Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Breezy northwest winds come to an end tomorrow along with the elevated rip current risk along the Gulf Coast. With light and variable winds on Thursday and Friday, a low risk of rip currents is expected statewide. As the next cold front approaches this weekend, breezy onshore winds will develop along the Panhandle. This will result in a **moderate risk of rip currents** for the upcoming weekend. Wave heights will be 1-3' statewide this week.

Red tide has been found at **medium to high concentrations** along and offshore of Lee County and may result in some respiratory irritation and/or fish kills. **Low to very low** concentrations were also found along the coast

of Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte. For the latest Red Tide concentration reports, please view the [Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission map](#)

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Have a great rest of the week!

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