



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, August 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	Walton	SERT POD Training
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Walton	SERT POD Training
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Walton	SERT POD Training
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Putnam, Clay	EM / Shelter Meetings
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Walton	SERT POD Training Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	FDOT Meeting / UASG Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Leon	G-141 Course
Region 8: Mason Kozac	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Monroe / Miami-Dade	FDOT & County EM Meeting / City EM Meeting



Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 9

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	SERT POD Training
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	803 Onboarding / Recovery Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 3: Amber Durden	Leon	New Employee Onboarding / Recovery Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Columbia	County IPPW / Recovery Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery Bureau Coordination Mtg
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Recovery Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Broward	FROC Road Tour Training
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Lee	Applicant Meeting / Recovery Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

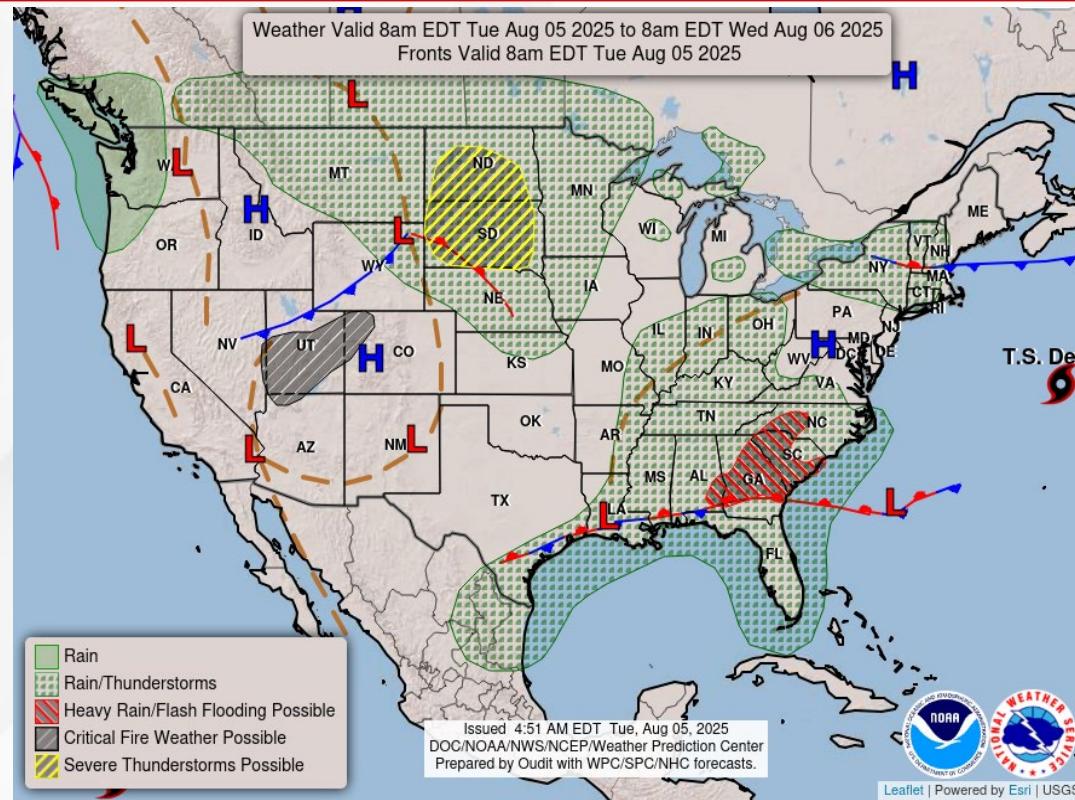
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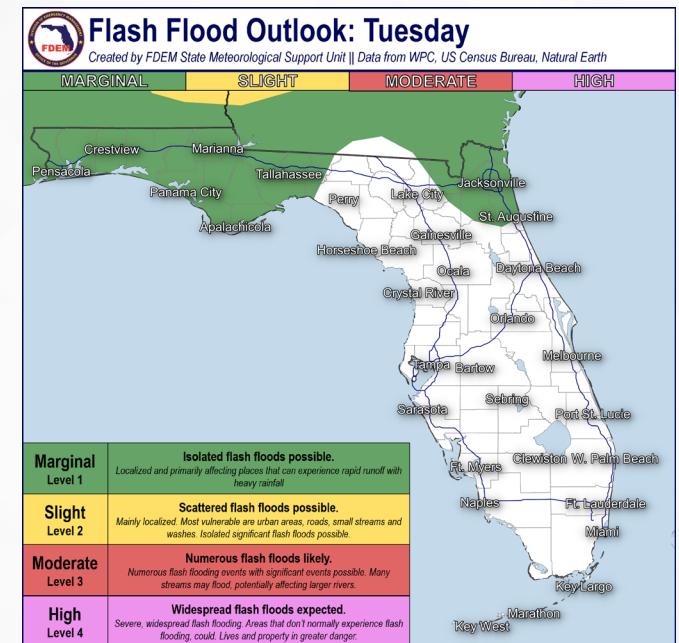
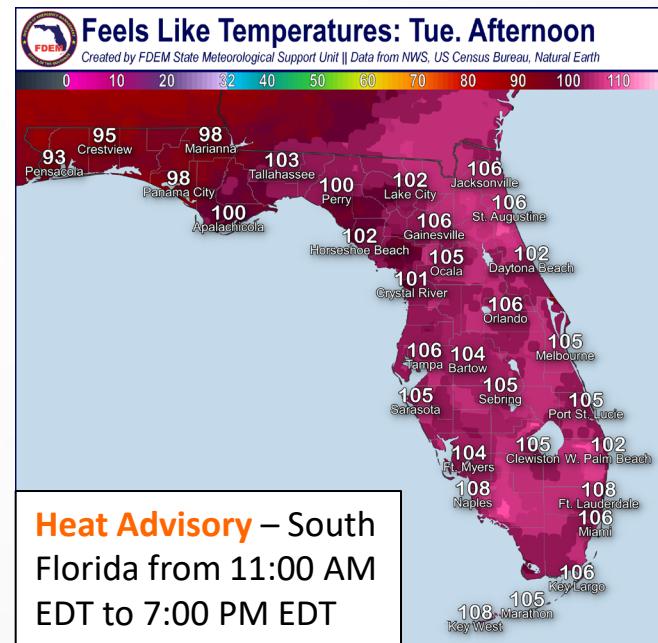
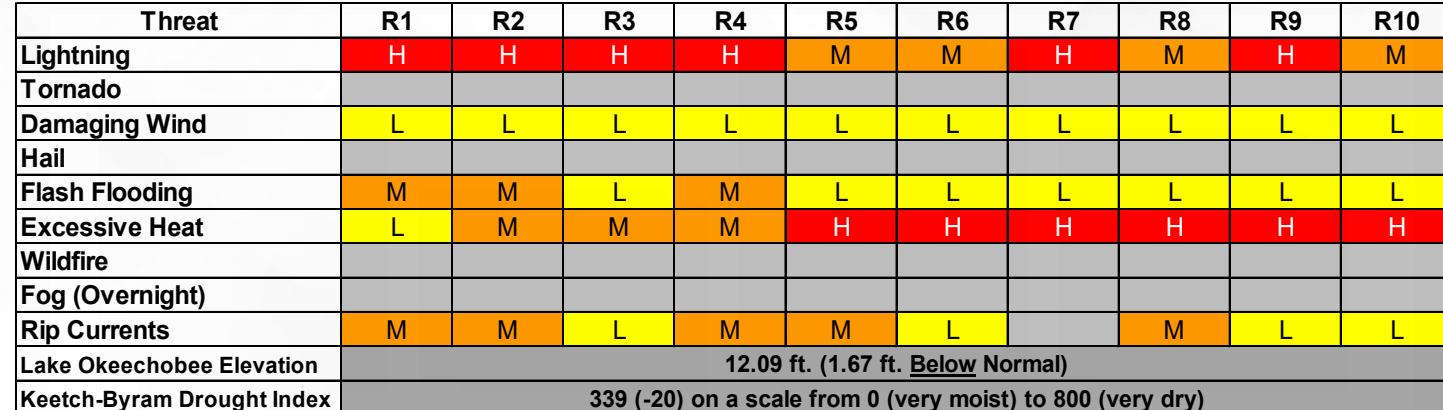
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Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map





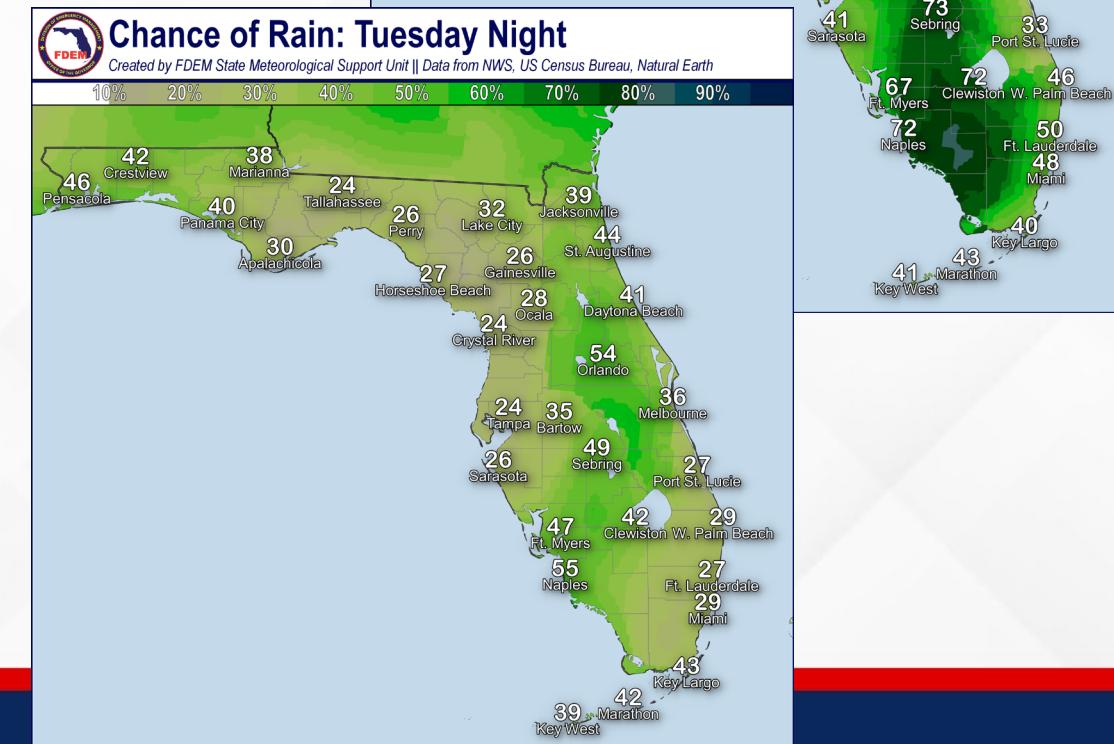
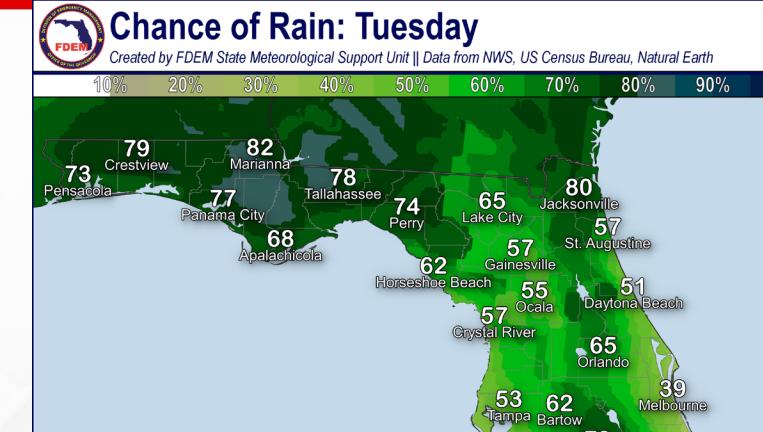
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A rinse and repeat pattern can be expected throughout North Florida as the weak frontal boundary remains stalled over southern Georgia and northern Florida. Scattered showers and thunderstorms moving inland across the Panhandle and portions of the Big Bend this morning will continue to move inland before becoming more widespread in nature with the help of daytime heating processes (65-85% chance of rain). Multiple rounds of heavy rainfall are anticipated, and any of these heavier downpours that occur over areas that have already seen heavy rainfall could see an earlier onset to possible flash flooding. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is also outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Panhandle and portions of the I-10 corridor for the increased risk for **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**. A typical summertime thunderstorm pattern returns across the Peninsula with scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms developing along the sea breeze throughout the afternoon and evening (45-75% chance of rain). Embedded **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** cannot be ruled out this afternoon bringing frequent lightning, gusty winds and torrential downpours.

Cloud cover and elevated rain chances will keep Panhandle temperatures slightly “cooler” than the rest of the state with high temperatures reaching the upper 80s and **heat index values** reaching the **middle to upper 90s**. **Hot and humid conditions** across the state will reach the 90s this afternoon and **heat index values** reaching **triple digits (100-110-degrees)**. **Heat Advisories** will go into effect late morning across South Florida for dangerous heat and humidity leading to **heat index values upwards of 110-degrees**.

Through the late evening hours and heading into the overnight period, the heaviest rainfall should be to the north of the state and begin to dissipate. By the predawn hours on Wednesday, showers and thunderstorms will begin to move back onshore along the Panhandle and portions of the Big Bend (30-40% chance of rain). Throughout the rest of the state, mostly dry conditions can be expected with a spotty shower or two early Monday morning near the coastlines. Low temperatures will remain in the 70s and lower 80s, with the Keys seeing low temperatures in the middle 80s.





Tropical Weather

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

Tropical Storm Dexter: As of 5:00 AM EDT, Dexter is located about 345 miles north of Bermuda and moving northeastward at 12 mph. A gradual turn toward the east-northeast is expected during the next few days. Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 40 mph with higher gusts. Little change in strength is expected for the next day or so. Some re-strengthening is forecast in a couple of days as Dexter becomes an extratropical cyclone. *Dexter poses no direct threat to Florida; however, it may bring elevated surf and rip currents along several Florida East Coast beaches Tuesday.*

Off the Southeast U.S.: A weak surface disturbance currently located several hundred miles off the coast of the Southeast U.S. is expected to form an area of low pressure in a day or so. Thereafter, environmental conditions appear favorable for gradual development of this system. A tropical depression could form by the latter portions of this week or weekend as the low initially moves slowly westward, but turns more northward by this weekend. *This system poses no direct threat to Florida at this time; however, it could bring elevated rain chances and rip currents along portions of the East Coast later in the week and into the weekend.*

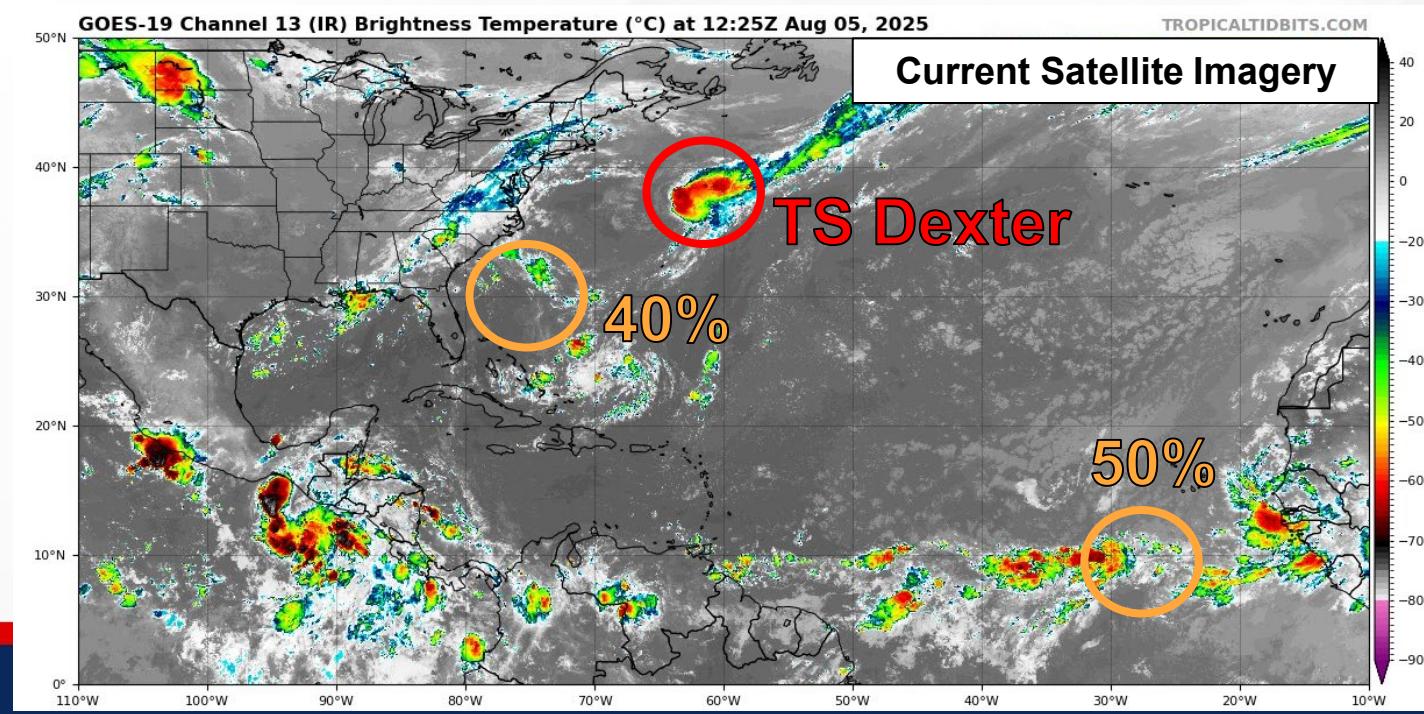
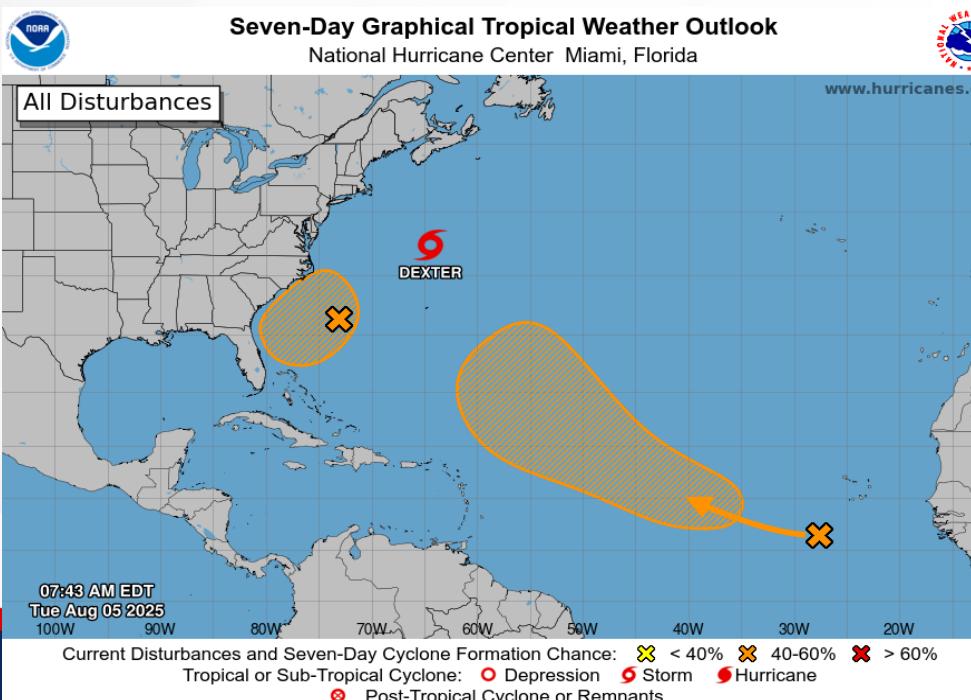
*Formation chance through 48 hours... **low...10%**.

*Formation chance through 7 days... **medium...40%**.

Central Tropical Atlantic: A tropical wave over the far eastern tropical Atlantic is currently producing disorganized shower and thunderstorm activity, primarily to the southwest of the wave axis. Environmental conditions are forecast to be conducive for gradual development during the next few days. A tropical depression could form late this week or over the weekend as the system moves generally west-northwestward across the central tropical or subtropical Atlantic. *This system poses no threat to Florida at this time but continues to be monitored.*

*Formation chance through 48 hours... **low...near 0%**.

*Formation chance through 7 days... **medium...50%**.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** along the Florida East Coast. **A moderate rip current risk continues** for numerous Panhandle beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected statewide. Breaking waves in the surf zone could reach **upwards of 3-4'** along Treasure Coast beaches.

Red Tide was observed in two samples from Florida's Gulf Coast (Lee and Gulf County) over the past week (valid 7/25).

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

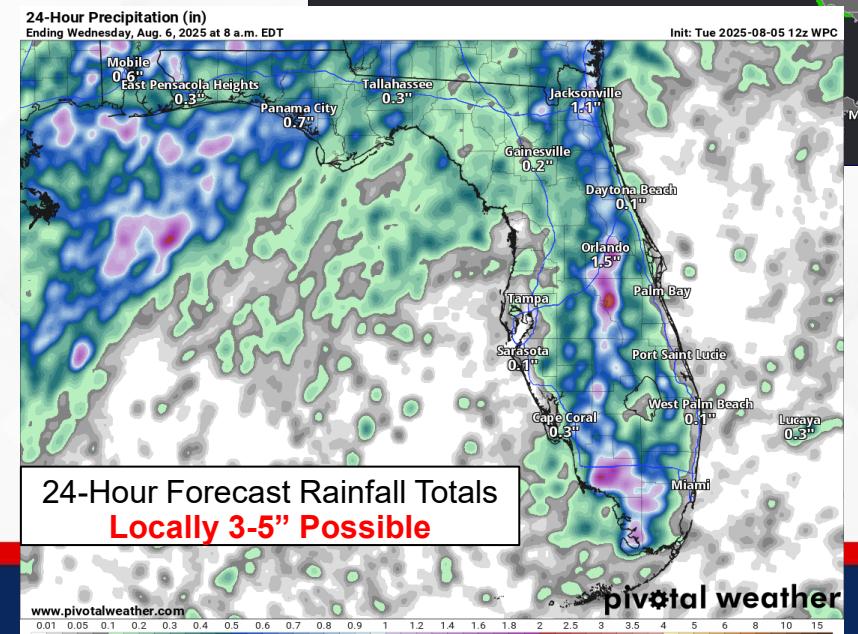
Flash Flooding: Multiple rounds of showers and thunderstorms, especially some that are slow-moving, leading to an increased **risk for localized flooding** concerns. Abundant moisture will help to fuel these showers and thunderstorms along the front, helping to increase coverage and extent. Training showers and thunderstorms along the Panhandle coast could lead to an earlier onset to any possible flooding with repeated rounds of heavy downpours over the same areas. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Panhandle and along portions of the I-10 corridor through today. Rainfall totals of 1-3" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-5" possible, especially closer towards the coast.

Riverine Flooding: Several Panhandle rivers, [Big Coldwater Creek near Milton](#), [Shoal River near Crestview](#) and [St. Marks River near Newport](#), are forecast to rise into Action Stage (bank-full), or have reached Action Stage (bank-full), over the next few days following due to active weather leading to widespread rainfall. Rivers across the Panhandle are in good condition right now; however, any locally heavy downpours over the river basin could lead to a quick-response rise. Any heavy rainfall that occurs in southern Georgia in the river headwaters will then flow southward through the basin into Florida. Fisheating Creek at Palmdale remains within Action Stage as well. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.09 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.67 feet below normal for this time of year.

Rip Current Risk: Tuesday

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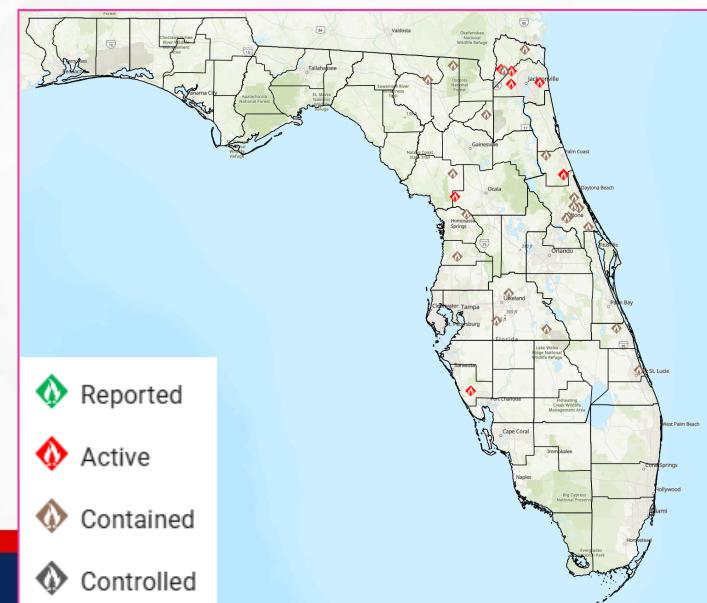
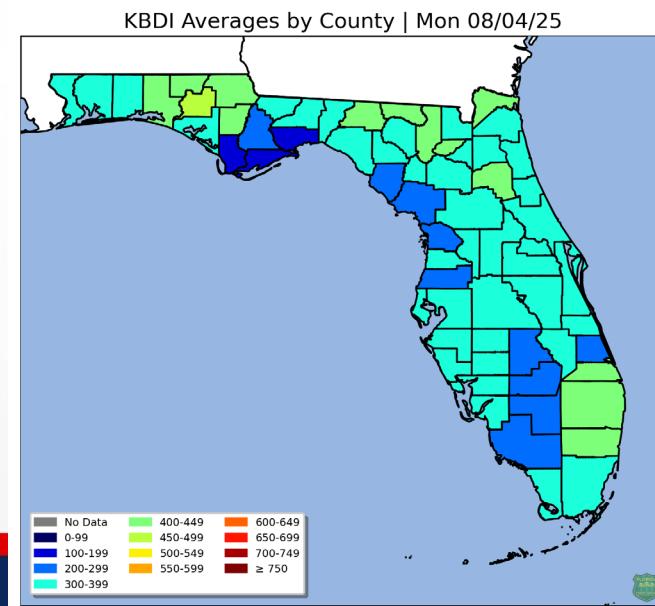
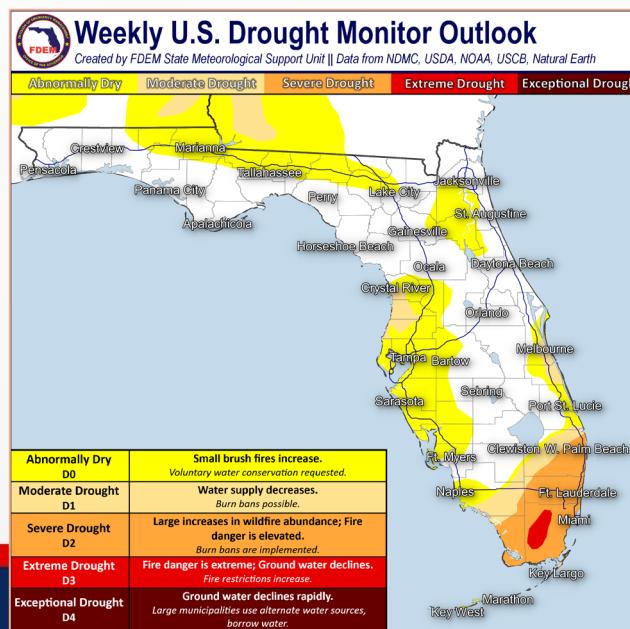


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Widespread shower and thunderstorm activity can be expected across North Florida today keeping the overall wildfire threat very low. Slightly drier conditions across the Peninsula can be expected; however, scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms across the interior Peninsula can be expected along the sea breeze. Plenty of moisture across the state will keep relative humidity values well above critical thresholds. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 29 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1,087 acres.

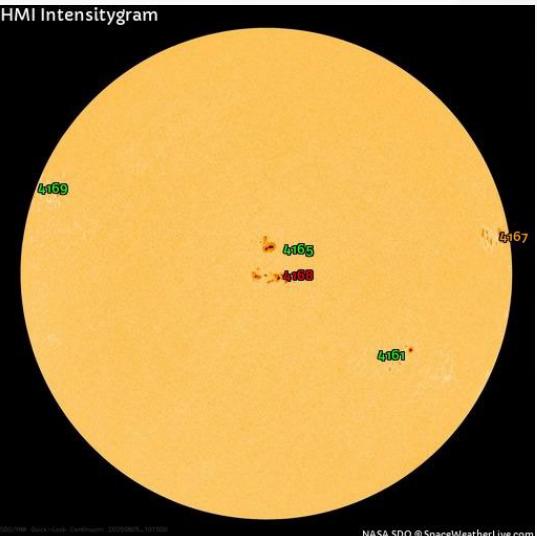
Drought: No changes were made during this week's drought monitor outlook as much of the regions under drought remain below average in rainfall and haven't received significant rainfall in the past week. A **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** persists across Southeast Florida where monthly rainfall deficits remain 2-4" for many locations and an **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists over western Miami-Dade County. Portions of the Nature Coast remain in **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where monthly rainfall totals are likewise at a 2-4" deficit. Portions of the northern Panhandle are under an abnormally dry (emerging drought) category where hit-or-miss thunderstorms have benefited some locations, but not all. Rainfall chances will generally increase across the state this weekend and into next week as a front stalls across North Florida which may alleviate some drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **339 (-20)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **no** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

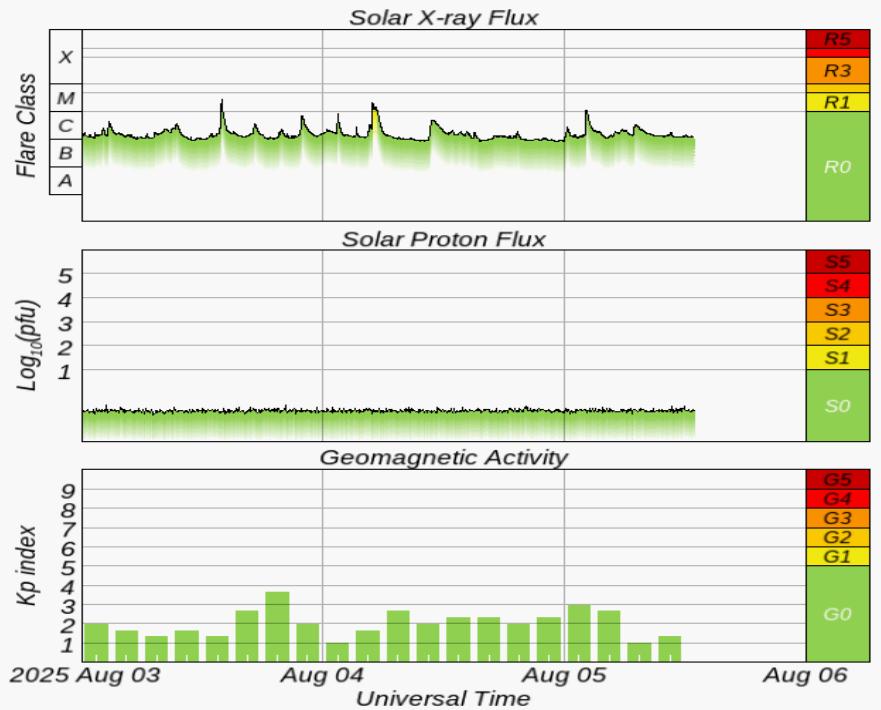
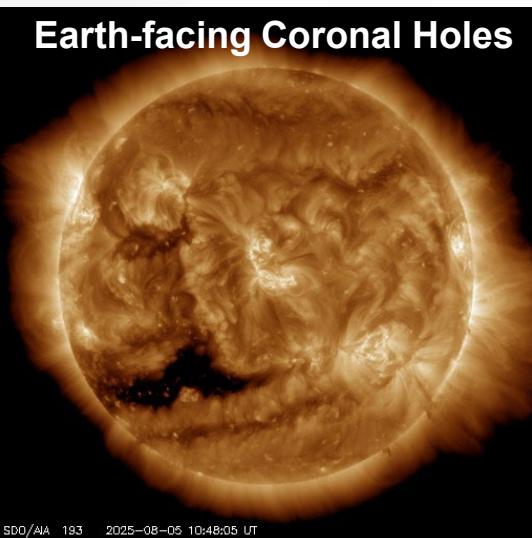




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

8/5	8/6
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity continues to remain low to moderate with a chance for strong to significant (M-class to X-class solar flares) through the middle of this week. Newer sunspots #4167 and #4168 have magnetic fields that contain energy for X-class solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class solar flare. Solar wind conditions are expected to remain somewhat elevated through today due to coronal hole winds waning towards nominal/background conditions. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions, with isolated periods of active conditions, due to coronal hole winds continuing. The overall space threat to Florida remains low.



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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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