



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, July 5, 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	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Mason Kozac	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

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

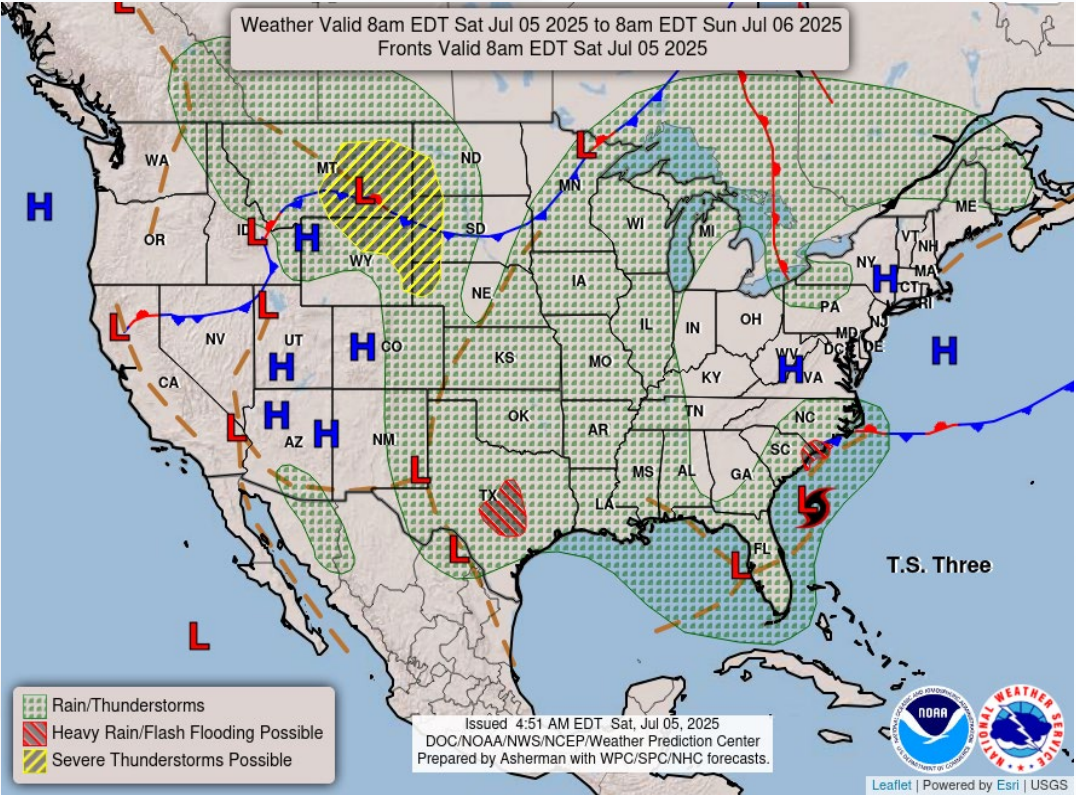
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

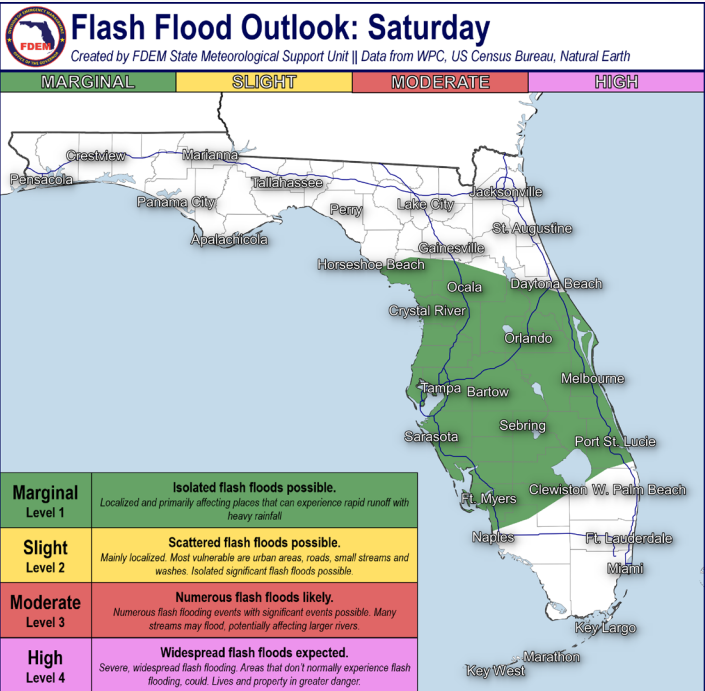
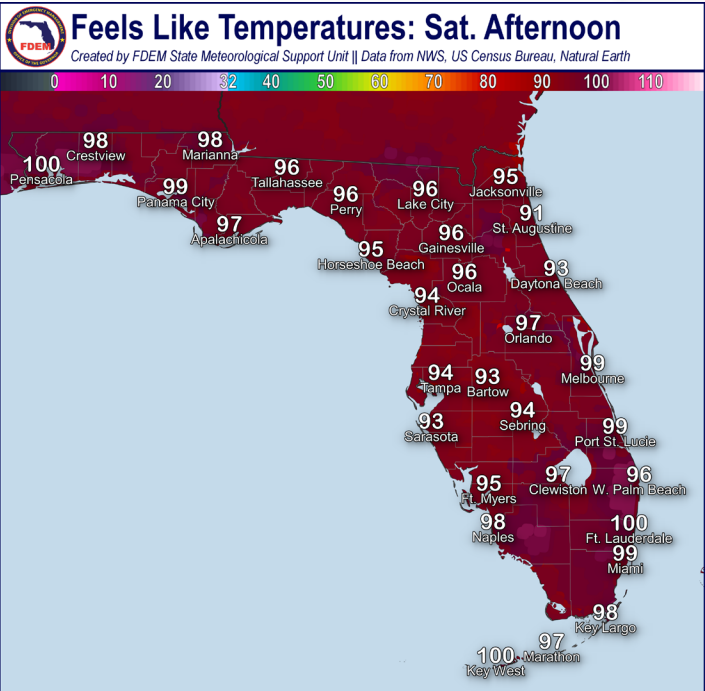


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	H	H	H	H	H	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding				L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Excessive Heat	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	M	L	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)		L	L	L						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	M	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.36 ft. (2.11 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	148 (-20) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





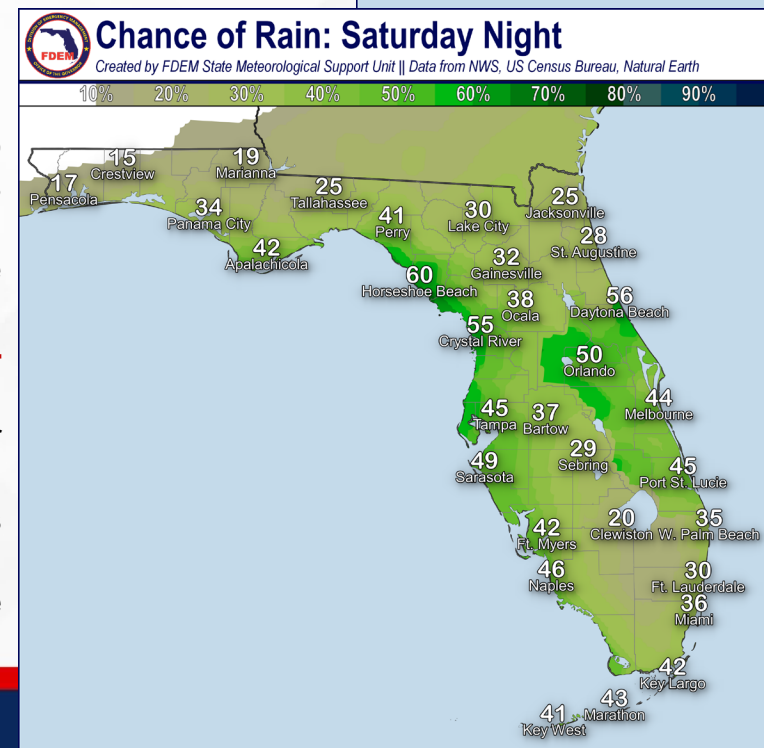
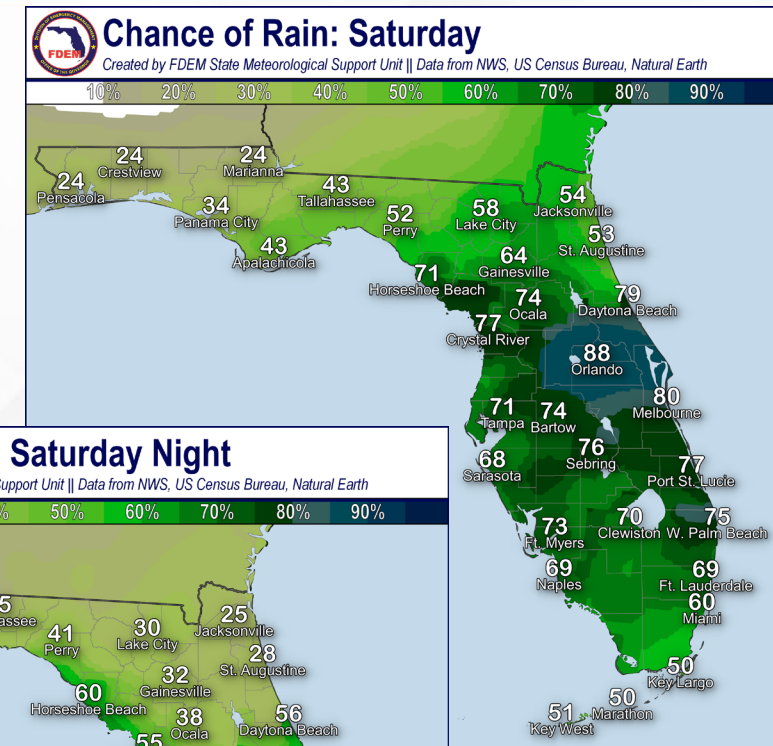
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another day of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms can be expected throughout the Peninsula, especially this afternoon and evening, courtesy of nearby Tropical Storm Chantal 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 commences, 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 Florida Peninsula due to instances of **flash flooding and ponding of water** within heavier downpours over already saturated grounds. Slightly air on the backside of Tropical Storm Chantal will result in more isolated shower and thunderstorm activity along the western Florida Panhandle today (20-40% chance of rain).

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 Florida Panhandle locations to see high temperatures in the middle 90s. Whereas elevated cloud cover and rain chances will keep **feels-like temperatures** in the lower to **middle 90s** throughout the central and southern Florida Peninsula. The later arrival of widespread rain relief this afternoon will allow **feels-like temperatures** to reach the **upper 90s to lower 100s (98-103-degrees)**.

As Tropical Storm Chantal gradually moves toward the South Carolina coastline, shower and thunderstorm activity will also begin to shift offshore. Some lingering showers and thunderstorms will be possible across the Florida Peninsula 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. Areas of **patchy fog and/or low clouds** cannot be ruled out tonight over the low-lying areas of the Suwannee River Valley.

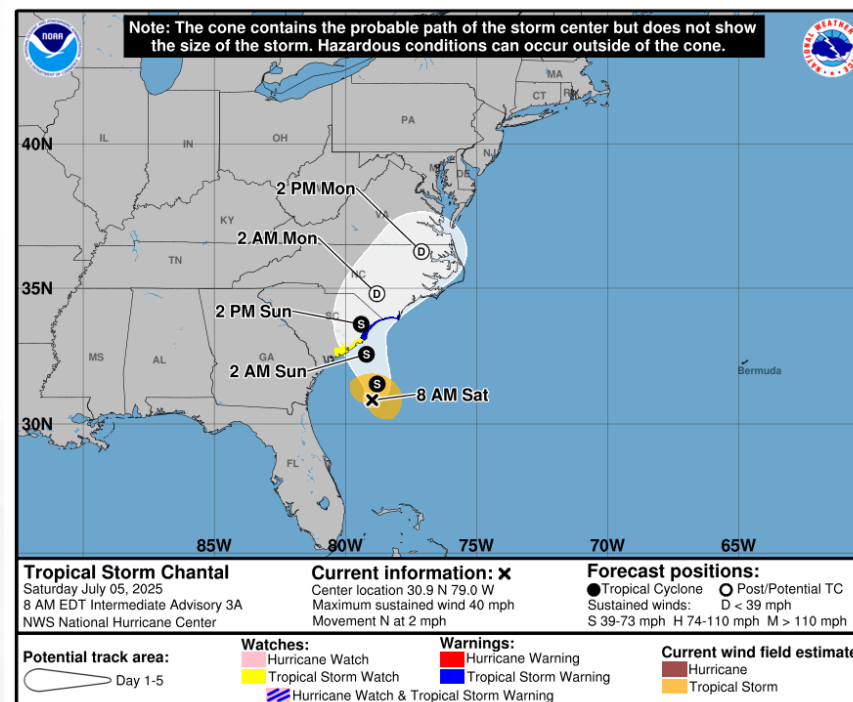
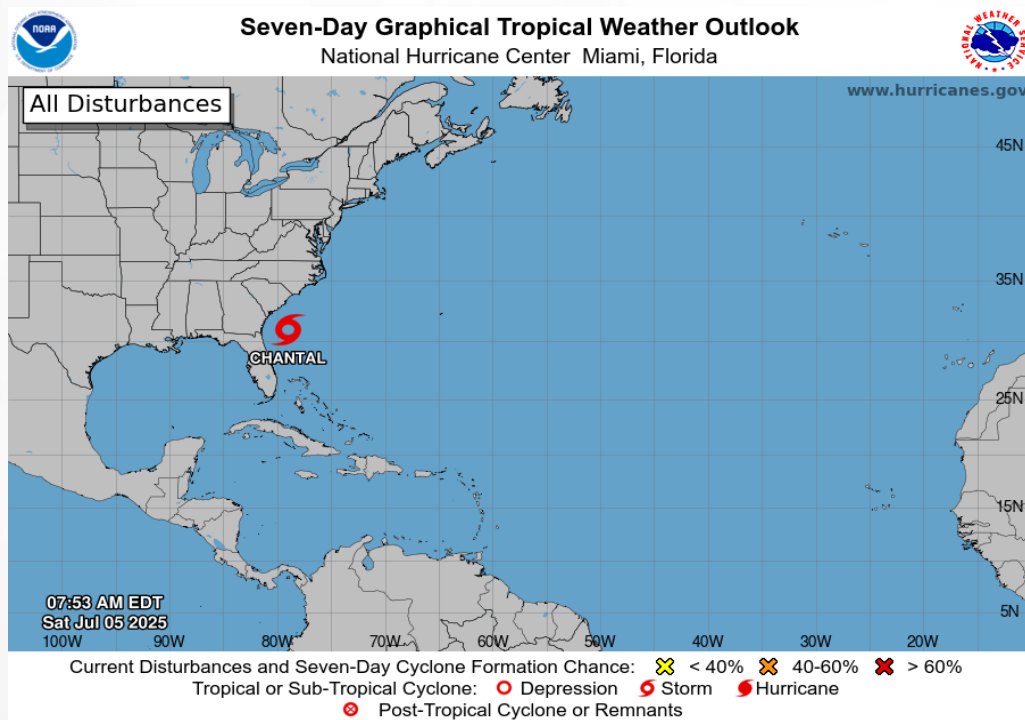




Tropical Weather

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

Tropical Storm Chantal: As of 8:00 AM EDT, Tropical Depression Three has strengthened into Tropical Storm Chantal located about 150 miles south-southeast of Charleston, South Carolina. Chantal is move northward at 2 mph, and a slow motion to the north-northwest is expected to begin later today. On the forecast track, Chantal is expected to move across the coast of South Carolina Sunday morning. Maximum sustained winds have increased to near 40 mph, some additional strengthening is expected before Chantal reaches the coast. There are no Tropical Storm Watches/Warnings in effect for Florida, and direct impacts are not expected. *Elevated surf and an increased risk of rip currents will continue along the Northeast Florida Coast this weekend.*





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate risk of rip currents** for most Florida Panhandle, East Coast, and Southwest Florida beaches. Brief periods of **locally high risk** conditions will be possible along far Northeast Florida beaches this afternoon. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-3' can be expected along statewide beaches. A locally higher breaker of 4' cannot be ruled out along the Northeast Florida coastline.

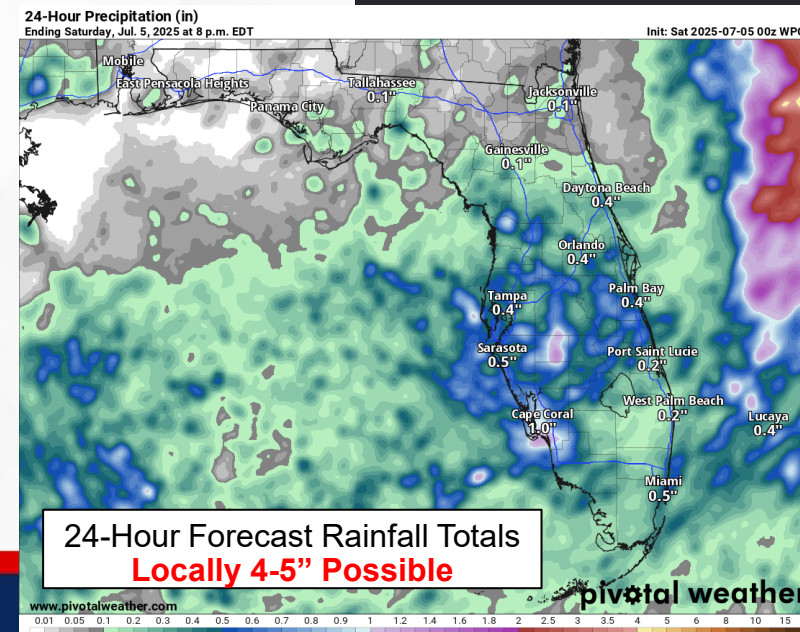
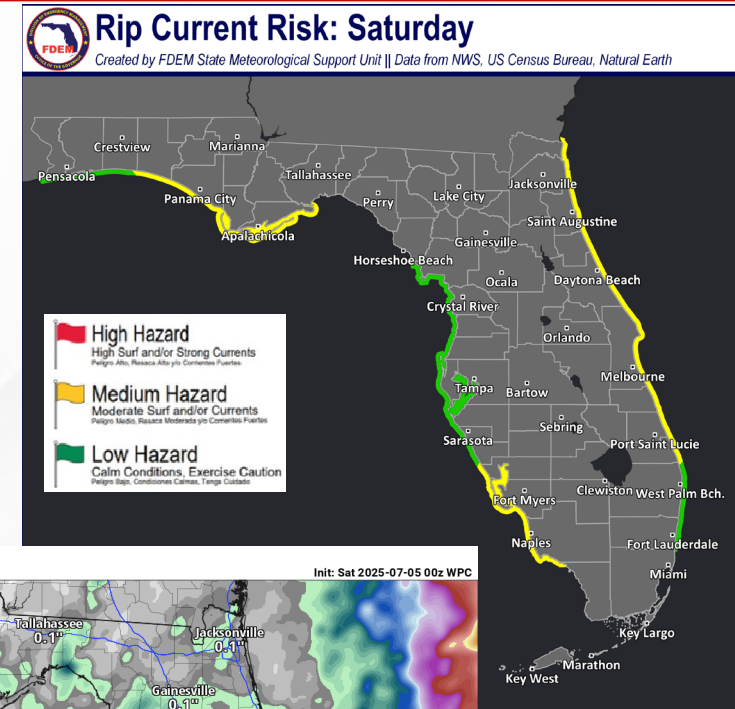
Red Tide has been not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 6/27).

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 nearby Tropical Storm Chantal 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 4-5" 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. The [Myakka River at Myakka River State Park](#) and [Horse Creek near Arcadia](#) could rise near or into Action Stage (bank-full) by early next week. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.36 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.11 feet below normal for this time of year.





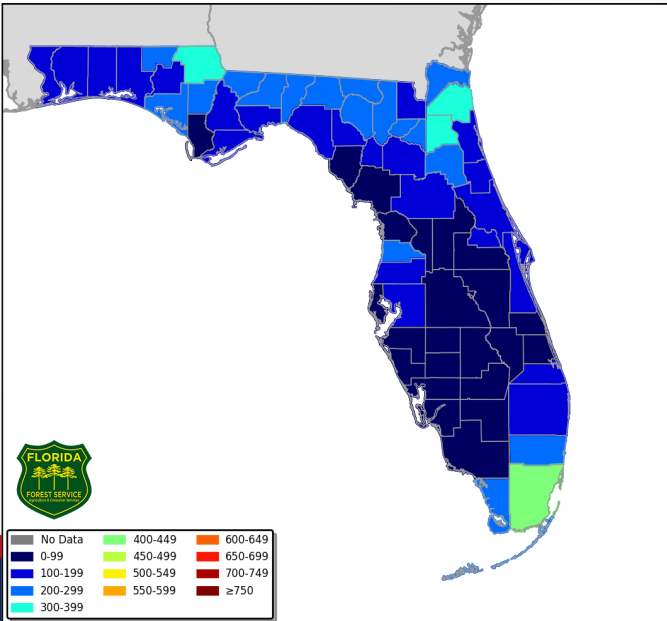
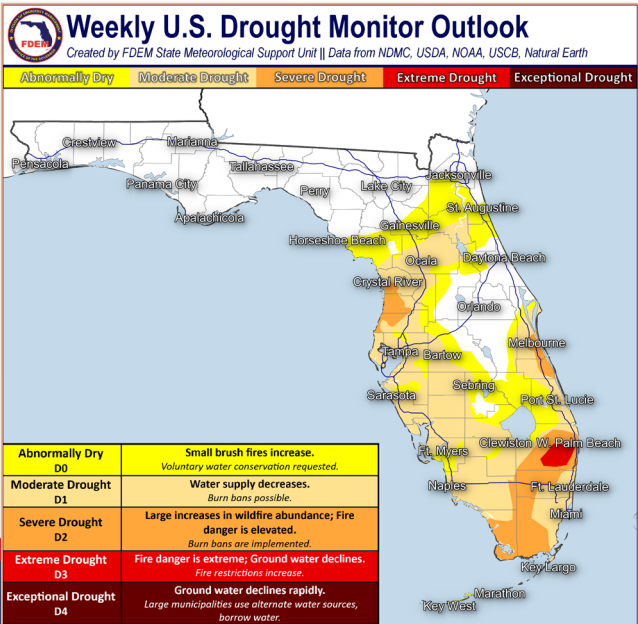
Drought & Fire Weather

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 17 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 475 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.

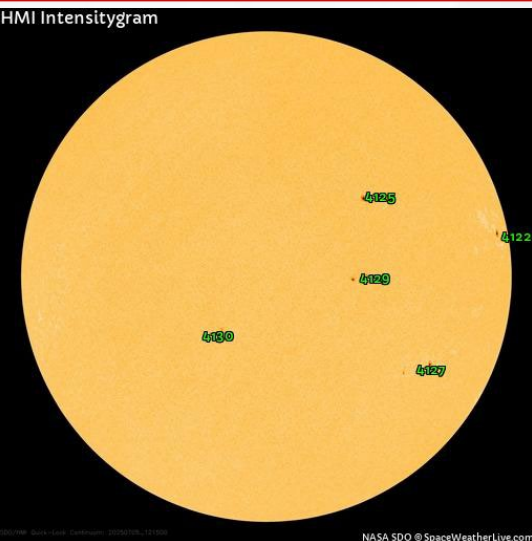
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **148 (-20)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Zero Florida counties have an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)
County Averages for July 04, 2025

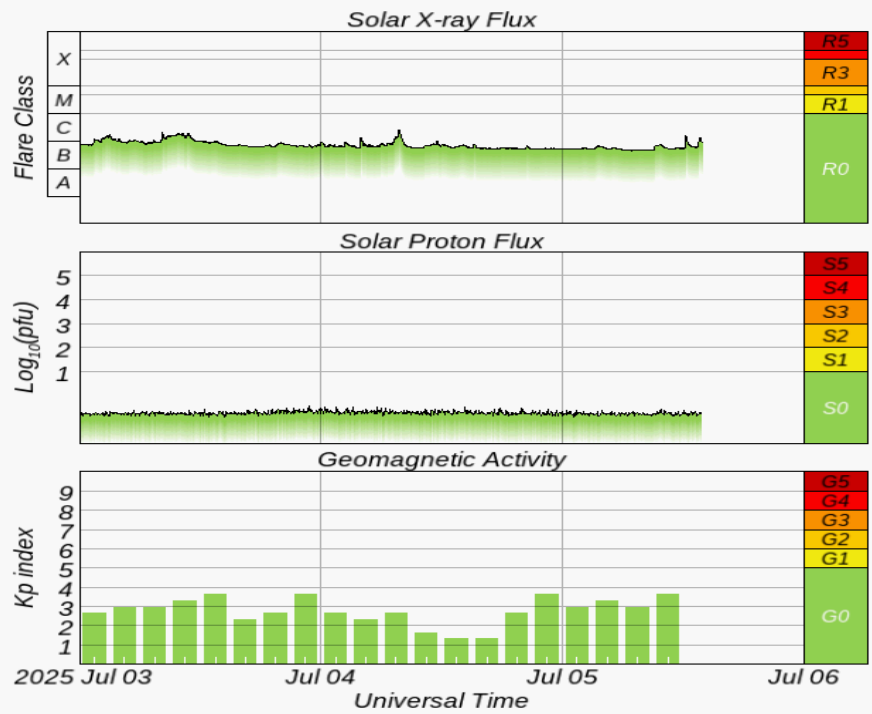
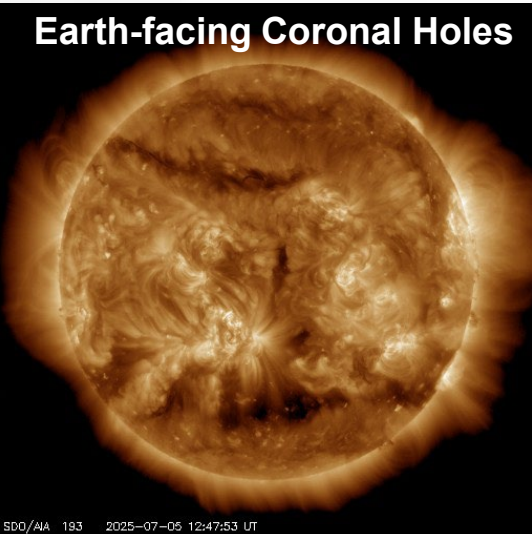




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/5	7/6
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be low, with a slight chance for R1-R2 (minor to moderate) radio blackouts this weekend. Solar wind parameters are expected to remain mildly enhanced today as residual Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) influences subside and are followed by the presence of a coronal hole. Geomagnetic conditions are expected to be unsettled to active levels, with widespread geomagnetic storming not anticipated. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
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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