



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, July 4, 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	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day - On-Call Status)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day - On-Call Status)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day - On-Call Status)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day - On-Call Status)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region, Orange	State Holiday (Independence Day) / EM Event / Club World Cup Match
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day - On-Call Status)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day - On-Call Status)
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Orange	State Holiday (Independence Day) / Club World Cup Match (City of
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	State Holiday (Independence Day)

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 9
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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R9
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

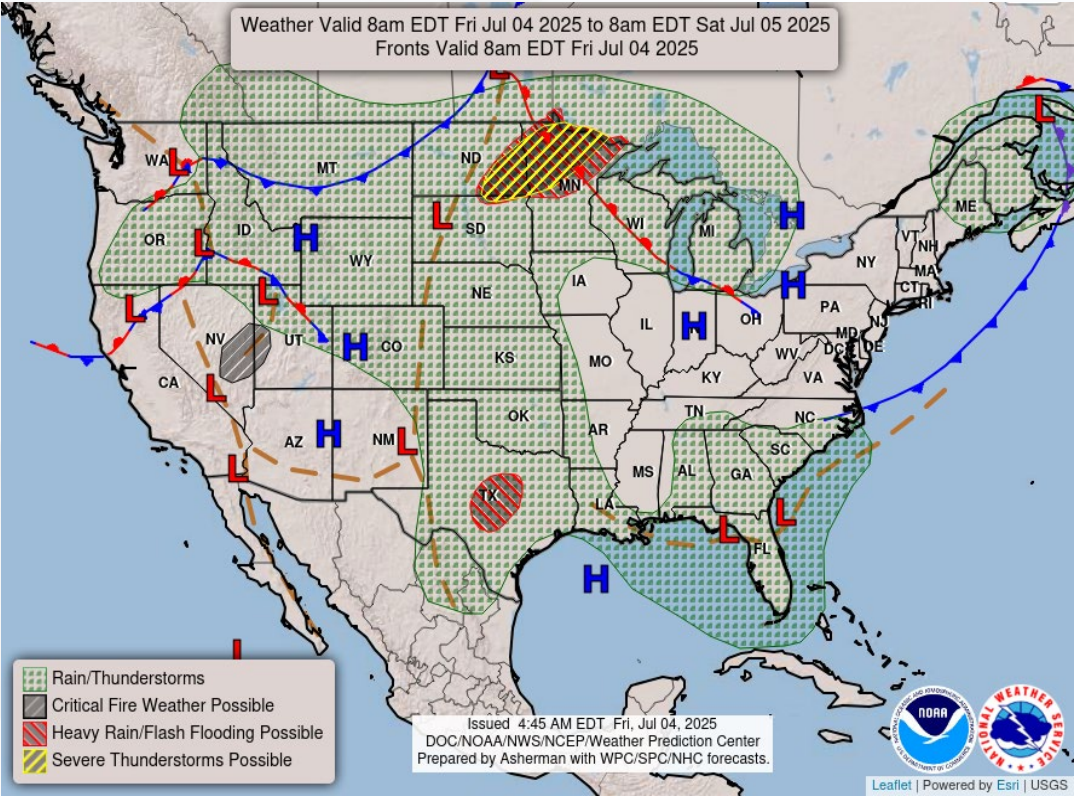
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

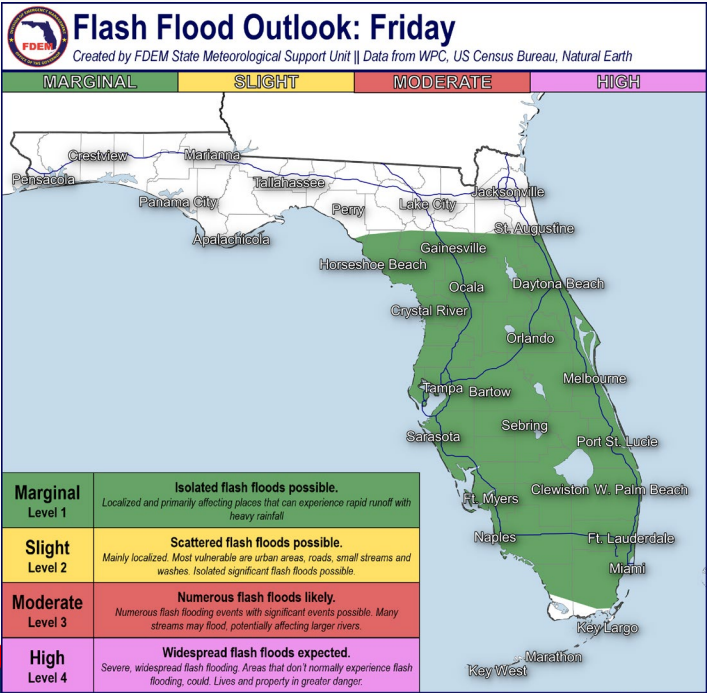
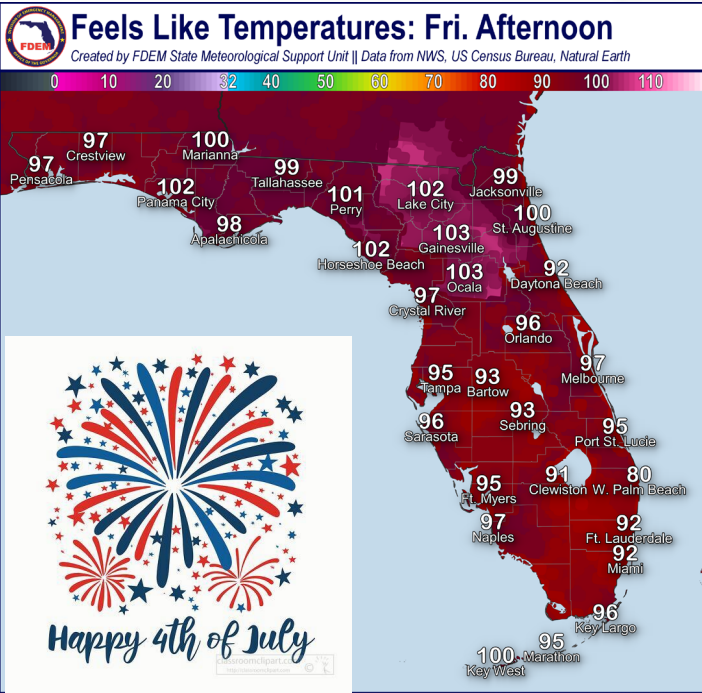


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding				L	M	M	L	L	M	L
Excessive Heat	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)		L	L	L						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.32 ft. (2.13 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	169 (-18) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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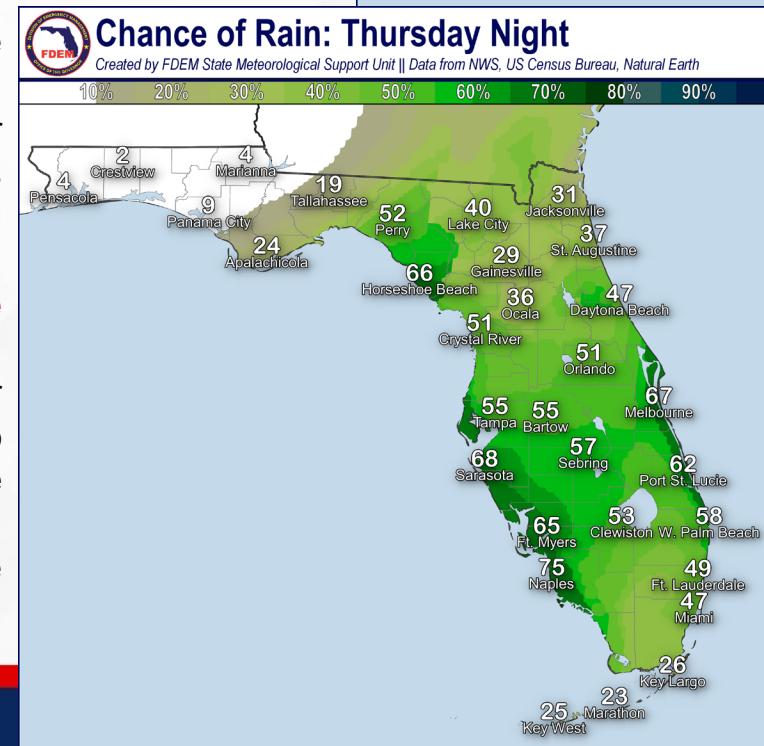
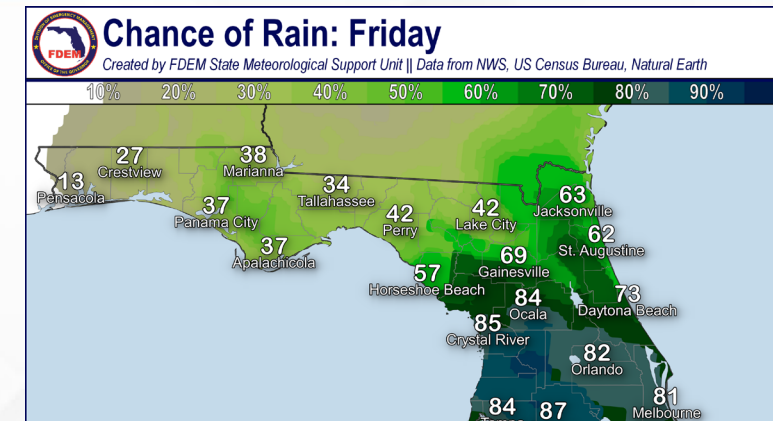
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another day of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms can be expected throughout the Peninsula, especially this afternoon and evening, courtesy of a nearby disturbance off the Northeast Florida coast and abundant moisture. Showers and thunderstorms have already begun to move onshore along the Florida West Coast, but as daytime heating gets going, additional showers and thunderstorms will develop (70-95% chance of rain). Embedded **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** may be possible during those peak heating hours of the day, bringing frequent lightning, gusty winds and heavy downpours. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has maintained a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** throughout the Peninsula due to widespread moisture that could lead to instances **of flash flooding and ponding of water** within heavier downpours. Slightly drier conditions can be expected along the western Panhandle with the help of drier air on the backside of the nearby disturbance.

Warm and muggy conditions can be expected with high temperatures in the upper 80s to lower 90s. More sunshine and lower rain chances will allow for Panhandle areas to see high temperatures in the middle 90s. Elevated cloud cover and rain chances will keep **feels-like temperatures** in the lower to **middle 90s** throughout the central and southern Peninsula. A later start to possible rain and more sunshine will allow **feels-like temperatures** to reach the **upper 90s to lower 100s (100-102-degrees)**.

As the disturbance continues to meander off the Carolina coastline and move further away from the Florida coastline, shower and thunderstorm activity will also begin to shift offshore. Some lingering showers and thunderstorms will be possible along the Florida West Coast throughout the overnight hours (45-65% chance of rain).

Low temperatures will fall into the 70s throughout the state and lower 80s across the Keys overnight.





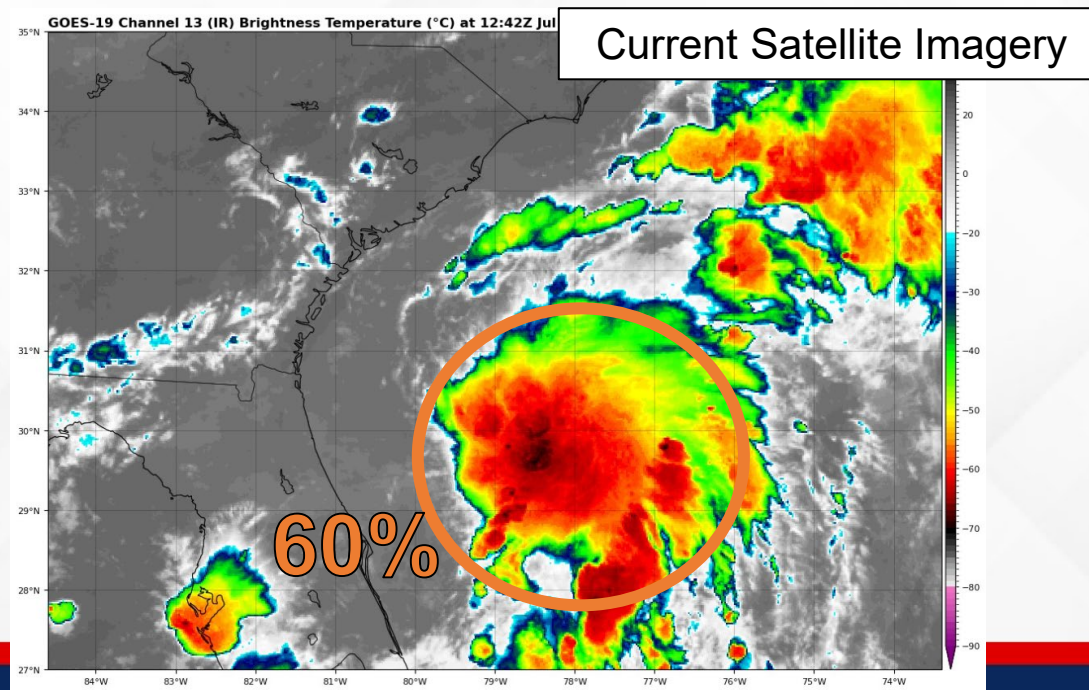
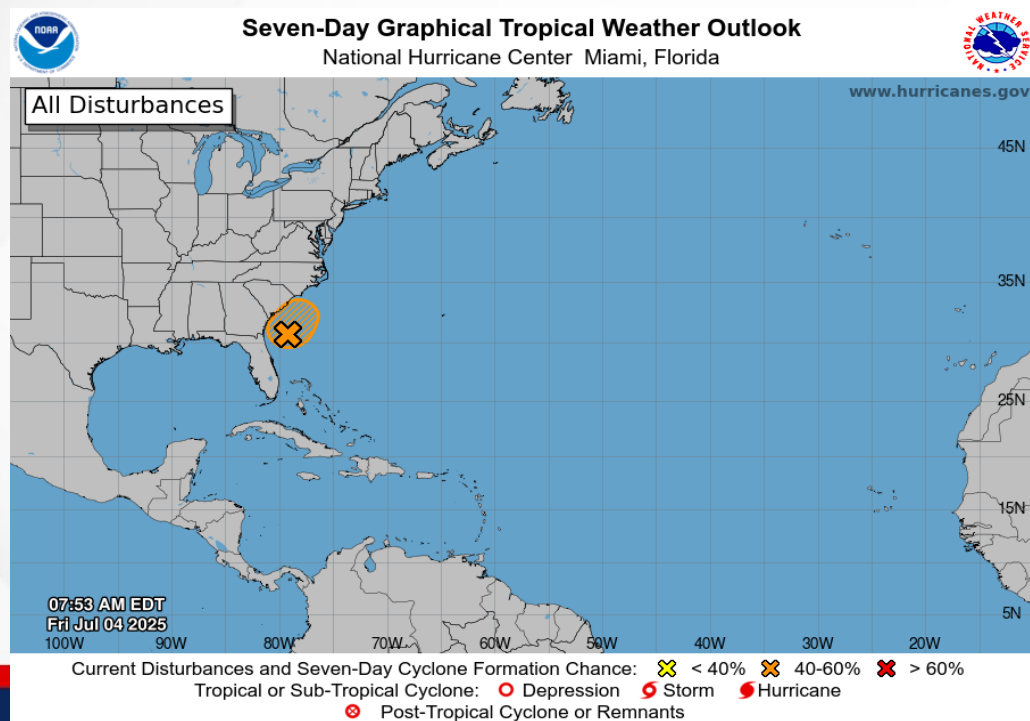
Tropical Weather

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

Near the Southeastern U.S. (Invest 92L): Showers and thunderstorms have increased in association with an area of low pressure located about 100 miles off the northeast Florida coast. Environmental conditions are forecast to be marginally conducive for further development, and a short-lived tropical or subtropical depression could form late today or on Saturday while the system drifts northward. This low is expected to move inland over the Southeastern U.S. Saturday night or early Sunday. An Air Force Hurricane Hunter aircraft is scheduled to investigate the system later today. ***Regardless of development, an increase in shower and thunderstorm activity can be expected along Northeast Florida and the Florida Peninsula during the next 5 days. An increase in flooding potential can be expected along the Florida West Coast and for several urban, low-lying/poor drainage areas through the weekend.***

*Formation chance through 48 hours...**medium...60%.**

*Formation chance through 7 days...**medium...60%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A moderate risk for rip currents returns across numerous Panhandle and Atlantic beaches. A low risk has returns for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-3' can be expected along statewide beaches.

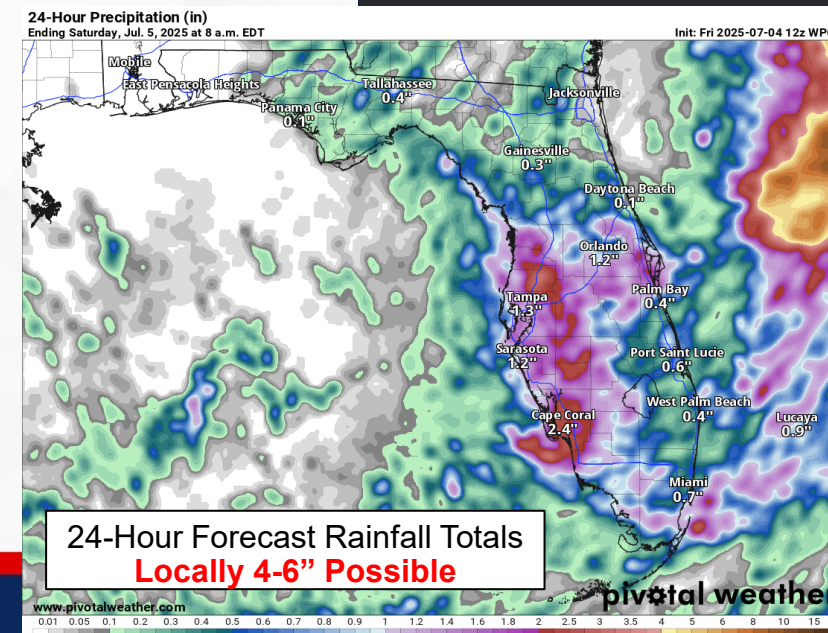
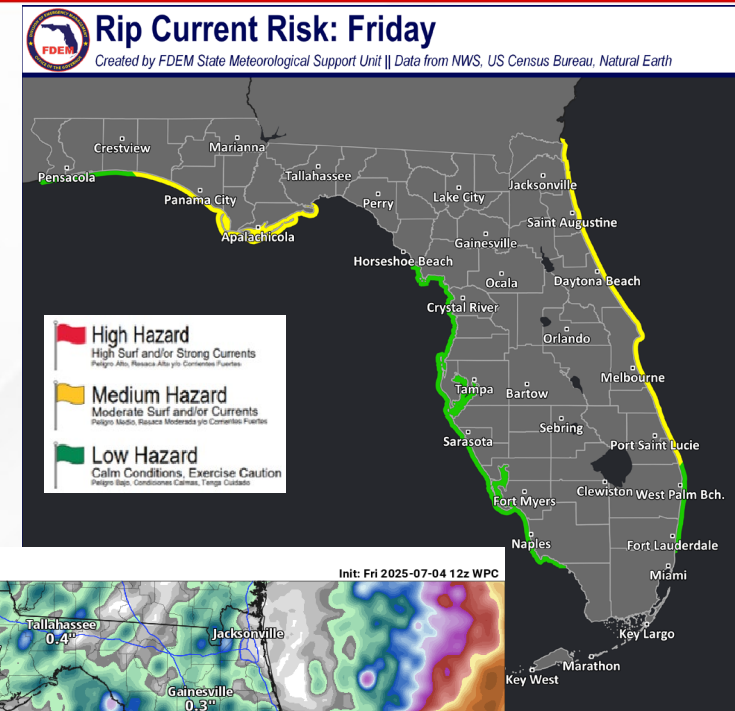
Red Tide has been not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 6/27).

Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

Flash Flooding: The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Florida Peninsula as a nearby disturbance and plenty of abundant moisture will continue to aid daily shower and thunderstorm development. Intense downpours and repeated rounds of heavy rainfall could lead to **instances of flash flooding and ponding of water**, especially across low-lying/poor drainage areas. Some of these areas have already seen many rounds of rainfall, some of them heavy, over the last few days leading to a possible earlier onset of flash flooding with additional heavy rainfall today. Widespread rainfall totals throughout the Peninsula will reach 1-3", with **locally higher totals** upwards of 4-6" possible especially along the Florida West Coast.

Riverine Flooding: Multiple rounds of widespread shower and thunderstorm activity will likely result in water level rises along West-Central Florida rivers, creeks, streams, and waterways. While most basin are expected to reach Action Stage, the [Little Manatee River at Wimauma \(US-301\)](#) may rise into **minor flood stage** early next week; however, the riverine response will be heavily tied to where the heaviest rainfall totals occur. The [Myakka River at Myakka River State Park](#) and [Horse Creek near Arcadia](#) could rise near or into Action Stage (bank-full). For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.32 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.13 feet below normal for this time of year.





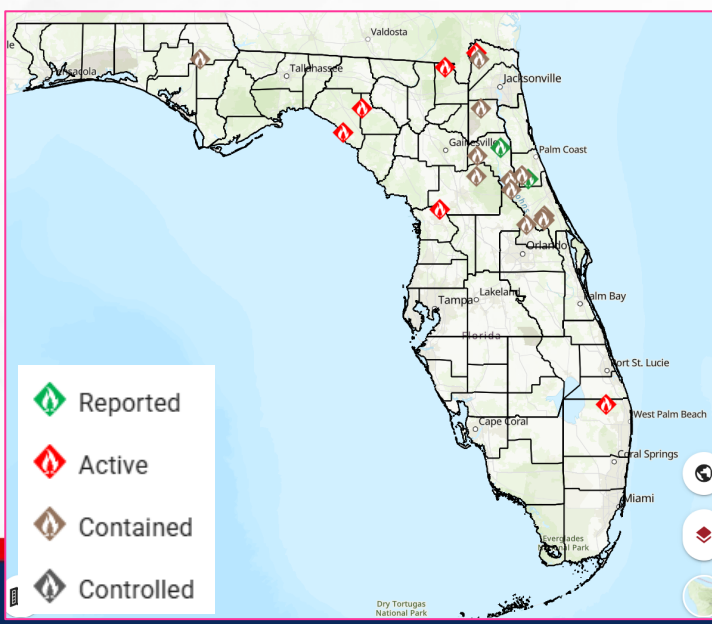
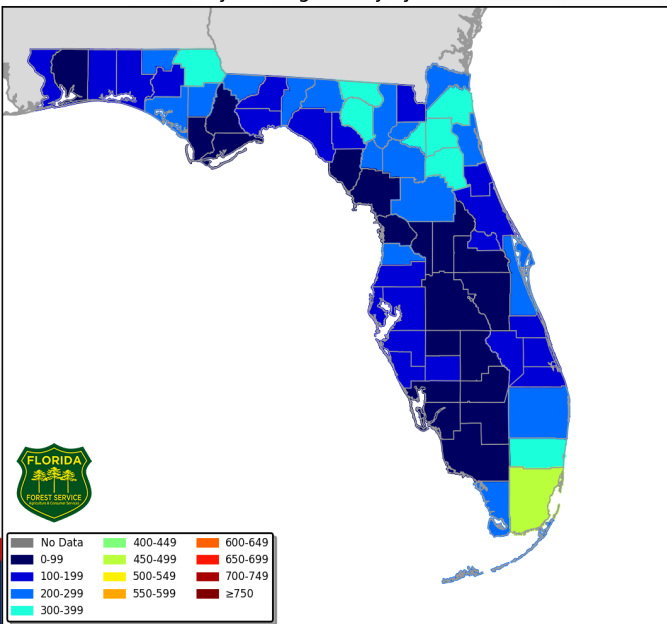
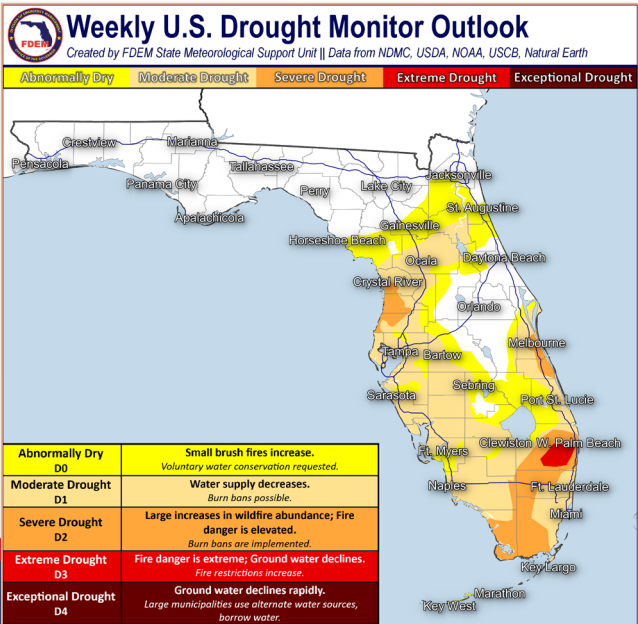
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Abundant moisture will help scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms to develop across the state throughout the daytime hours. Relative humidity values will remain well above critical thresholds, courtesy of a very moist tropical airmass. Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent and erratic winds, which could spread new or ongoing wildfires over areas that have missed out on the recent heavier rainfall; however, saturated soils/vegetation will largely limit the wildfire threat statewide. Instances of **locally patchy fog** possible be possible early in the morning. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 20 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 522 acres.

Drought: The active and unsettled weather pattern across Florida continued through the week; however, it is important to note that rainfall that has occurred since Tuesday (7/1) is not included in this Drought Monitor update (7/3). Some improvements were noted to ongoing drought and abnormal dryness occurred across the Florida Peninsula, though areas of **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** and **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persisted in some localized pockets where significant long-term deficits in rainfall and streamflow consisted. Widespread heavy rain and thunderstorm activity this week will work to reduce and improve drought conditions statewide on the subsequent Drought Monitor.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **168 (-18)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Zero Florida counties have an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

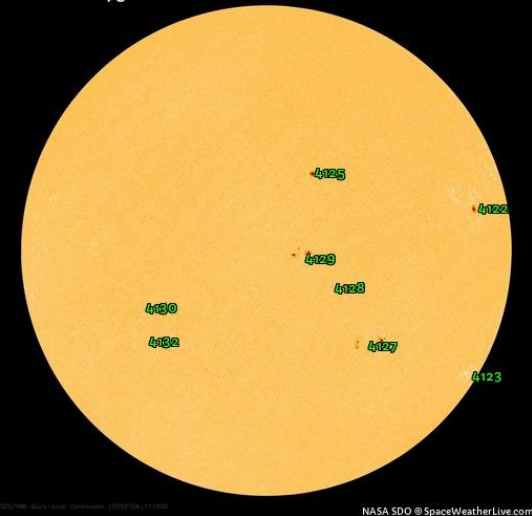
Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)
County Averages for July 03, 2025





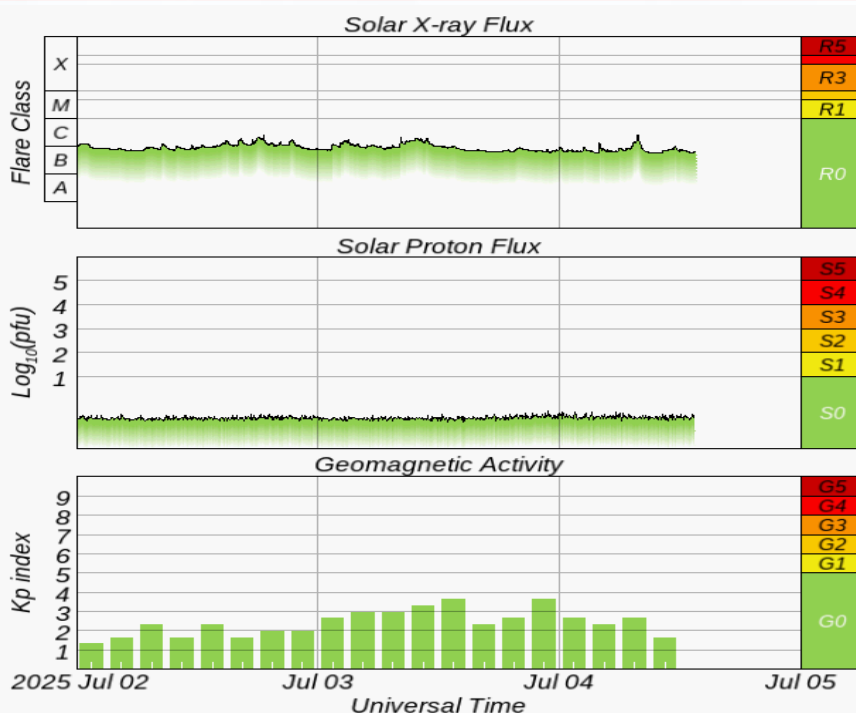
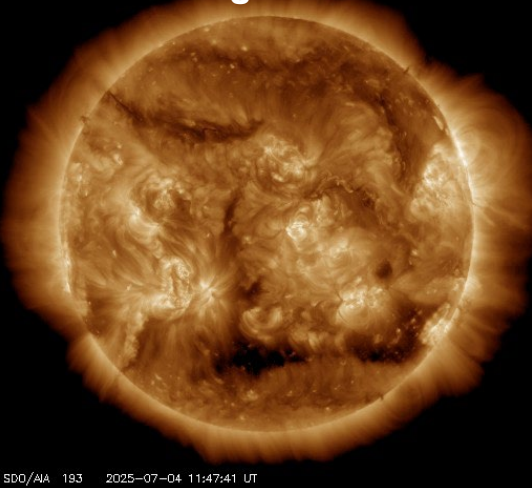
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



Current Sunspots

Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: G1 Watch – 7/3	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/4	7/5
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: All sunspots remain stable; however, there remains a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares heading into the weekend. Any M-class solar flare that develops will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will transition from Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) influences to coronal hole winds. The Earth's magnetic field will continue to reach active periods, with a chance for minor (G1) geomagnetic storming conditions today due to lingering CME conditions. Unsettled conditions will return over the weekend. The overall space threat to Florida continues to remain very 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	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
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