



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, July 8, 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	Office Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Liberty	County/Red Cross Outreach Event
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Exercise Coordination
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Office Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas	Hospital Mitigation Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Desoto	EM Visit / EMPA/G Desktop Monitoring
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Collier	Logistical Movement
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	OVS Meetings

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Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	County EM Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gulf	County EM Meeting / FEMA CA Call
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	FEMA CA/IRC Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leave	See Coverage
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	PA Coordination Call
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	PA Coordination Call
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	PA Coordination Call
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

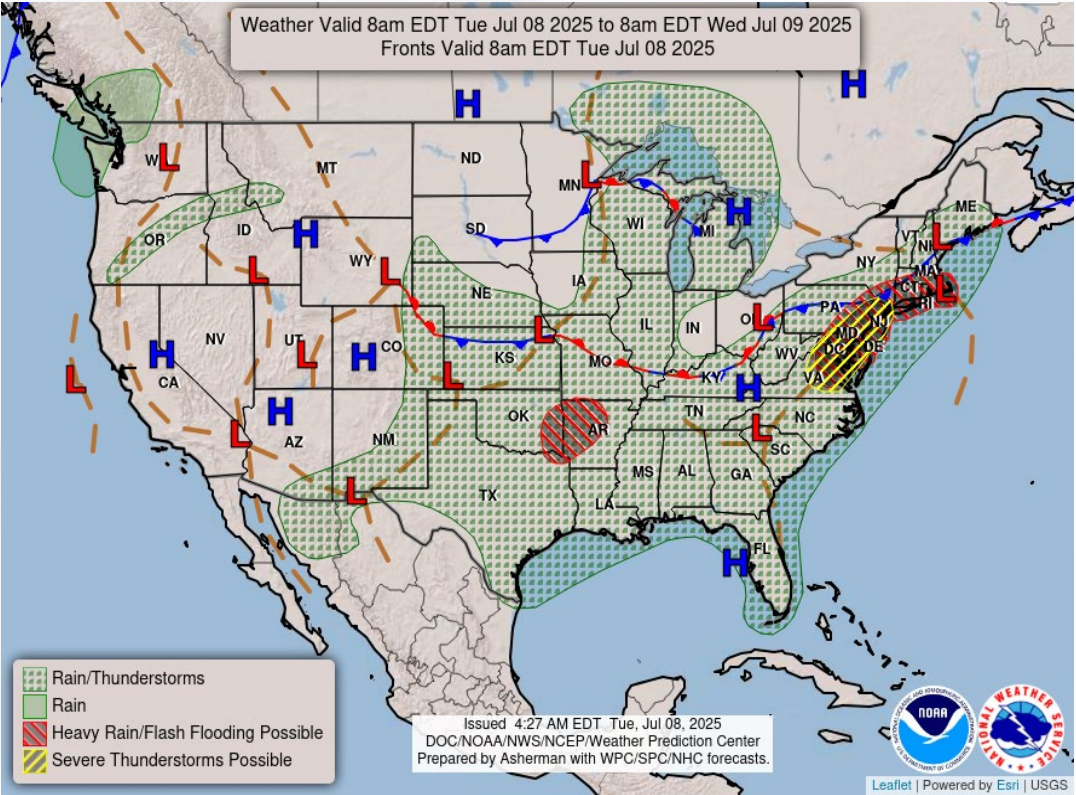
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

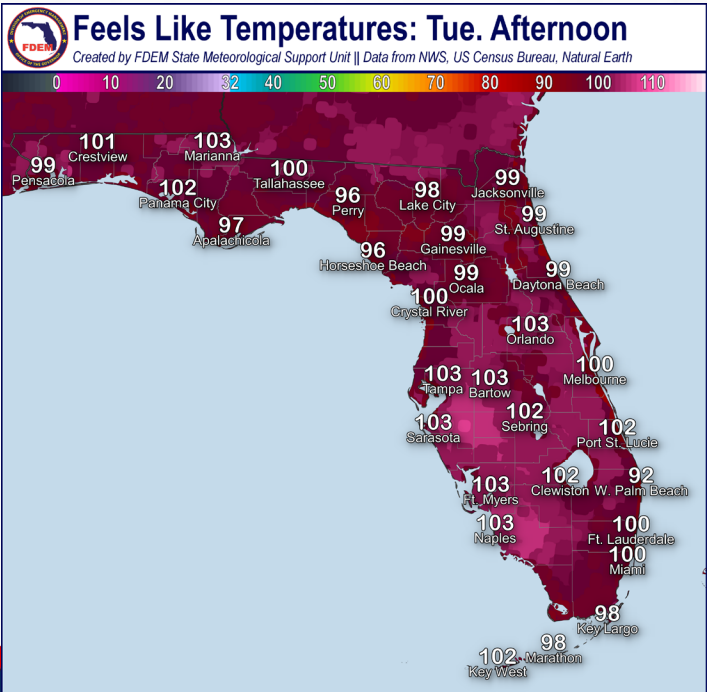
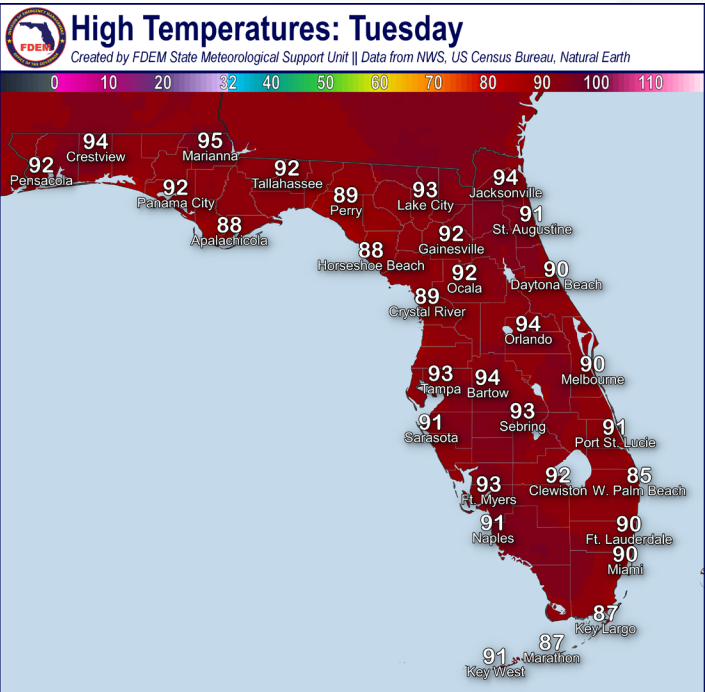


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	H	H	H	M	M	H	H	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding				L	L		L	L	L	L
Excessive Heat	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)		L	L	L						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.42 ft. (2.10 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	155 (+7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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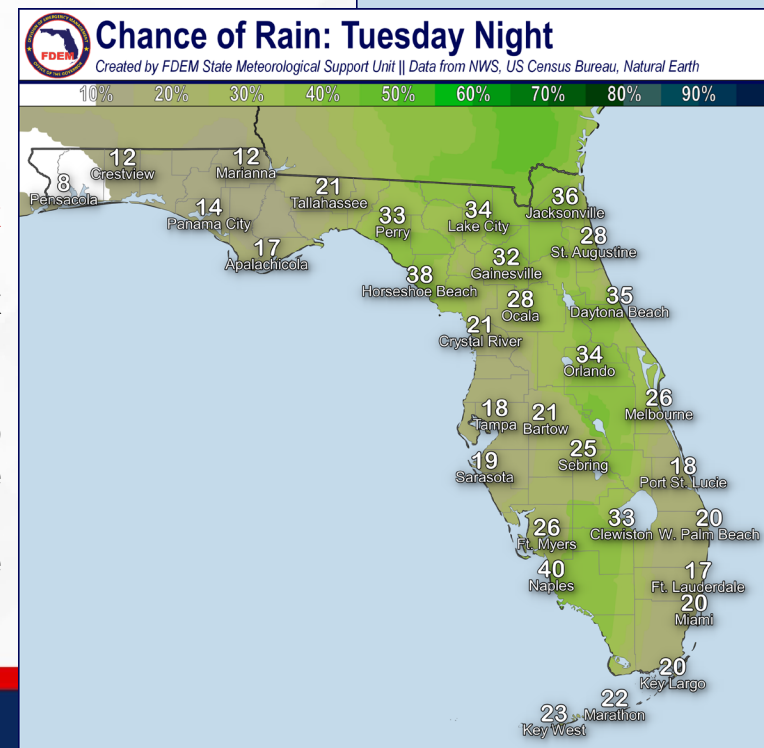
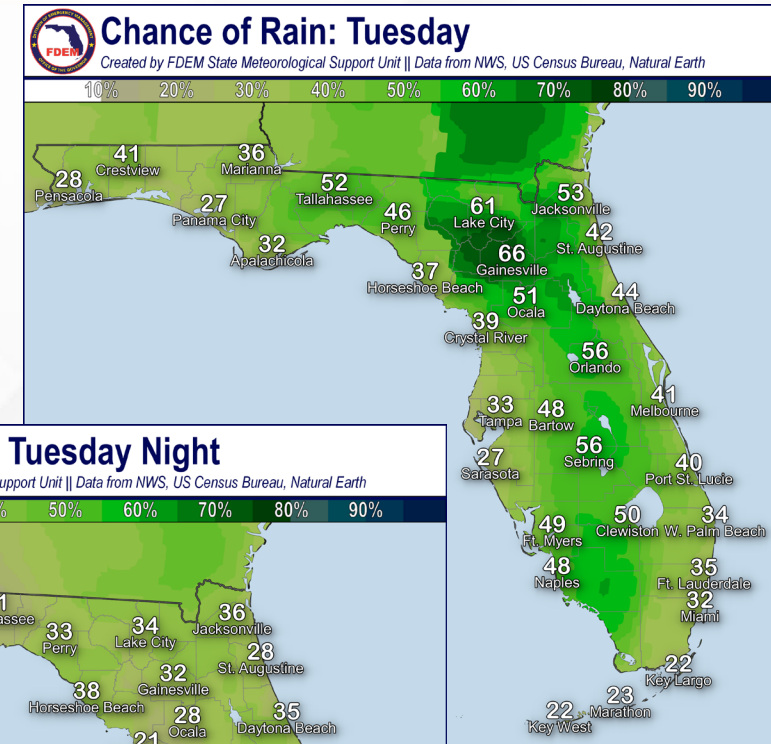
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Showers and thunderstorms along the Panhandle and Big Bend coastline will gradually move inland throughout the morning and afternoon hours with the help of the sea breeze. The typical summertime pattern will develop across the state with mostly dry conditions throughout the morning hours before showers and thunderstorms develop in the afternoon and evening. Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms can be expected throughout the state as the sea breezes collide with one another during the peak heating hours of the day (45-65% chance of rain). The Gulf sea breeze will dominate and push further inland compared to the Atlantic, allowing showers and thunderstorms to generally move from west to east. **Locally embedded strong thunderstorms** will be possible, and frequent lightning, gusty winds and heavy downpours will be possible. Instances of small hail also cannot be ruled out at times. Heavy downpours could lead to **instances of flash flooding and ponding of water**, especially over urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas.

Warm and muggy conditions can be expected to develop throughout the afternoon as high temperatures reach the upper 80s to middle 90s this afternoon. **Heat index values** will continue to reach the **upper 90s to triple digits (100-106-degrees)** throughout the state. Portions of Northeast and Central Florida will see heat index values **just below Heat Advisory criteria** this afternoon before shower and thunderstorm activity develops.

With the loss of daytime heating, showers and thunderstorms will continue to dissipate and move offshore throughout the late evening and overnight hours. There may be a chance for some lingering showers and rumbles of thunder near the coastal waters overnight (20-40% chance of rain). Instances of **locally patchy fog** cannot be ruled out early Wednesday morning.

Low temperatures will fall into the 70s and lower 80s overnight.

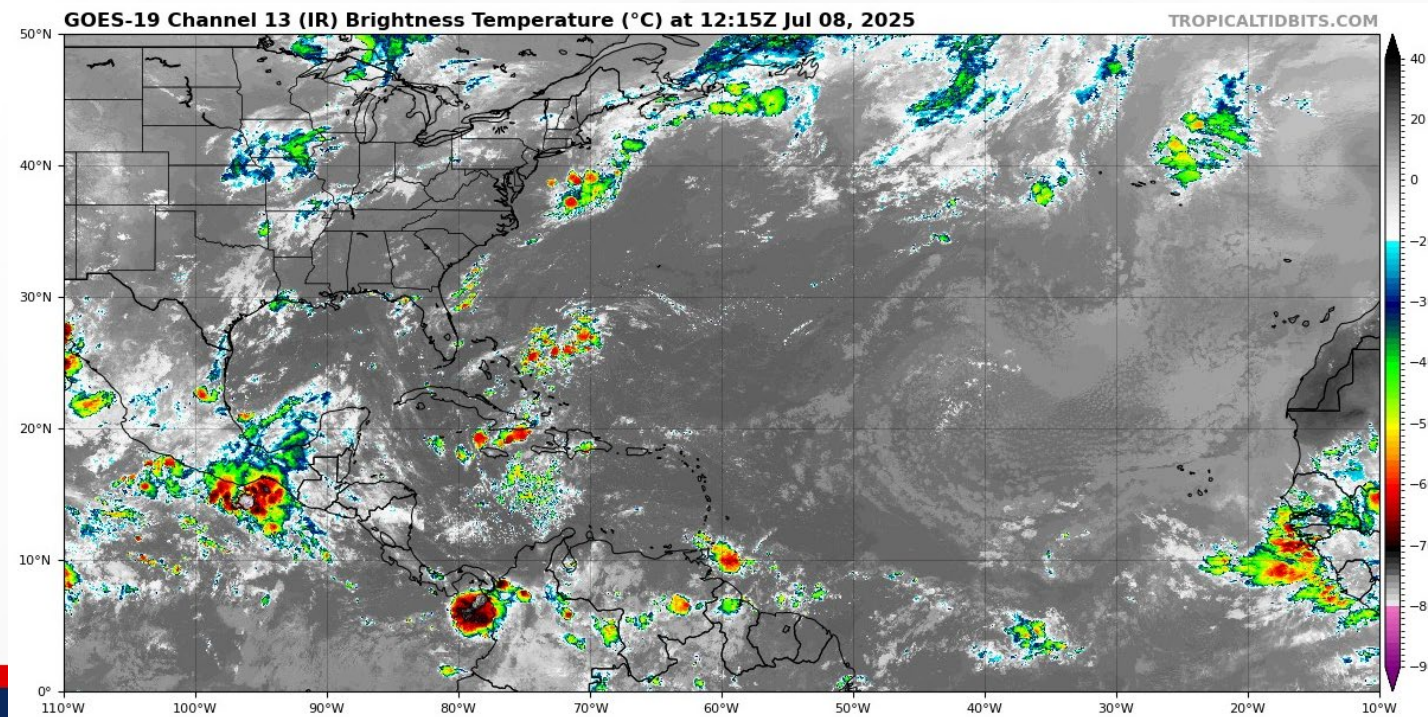
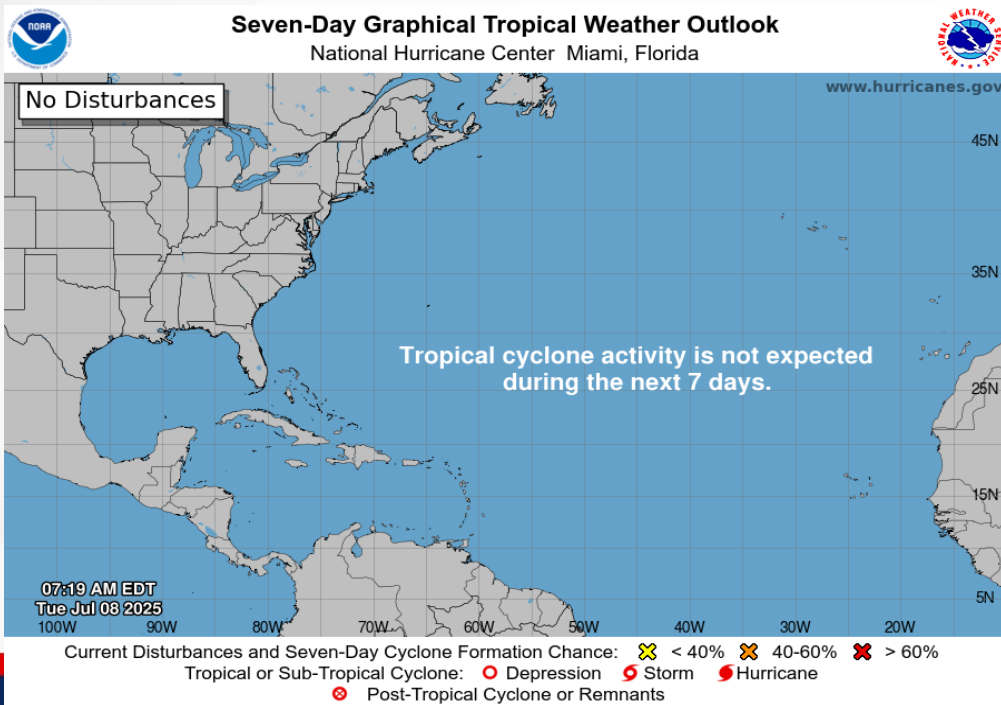




Tropical Weather

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

Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic basin.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate risk of rip currents** along numerous North Florida and Space Coast beaches. A low risk can be expected for Florida Peninsula beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

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

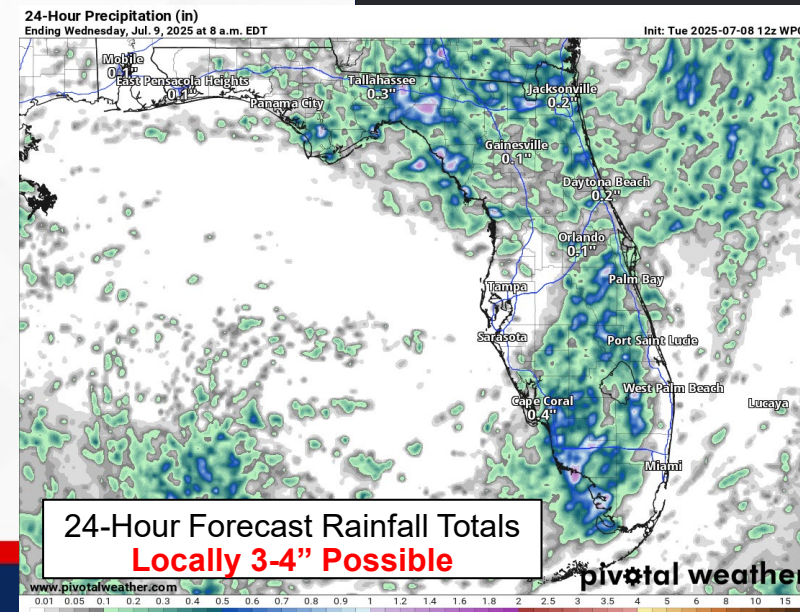
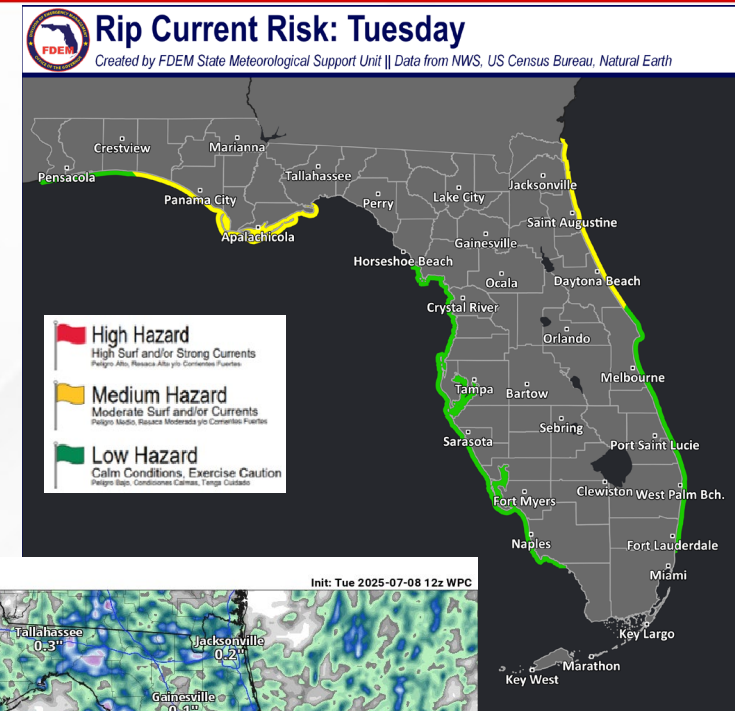
Red Tide has been not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 6/27).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Typical summertime thunderstorms developing this afternoon and evening will create instances of heavy downpours that could lead to **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**. Areas across the Peninsula could see an earlier onset of possible flooding with the recent heavy rainfall over the last few days. Rainfall totals of 1-2" can be expected, with locally higher totals upwards of 3-4" possible.

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](#) could rise near or into Action Stage (bank-full) in the next couple of days. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.42 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.10 feet below normal for this time of year.





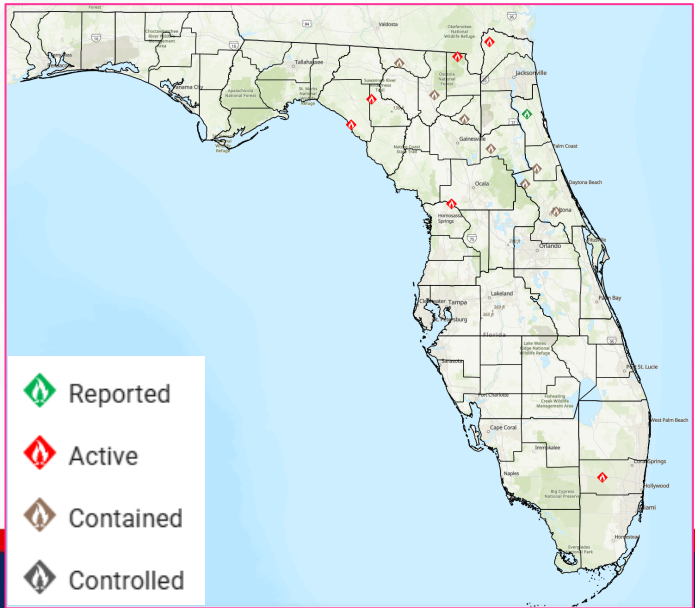
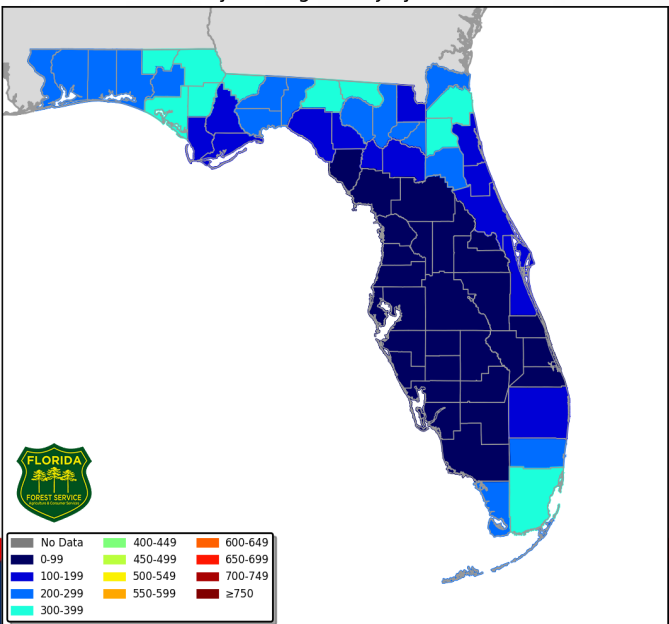
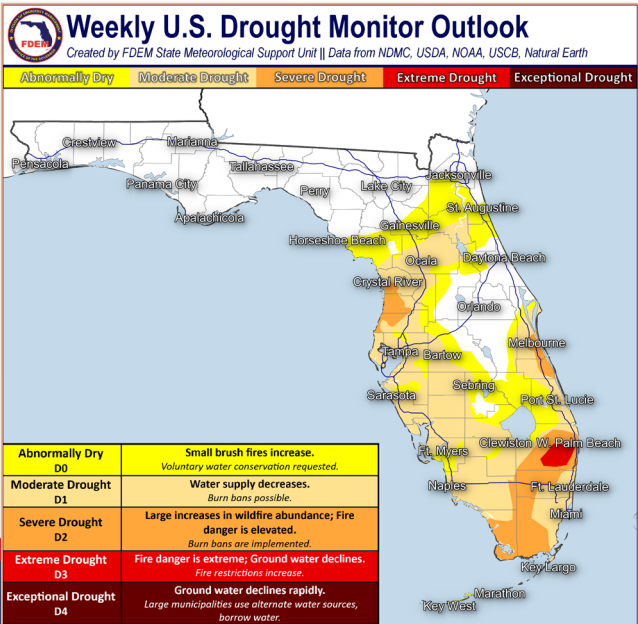
Drought & Fire Weather

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. 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 14 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 474 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.

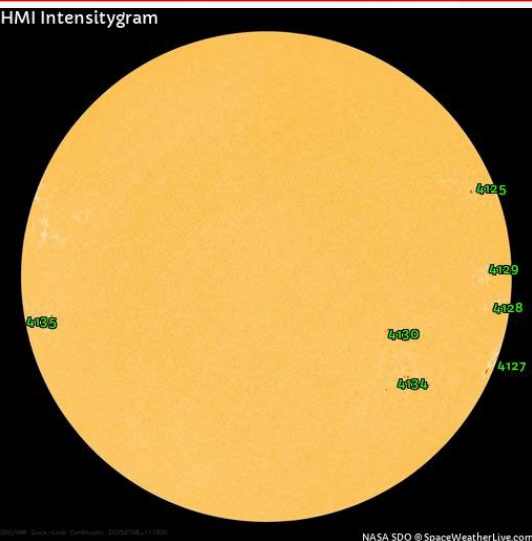
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **155 (+7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Zero Florida counties have an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)
County Averages for July 07, 2025

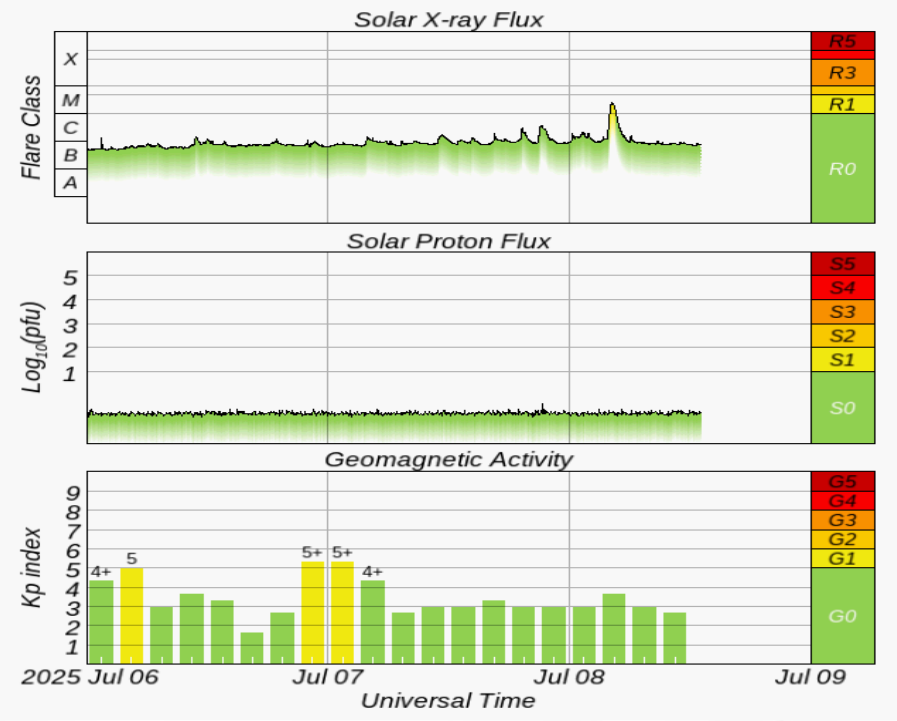
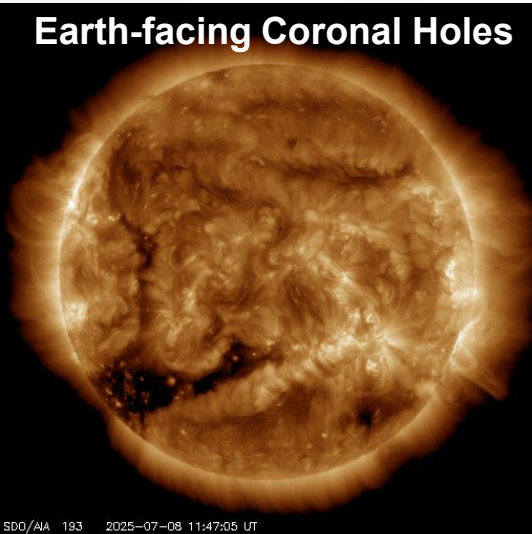




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/8	7/9
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity will continue to remain low despite the M-class solar flare that erupted yesterday. Moderate (C-class) solar flares will be possible, with a slight chance for strong (M-class) solar flares as all active sunspots are currently stable. Any M-class flare that develops will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions remain slightly elevated through today due to solar winds flowing from a coronal hole. Geomagnetic activity will continue at unsettled to active conditions through today before mostly quiet conditions return through the midweek. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
Backup Landline:	850-487-3234, 850-487-3228	Operational	
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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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