



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, May 15, 2025



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team



Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden, Santa Rosa	NWS Weekly Meeting / LSA Site Visit / Response Coordinators Mtg
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	PMP Course / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Alachua	Capabilities Assessment / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Alachua	Capabilities Assessment / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	EM Visit / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 8: Mason Kozac	St Lucie	Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Out of Service	Military Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	Workshop Presentation
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leave	See Coverage
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	County Exercise
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Volusia	County EM Meeting
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Hardee	LTRG Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Internal Stakeholder Mtg / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Onboarding Admin Duties
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

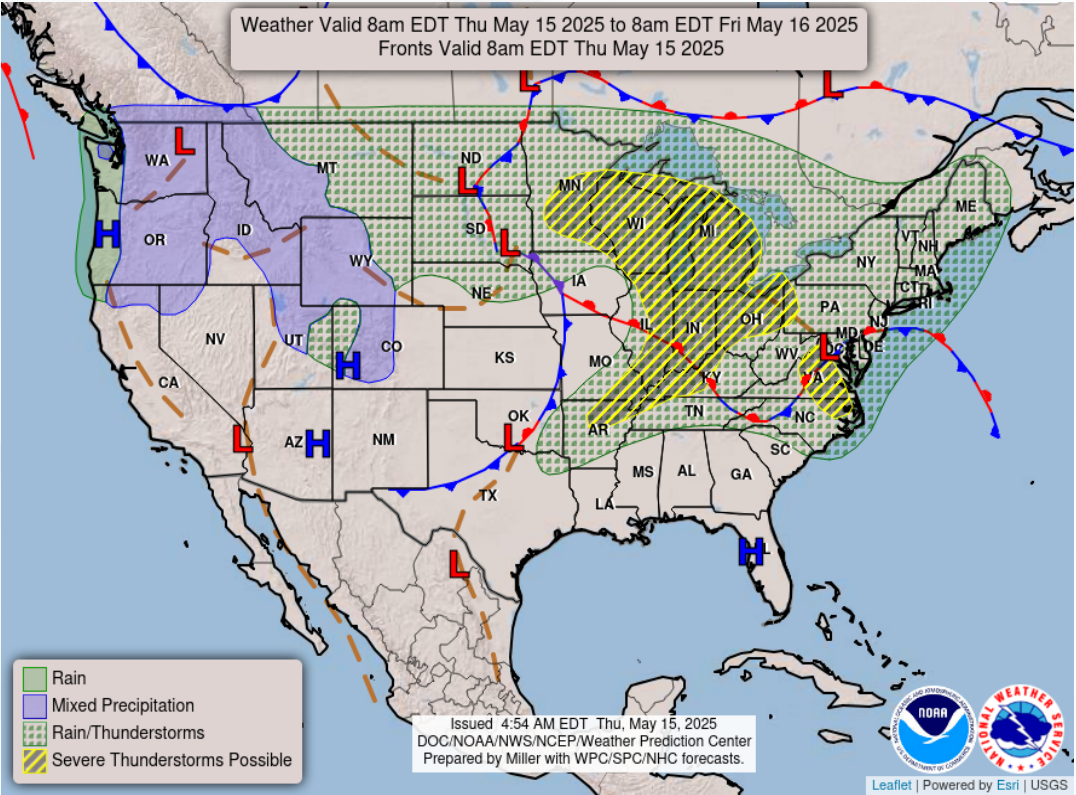
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

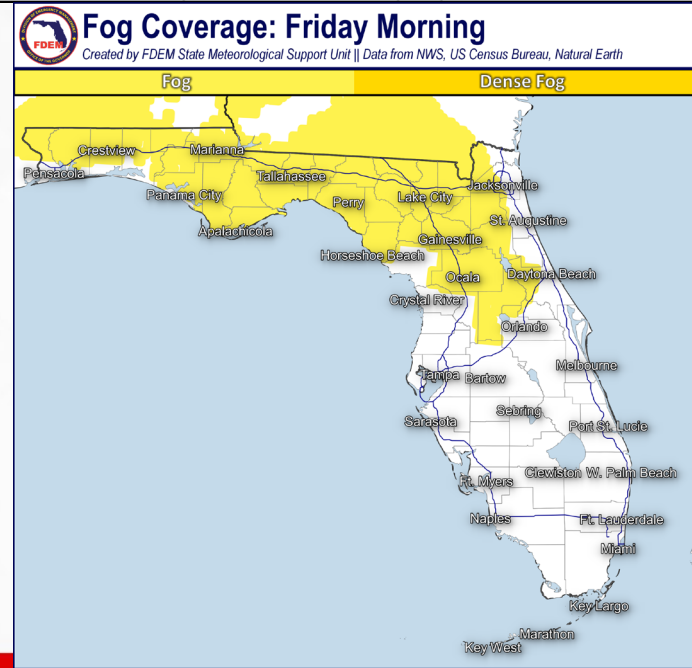
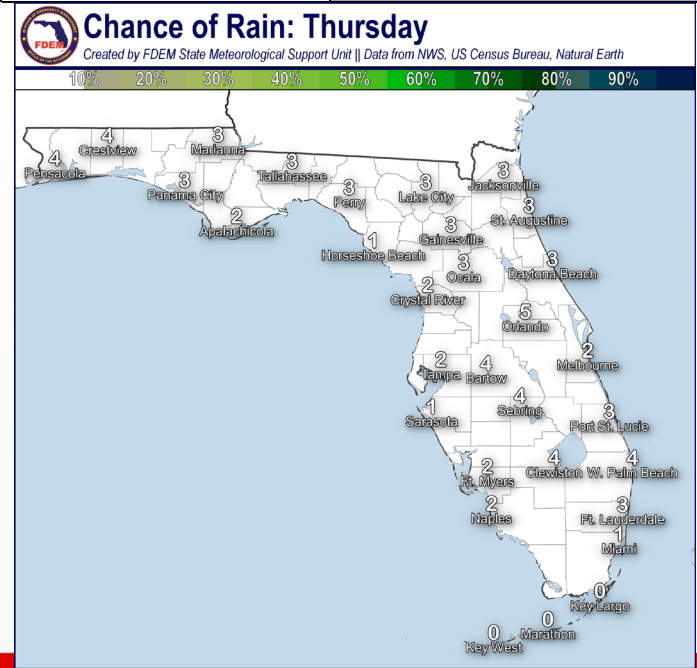


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Excessive Heat			L	L	L	L	L		L	
Wildfire				L	L		L		L	L
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	11.19 ft. (2.12 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	258 (+14) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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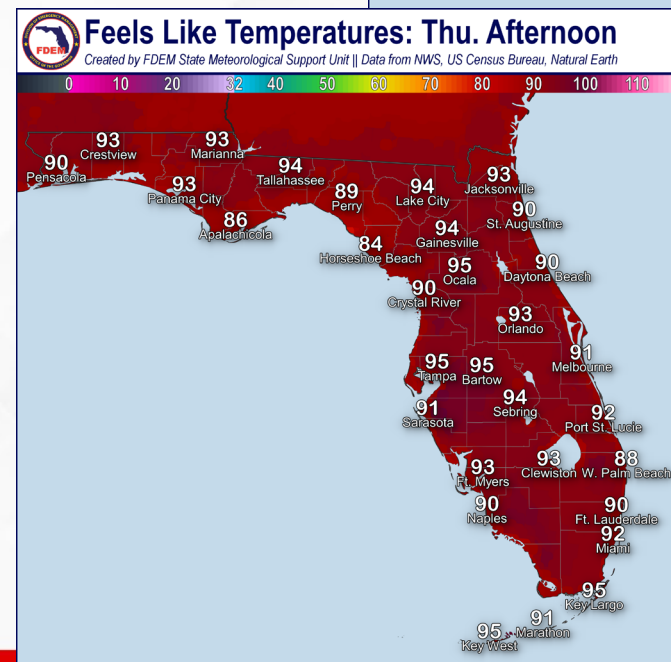
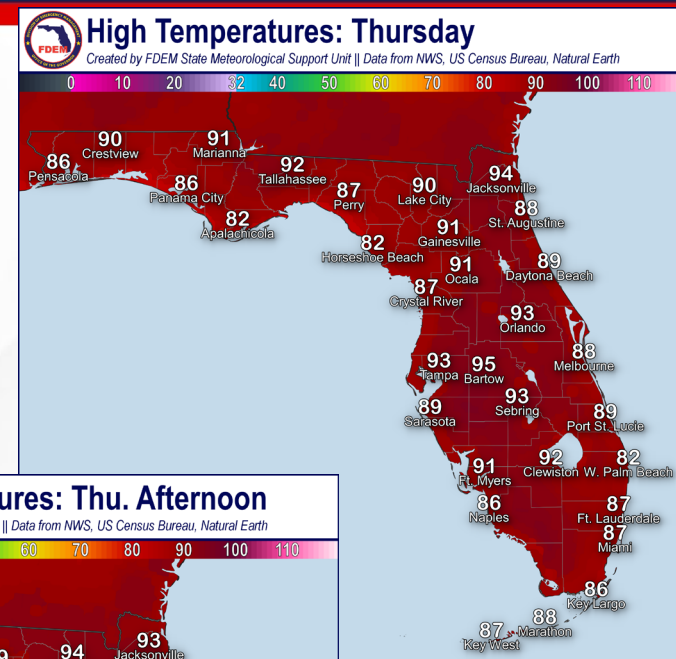
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure remains anchored over the eastern gulf and across the Florida Peninsula which will continue to bring warm and dry conditions across the state today. A near-zero chance of rain can be expected statewide with plenty of sunshine across the skies. **Locally sensitive wildfire conditions** will develop across interior Northeast Florida and the Peninsula as relative humidity values fall **near critical thresholds** over drying grounds and soils. Slightly elevated wind gusts near 10-15 mph will develop this afternoon across North Florida, with locally stronger wind **gusts upward of 20 mph** in isolated locations.

High temperatures this afternoon will climb into the upper 80s to lower 90s throughout the state. **Feels-like temperatures** will also reach the lower 90s statewide, with the I-75 corridor and interior Peninsula reaching the **middle 90s** by the early to mid-afternoon hours.

Calm and quiet conditions can be expected overnight statewide. Light winds flowing onshore will help for **instances of patchy fog** to develop by early Friday morning, with instances of **locally dense fog** possible across North Florida.

Low temperatures will fall into the middle 60s to upper 70s throughout most of the state, with Southeast Florida and the Keys seeing low temperatures in the middle 70s.



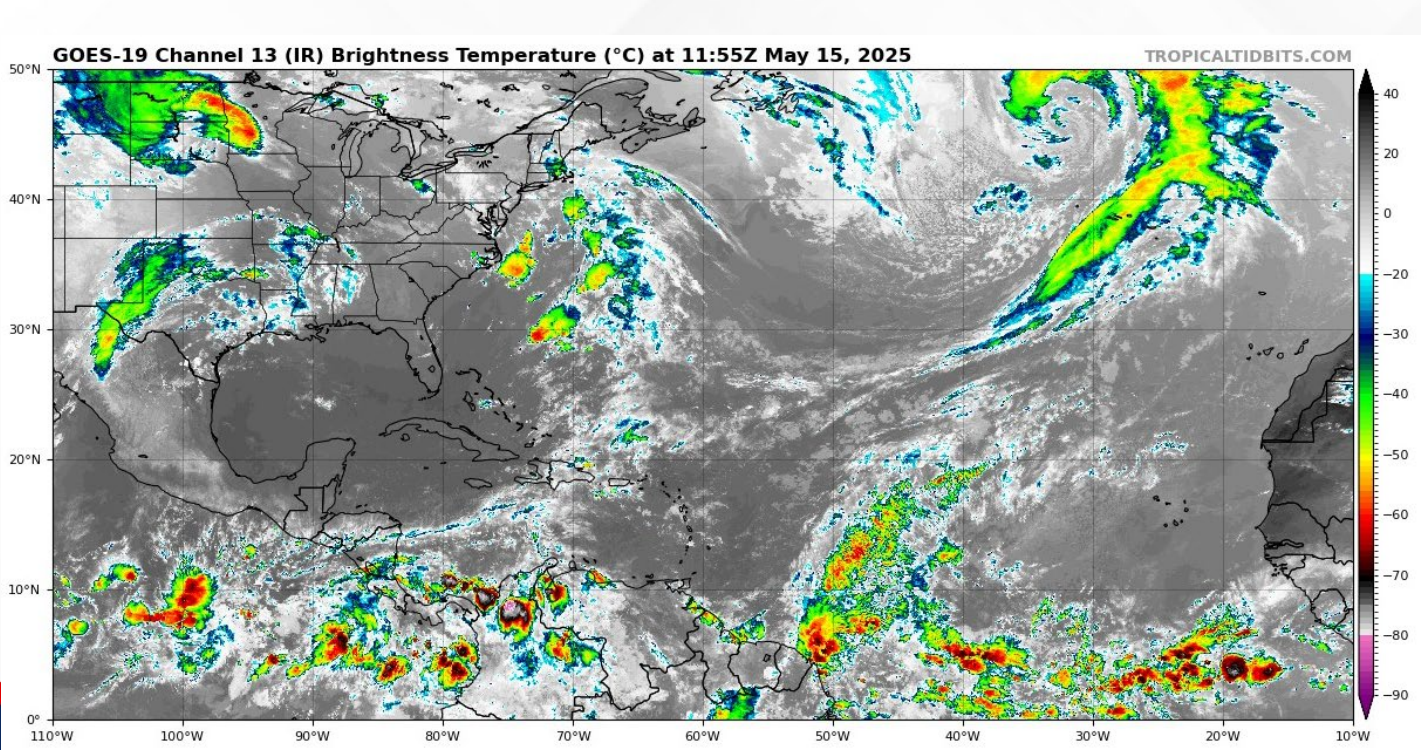
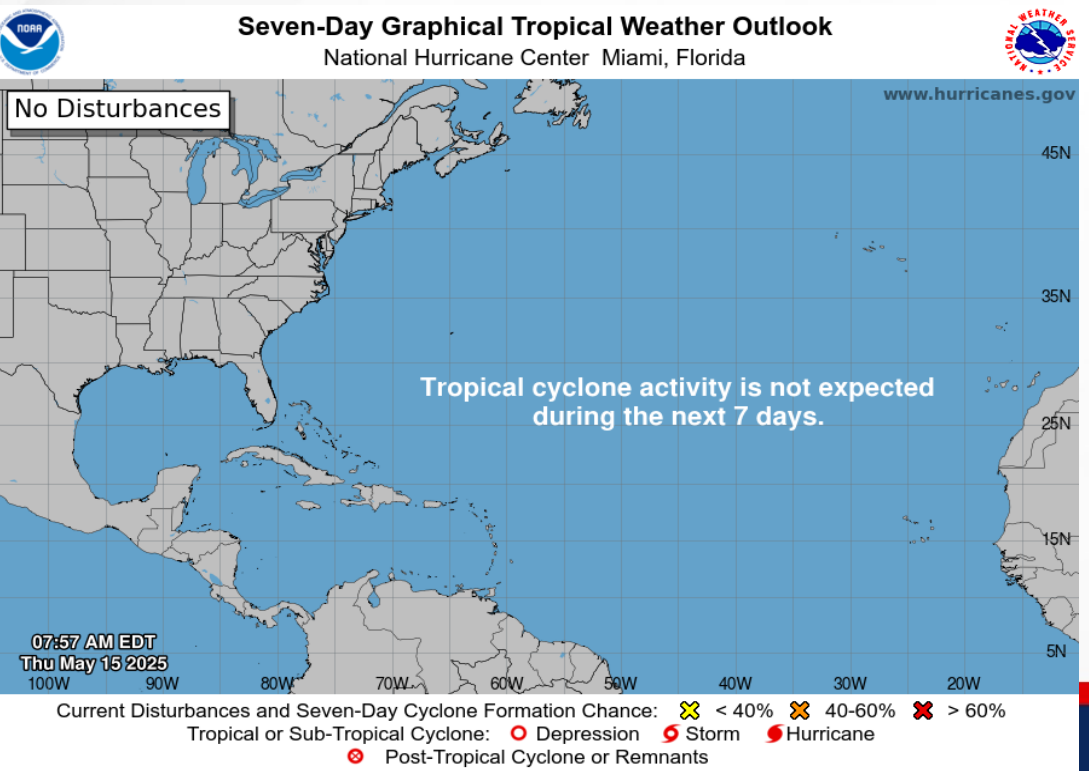


Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Tropical cyclone formation is ***not expected*** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic Basin.

The National Hurricane Center has begun issuing regular Tropical Weather Outlooks for the 2025 hurricane season. These outlooks show areas of possible tropical cyclone development in the next 48 hours and next 7 days. Outlooks are issued every 6 hours at 8am, 2pm, 8pm, and 2am eastern time, or as conditions warrant. The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins June 1.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected for numerous East Coast beaches with a **high risk** for Panhandle beaches due to persist onshore winds. West Coast and Southeast Florida beaches will continue to see a low risk for rip currents. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Marine conditions continue to gradually improve across the state as wave heights return to 1-2' with larger waves upwards of 3' along several North Florida beaches.

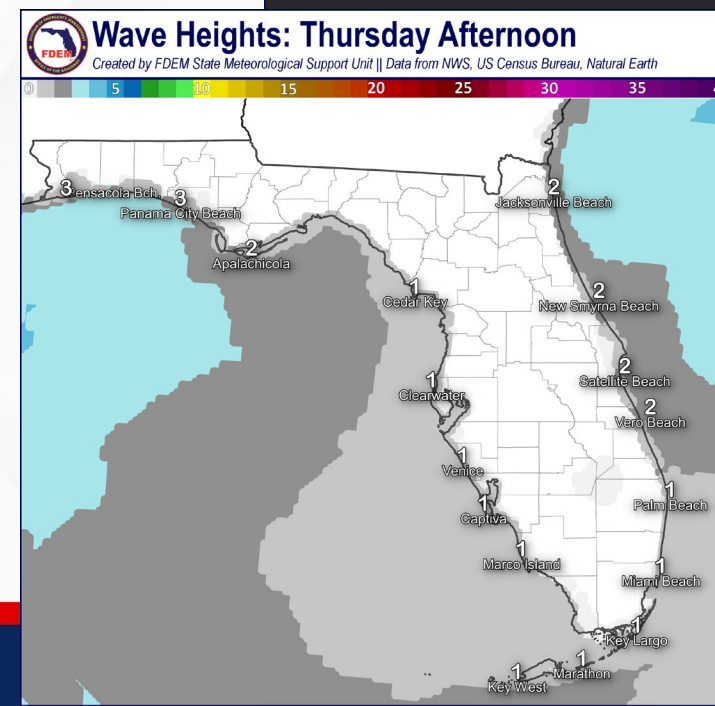
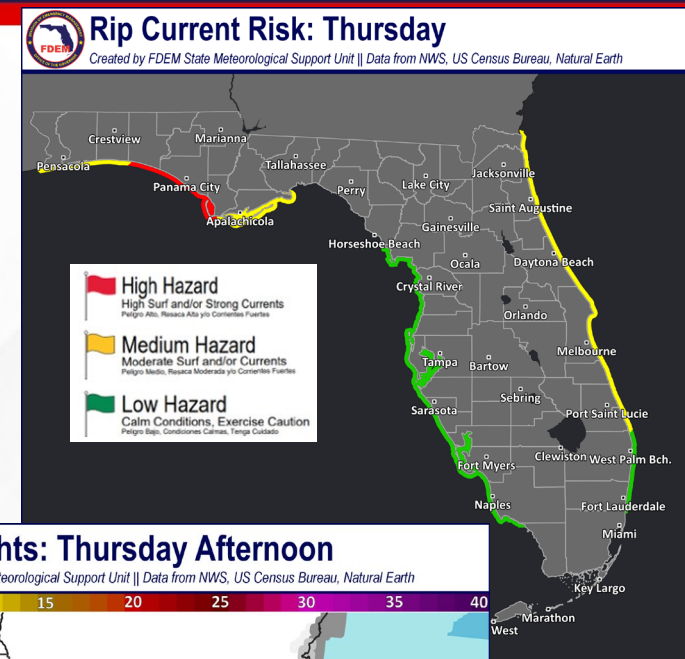
Red Tide has been observed at background levels in **2** samples collected from the Florida Gulf Coast (Sarasota and Bay Counties) over the past week (valid 5/9).

Coastal Flooding: Coastal flooding is not expected today.

Flash Flooding: There is no risk for flash flooding today.

Riverine Flooding: The [Choctawhatchee River at Caryville](#) has just risen into Action Stage (bank-full) and will briefly crest today before falling below flood stage by the end of the week. The [Choctawhatchee River at Bruce-Ebro](#) is forecast to slowly rise near Action Stage through the end of the week and the weekend before quickly falling below flood stage. All other rivers, creeks and waterways will remain below flood stage. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.19 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.12 feet below normal for this time of year.





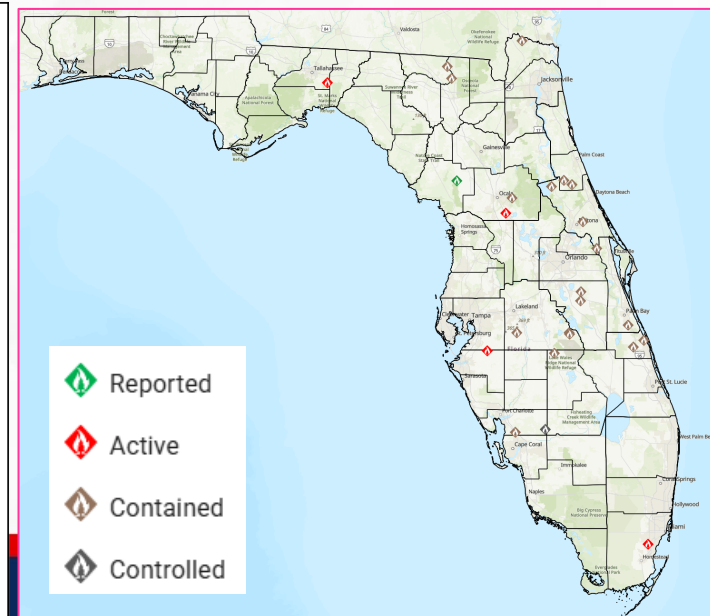
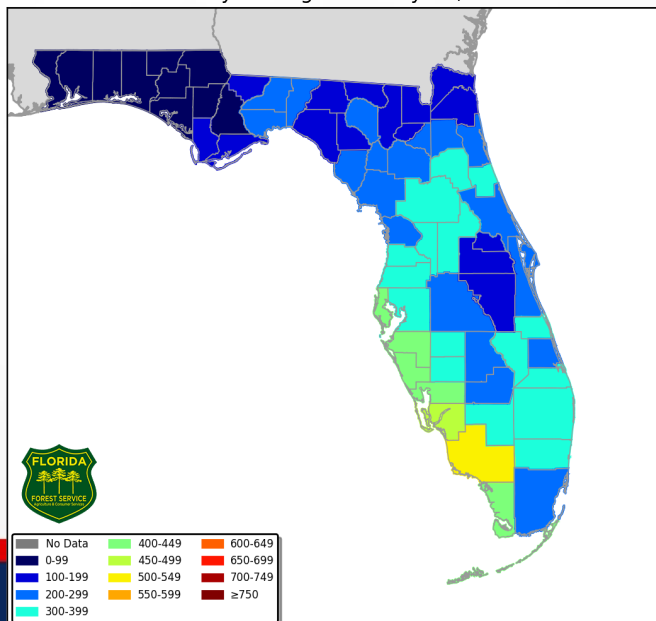
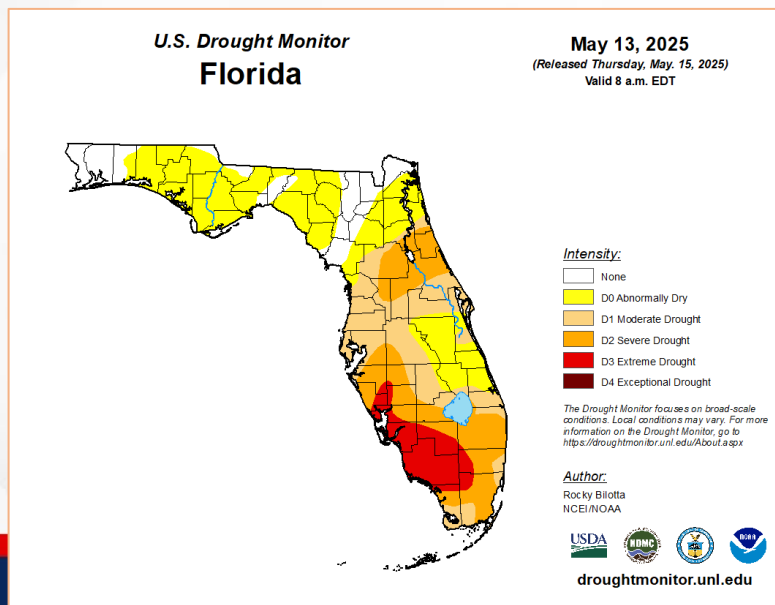
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Warm and dry conditions will continue across the Sunshine State today as high pressure remains anchored over the state. Locally sensitive wildfire conditions will be possible across interior Northeast Florida and the interior Peninsula this afternoon as relative humidity values fall near critical thresholds and grounds continue to dry out. Elevated wind gusts upwards of 10-15 mph will be possible across North Florida by the afternoon hours, with stronger wind gusts **upwards of 20 mph** in isolated locations. **Mandatory Burn Bans** are in effect for **16** counties in the Florida Peninsula (Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, and Sarasota). Areas of **patchy fog** will be possible across portions of the state overnight into Friday morning, with **instances of locally dense fog** possible throughout North Florida. *Foggy conditions may further reduce visibility where there are ongoing wildfires.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1,824 acres.

Drought: Widespread rainfall and several days of active weather across the state have led to improvements on this weeks Drought Monitor update (5/15). **Extreme drought** was removed along the St. Johns River basin where there were greater rainfall totals observed and allowed for great improvements in soil moisture and streamflows. Across the Peninsula, **severe to extreme drought** was scaled back across West-Central Florida. Not as much rainfall occurred across South Florida to remove severe to extreme drought conditions across the southern Peninsula, but slight improvements were made locally in areas where there were locally higher rainfall totals. North Florida received the most rainfall which helped to remove all of the **moderate drought** and some instances of abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions.

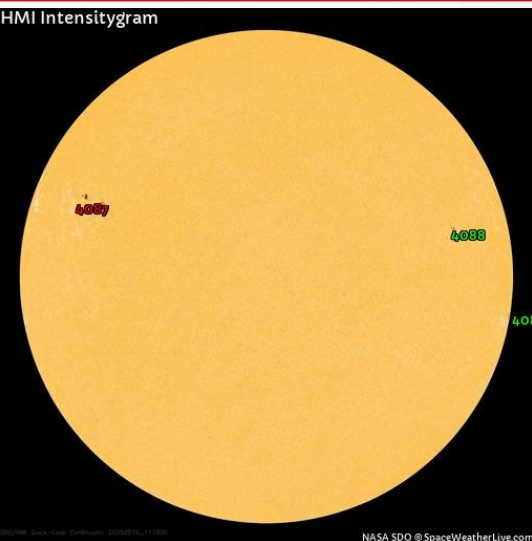
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida is **258 (+14)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **1** Florida county (Collier) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)
County Averages for May 14, 2025

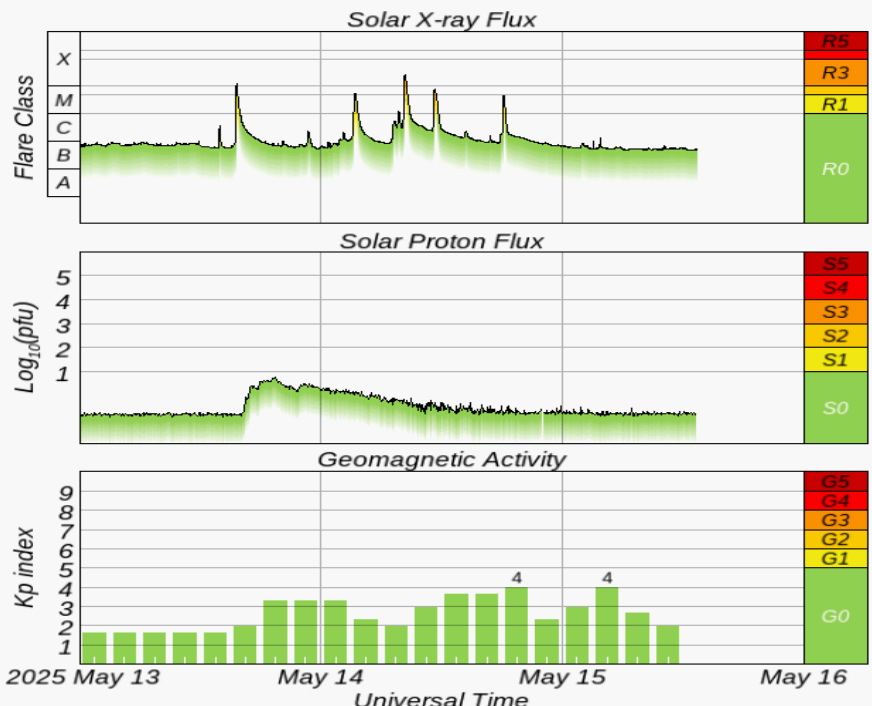
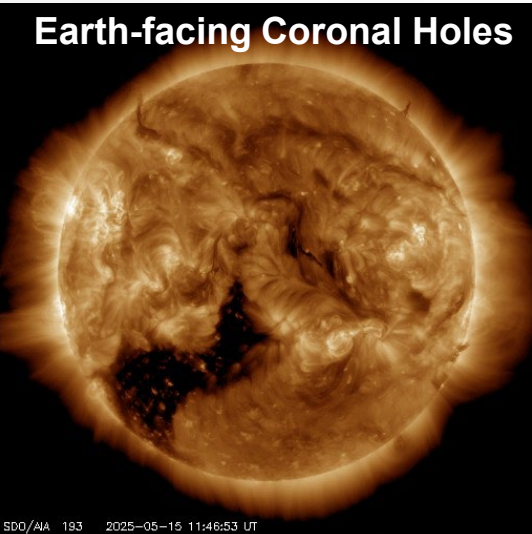




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M4 Solar Flare
X-class: 30%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/14	5/15
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Low to moderate solar activity is expected to continue as sunspot #4087 contains a magnetic field that harbors energy for significant (X-class) solar flares. The other sunspots on the surface of the sun all contain relatively stable magnetic fields and pose little threat for solar flare activity. Should any strong (M-class) solar flares develop, they will bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts with them. Should any significant (X-class) solar flares develop, they will bring strong (R3) radio blackouts. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) conditions persisting through today will continue to create enhanced solar wind conditions. A Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the sun yesterday is forecast to keep north of Earth as it travels towards it, but could bring glancing influences later this week as it passes nearby. Unsettled to active geomagnetic conditions can be expected through the end of the week. The overall space threat to Florida remains low.



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Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Operational	
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Message:	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
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