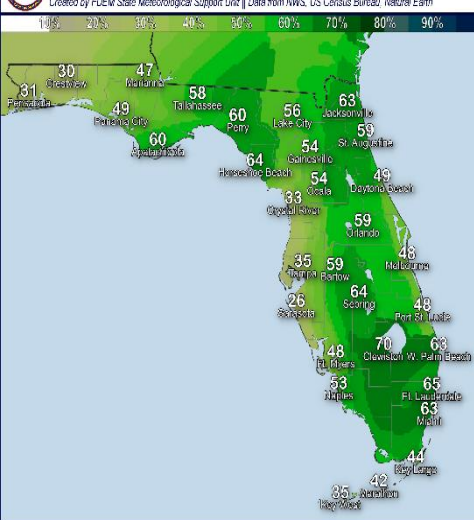


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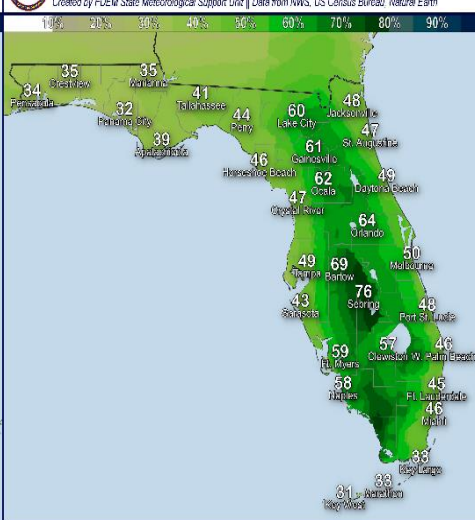
5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

No Threat			Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Flash Flooding	River Flooding	Wildfire	Excessive Heat	Rip Currents
Fri	Peninsula Panhandle			Big Bend & Nature Coast	Northeast Florida & Big Bend		South Florida	Panhandle Northeast Coast Elsewhere
Sat	Peninsula Panhandle			Big Bend & Nature Coast	Northeast Florida & Big Bend		Statewide	Northeast Coast Elsewhere
Sun	Peninsula Panhandle				Northeast Florida & Big Bend		Statewide	Statewide
Mon	Peninsula Panhandle				Northeast Florida & Big Bend		Statewide	Statewide
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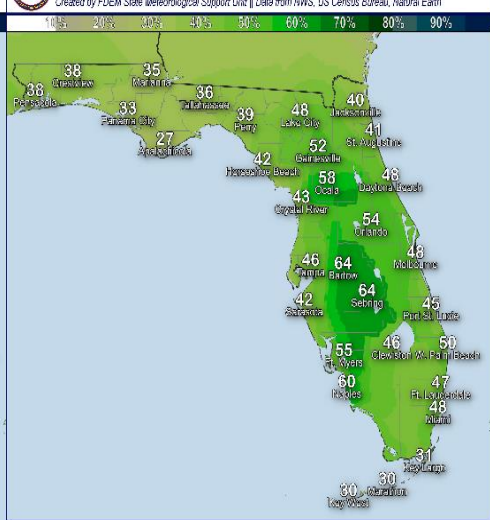
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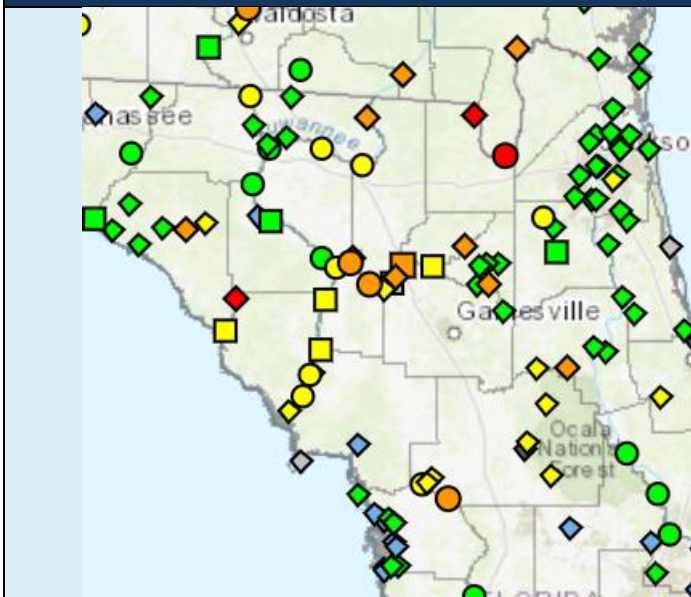
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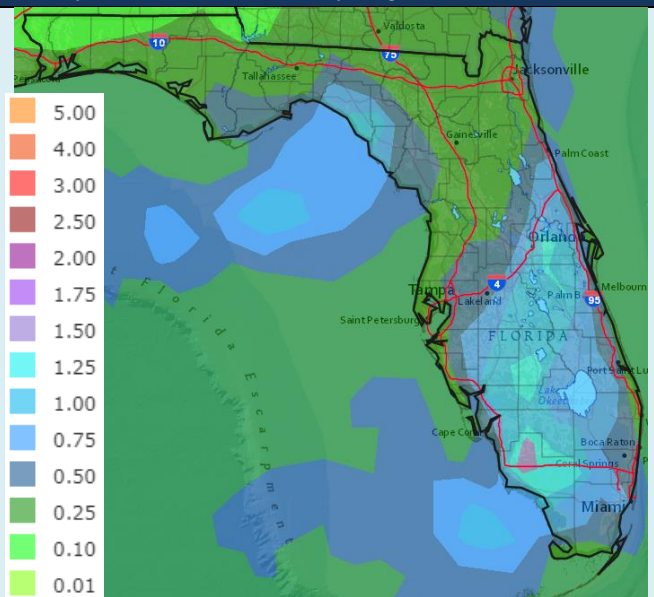
Chance of Rain: Monday



Rain Chances This Weekend: Saturday (left), Sunday (center), and Monday (right)



Northeast Florida River Gauge Status as of 2pm Friday



Forecast Rainfall Totals Through Tuesday Night

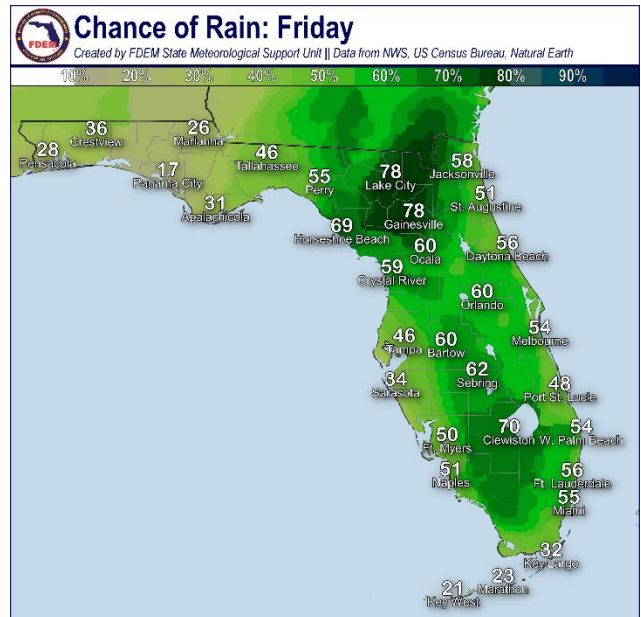


## ...Sunshine Returns to The Sunshine State - A More Seasonal Pattern Returns...

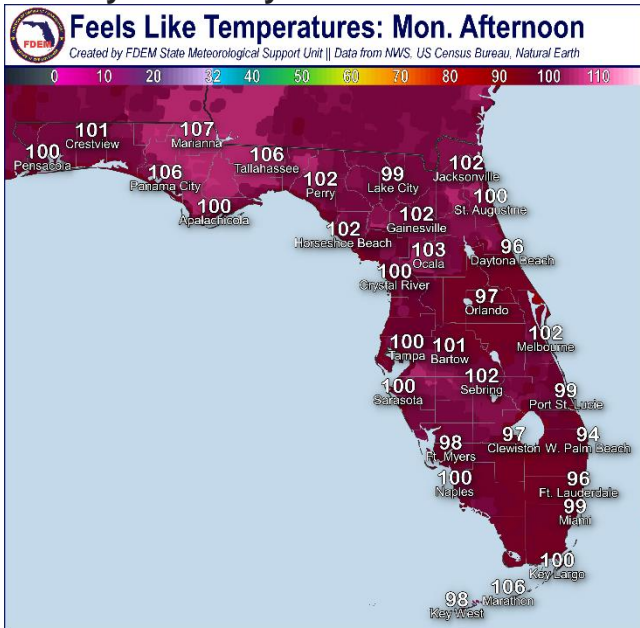
### Friday & Saturday:

A stalled frontal boundary has caused cloudy skies and localized heavy rainfall to linger across North Florida this weekend. Elevated rain chances continue today for Northeast Florida and the eastern Big Bend, but starting tomorrow the frontal boundary will finally begin to move out of the region. Rain chances will become more scattered across Northeast Florida on Saturday as the state settles into a more typical summertime pattern for the upcoming week. Cloud cover today and tomorrow will keep North Florida temperatures slightly below seasonal in the mid to upper 80s.

Across the Central Peninsula and South Florida, the typical summertime pattern has already begun to settle in. Chances of rain will be driven by daytime heating patterns and isolated to scattered showers are possible. Storms that do develop will be short-lived, but any afternoon thunderstorm is capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds, and heavy downpours. Temperatures will be slightly lower than normal with highs in the upper 80s.



### Sunday - Tuesday:



A more traditional summer pattern returns by Sunday, and a weak easterly flow combined with daytime heating will drive any rain chances statewide. Isolated to widely scattered showers and storms are possible across the state early next week, with the best chances across the inland peninsula and the western coast. As the sun returns to the sunshine state, temperatures will begin to heat up. Expect more seasonal temperatures in the upper 80s to lower 90s statewide, with heat index values feeling close to or above 100 degrees.

Any showers or storms that develop will quickly wane after sunset. Expect mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with overnight temperatures ranging from the mid 70s low 80s statewide.

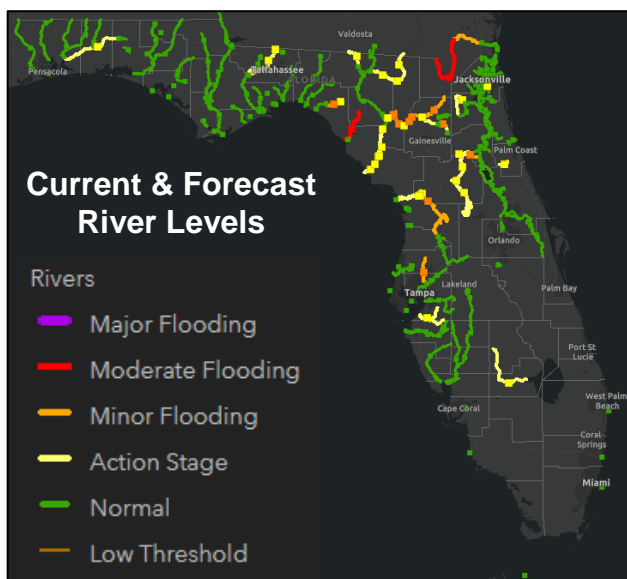
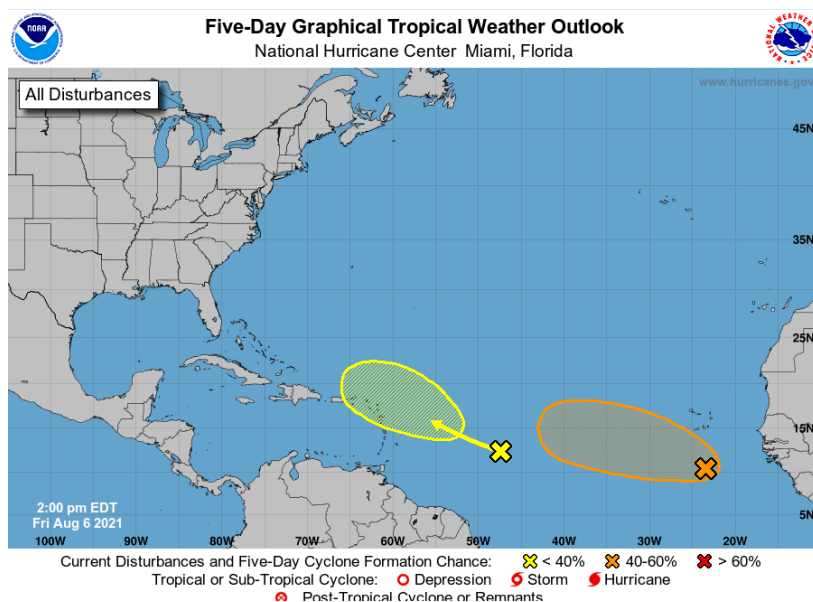


## Tropics:

1. A large area of disorganized cloudiness and showers located a few hundred miles south of the Cabo Verde Islands is associated with a tropical wave and an associated broad area of low pressure. Environmental conditions appear somewhat conducive for gradual development over the next several days, and a tropical depression could form late this weekend or early next week while the system moves generally west-northwestward across the tropical Atlantic.

2. A tropical wave located over the west-central tropical Atlantic is producing limited shower activity. Development, if any, of this system is expected to be slow to occur as it moves west northwestward and approaches the Lesser Antilles early next week.

**These system pose no threat to Florida within the next 7 days.** For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov).



## [River Forecast Center.](http://www.floridastormwater.org)

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.82 feet, which is within the operational band and near normal for this time of year. Lake levels will continue to slowly rise due to recent and forecasted rainfall.

## Flash Flooding:

A stalled front across the northern half of the state brought nearly 8" of rain to Dixie County on Thursday. This localized heavy rainfall total has prompted a **Flash Flood Warning** until 5:45pm this evening. Rain is still forecast for the Eastern Big Bend, and a **Flash Flood**

## Hydrology:

Heavy rainfall this week from the stalled front has prompted new and continued **River Flood Warnings**. The [Steinhatchee River](#) and the [St. Marys River](#) have risen to **Moderate Flood Stage** after periods of localized heavy rainfall on Thursday. **Minor Flooding** has continued for the [Santa Fe River at Three River Estates, near Fort White, near High Springs](#) and at [O'Leno State Park](#), the [Withlacoochee River](#), [Cypress Creek at Worthington Gardens](#), the [Ocklawaha River at Rodman Dam](#), and the [Withlacoochee River at Holder](#). Several additional rivers across the state are in Action Stage from recent heavy rainfall. For more details on specific river levels, please visit the

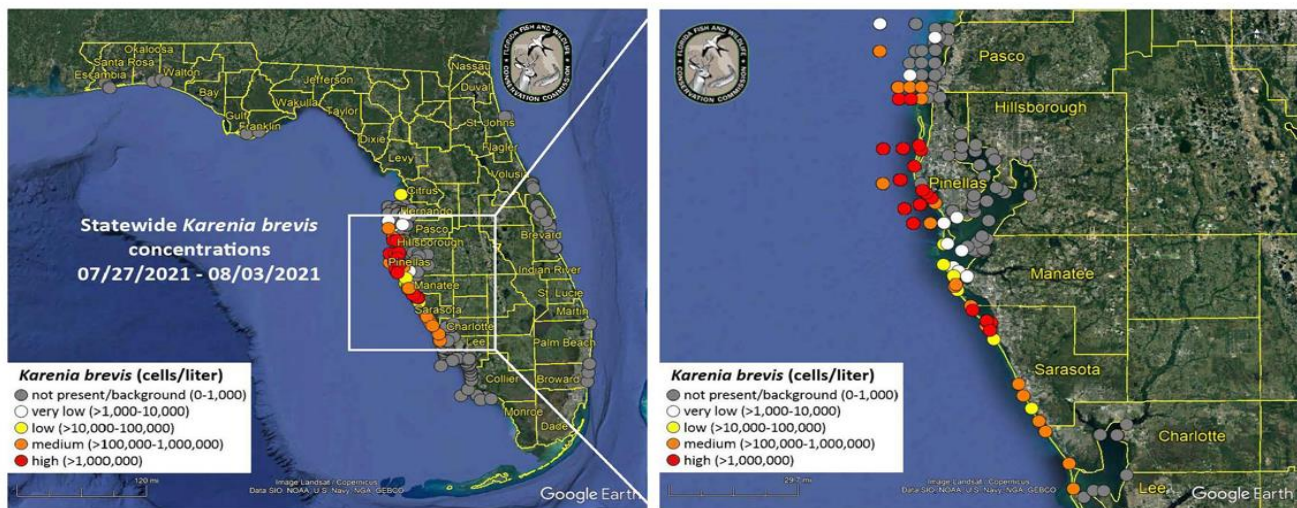




**Watch** has been extended for Eastern Big Bend counties. *Continued rainfall will increase the risk of an isolated flash flood, and result in standing water in low-lying areas.* An **Areal Flood Watch** is in effect for Bradford, Eastern Alachua, Gilchrist, Columbia, Suwannee, Union and Western Alachua through this evening. These watches mean that heavy rainfall could result in significant standing water in urban and low-lying areas, with an isolated case of more impactful flooding into homes or businesses.

### Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Breezy winds along the coast of the Big Bend today has led to a **high risk of rip currents** for the Big Bend along Coastal Franklin County. Elsewhere across the Panhandle and across Northeast Florida there is a **moderate risk of rip currents** today. A **moderate risk** will continue for Northeast Florida Beaches into tomorrow. By Sunday, there will be a **low risk of rip currents** statewide. Wave heights will be 1 to 2' statewide by Sunday.



A significant Red Tide bloom continues along the West Coast of the Peninsula, but has ended in Tampa Bay. **High concentrations** have been reported along the Gulf Coasts of Pinellas and Sarasota County with **medium concentrations** along southern Pasco and Manatee County. **Low concentrations** have been observed in isolated areas of Charlotte and Lee County.

These high concentrations are resulting in respiratory irritation for both sensitive individuals and the general public, along with numerous fish kills. For the latest Red Tide concentration reports, please view the [Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission map](#).

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Have a great weekend!

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