



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, August 9, 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	Jefferson, In Region	Back to School Outreach Event / On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
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	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9

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: Amber Durden	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Response On-call Coverage R4
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	Response On-call Coverage R8
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In State	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

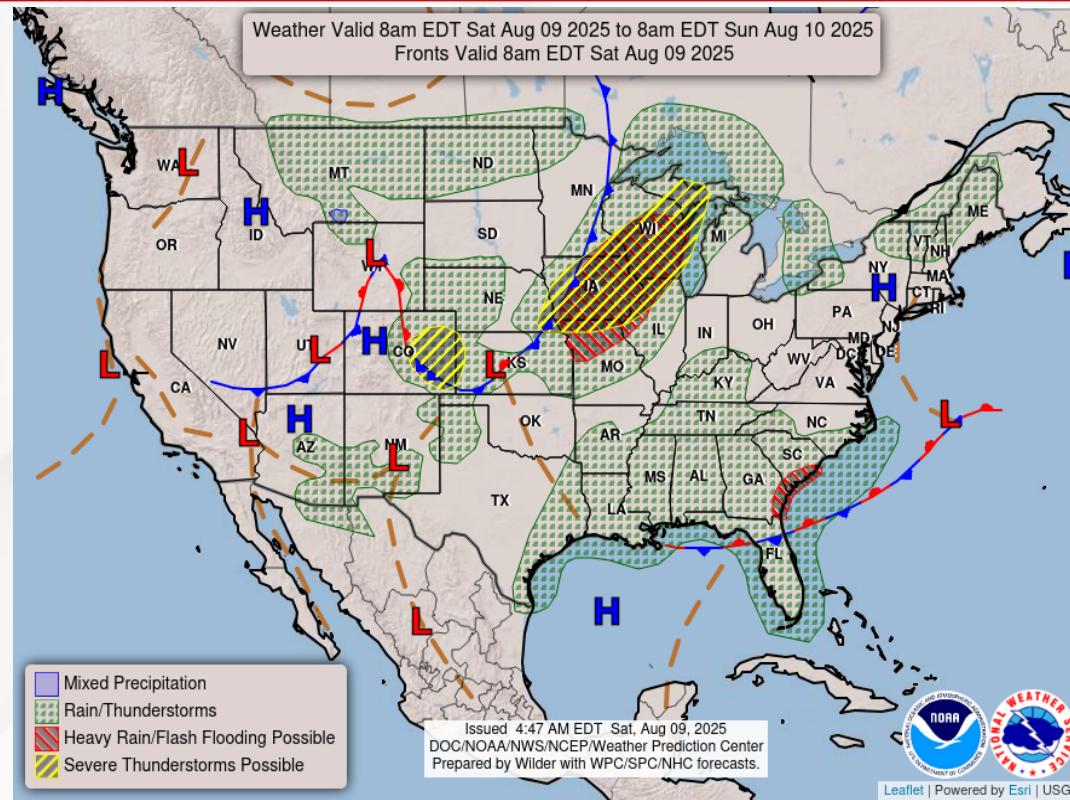
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 9 & 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

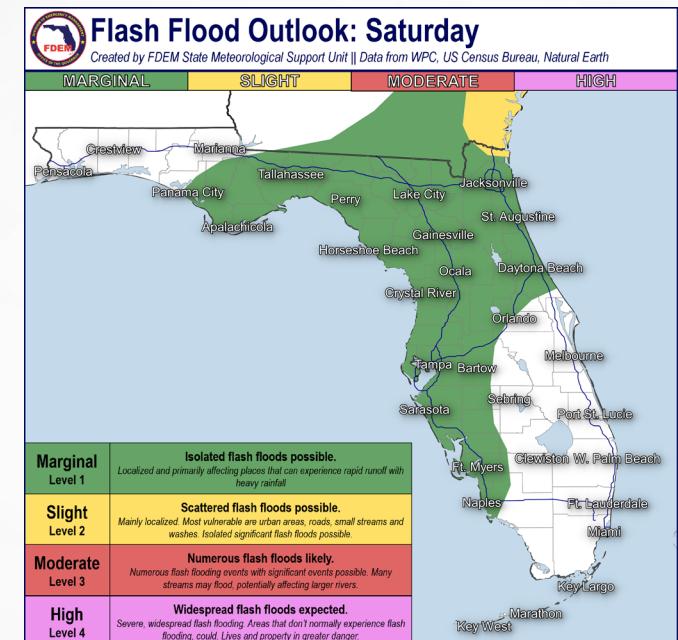
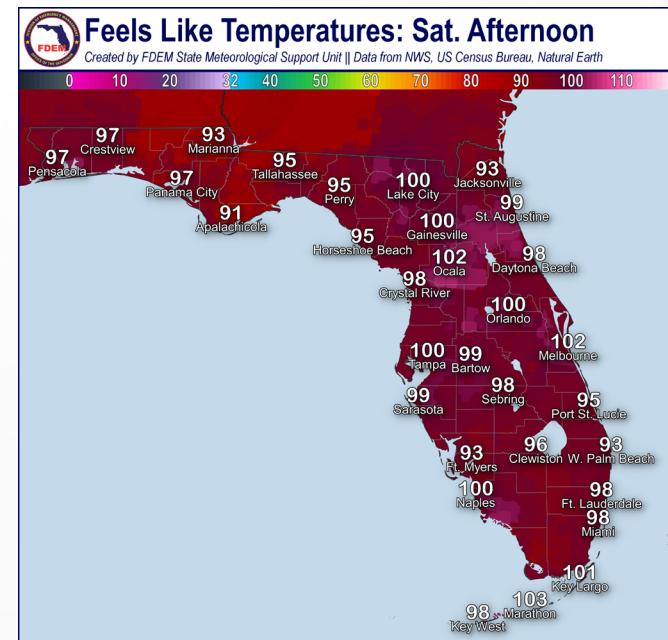


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	M	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Excessive Heat			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		H	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.10 ft. (1.77 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	283 (-20) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





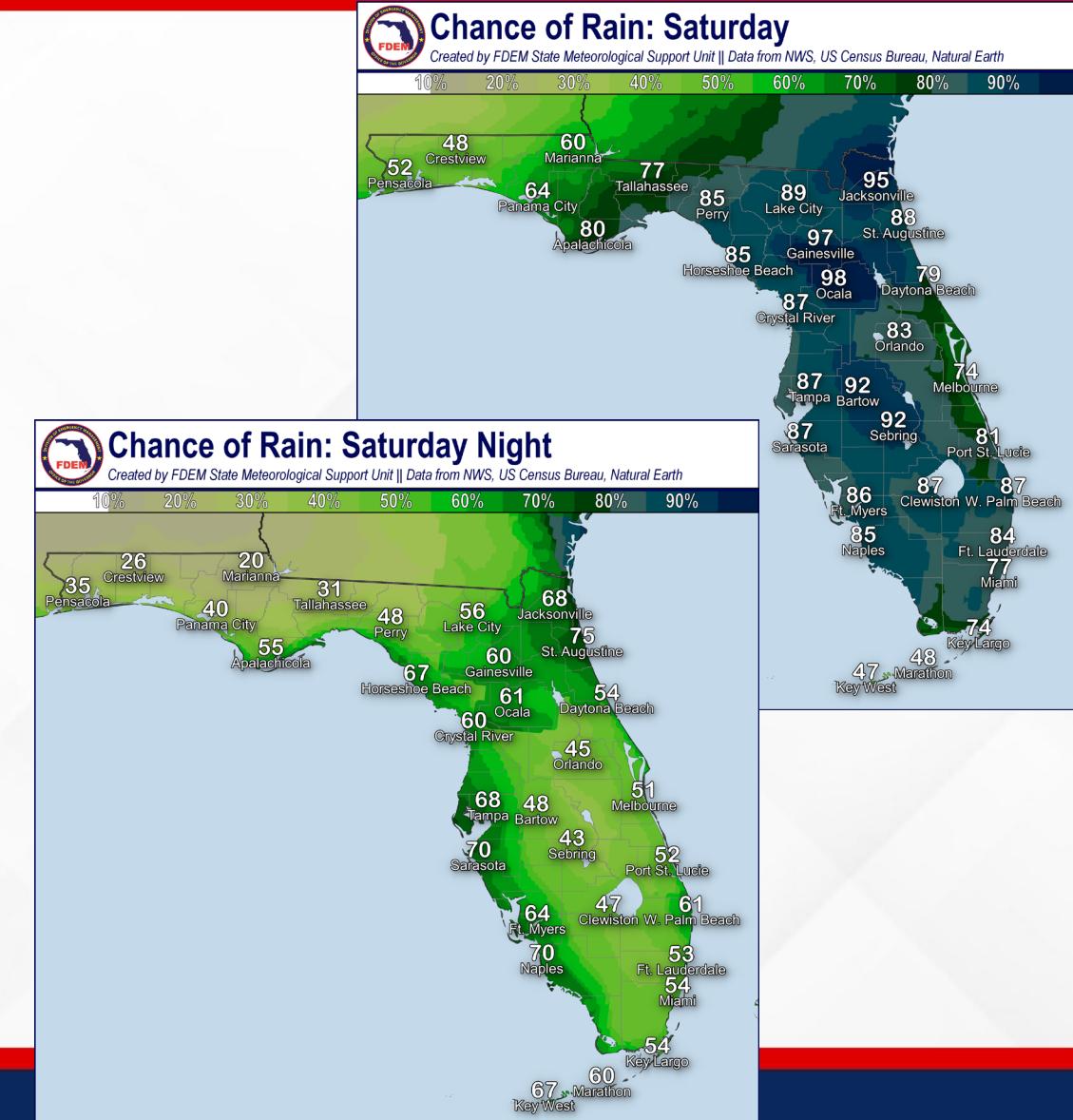
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another wet day is expected across the state as a weak upper-level disturbance passing over South Florida, and the weak frontal boundary that has been stalled across North Florida, enhance shower and thunderstorm activity. Showers and thunderstorms are already ongoing this morning across coastal South Florida and will push inland throughout the morning. The sea breeze boundaries will also push inland this afternoon and promote scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms across the Peninsula with help of daytime heating and deep tropical moisture (80-near 100% chance of rain). A predominate Atlantic sea breeze will focus most of the showers and storms along the East Coast early this afternoon before pushing westward throughout the day. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked much of North Florida, the eastern Panhandle, and West Coast with a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding**. Slow-moving and repeated rounds of thunderstorms today will promote **localized flooding concerns**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. **Ponding of water and street flooding** may occur in any areas that receive excessive rainfall. Any thunderstorm across the state could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds, and heavy downpours. Across the western Panhandle, only isolated to scattered showers and storms are expected with a relatively drier airmass in place (40-60% chance of rain).

Abundant cloud cover and rainfall will limit the magnitude of temperatures across the state today. Afternoon high temperatures will only climb into the upper 80s to lower 90s statewide as **heat index values** reach into the **lower to upper 90s**, remaining below heat advisory criteria.

Showers and thunderstorms will generally dissipate across the interior Peninsula this evening with loss of daytime heating. However, numerous showers and storms will remain along the West and East Coasts and adjacent coastal waters this evening and throughout the overnight hours (60-80% chance of rain). Low temperatures will reach into the lower to upper 70s statewide.





Tropical Weather

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

Central Atlantic (96L) : Disorganized showers and thunderstorms are occurring with a tropical wave over the central tropical Atlantic. Development of this system is unlikely during the next day or two due to surrounding dry air, however some gradual development is possible during the early or middle part of next week as the system moves northwestward to northward across the central Atlantic. *This system poses no threat to Florida.*

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

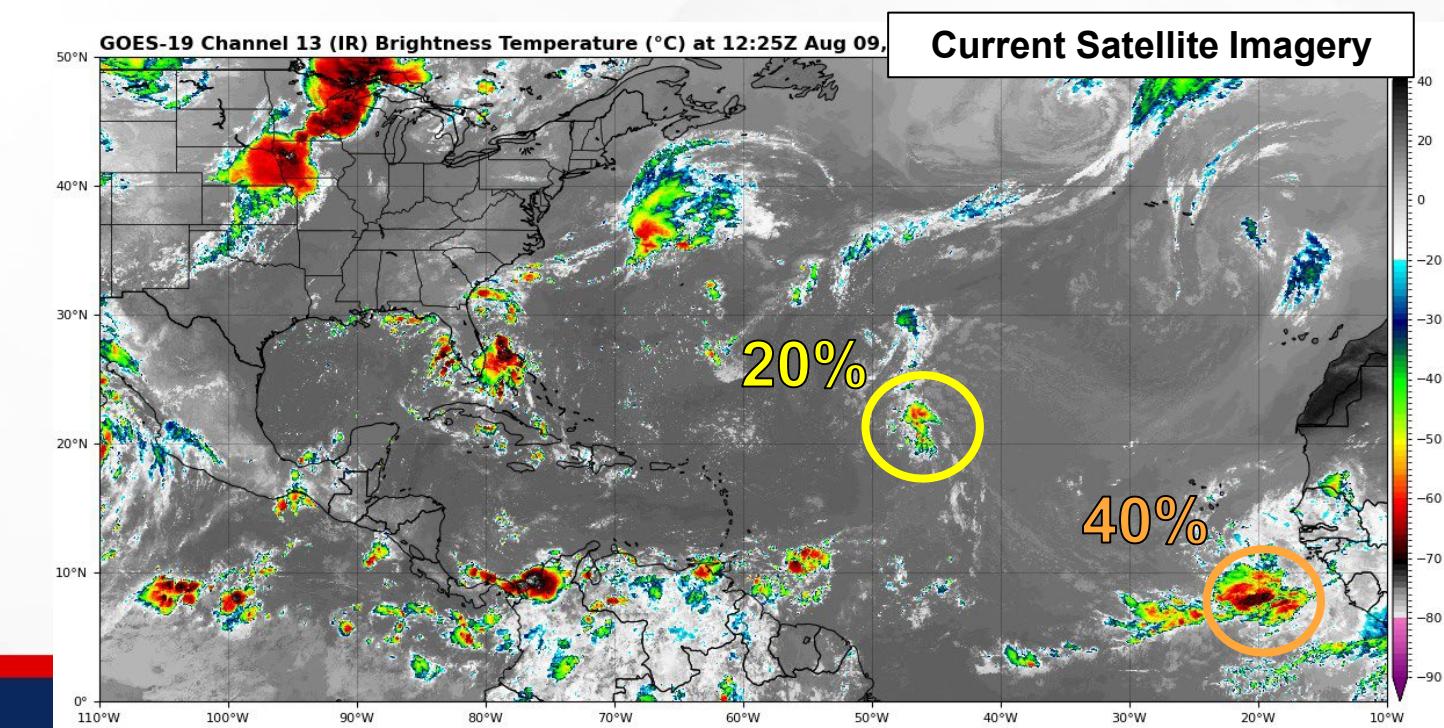
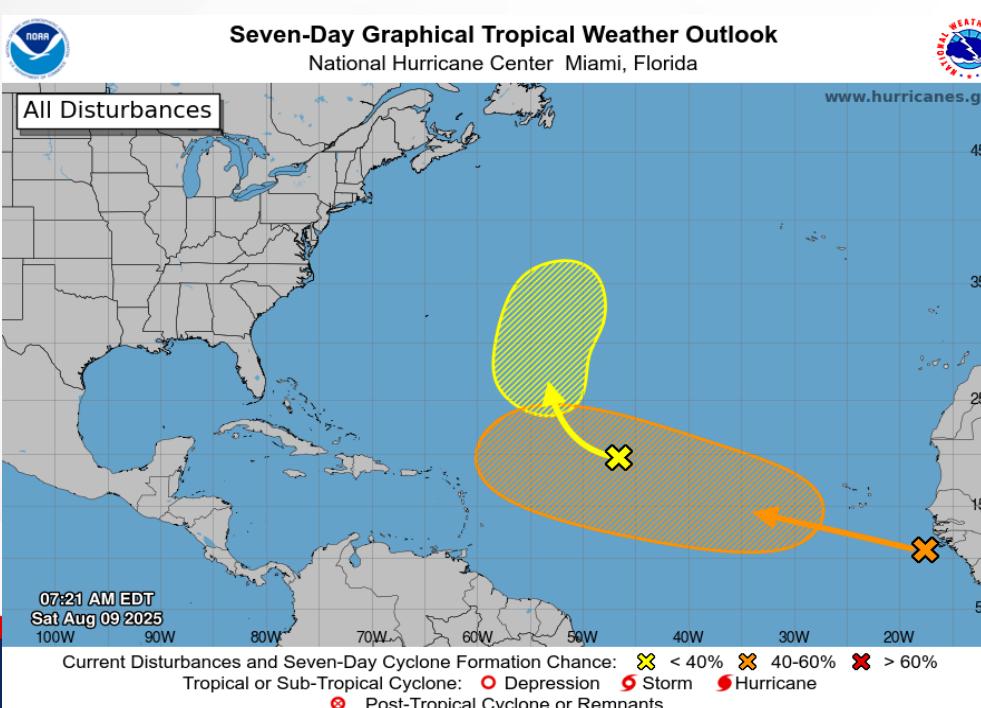
*Formation chance through 7 days...**low...20%**.

Eastern Tropical Atlantic: A tropical wave that has now emerged offshore the west coast of Africa is producing a large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms.

Environmental conditions appear favorable for gradual development, and a tropical depression could form by the middle to latter portion of next week as the system moves westward at 15 o 20 mph across the eastern and central tropical 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...40%**.





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 will remain at 2-3' along East Coast beaches with **locally elevated surf up to 3-4'** across northeastern beaches. West Coast beaches will see wave heights of 1'. Onshore flow over the far western Panhandle will bring wave heights of 2-3' as well.

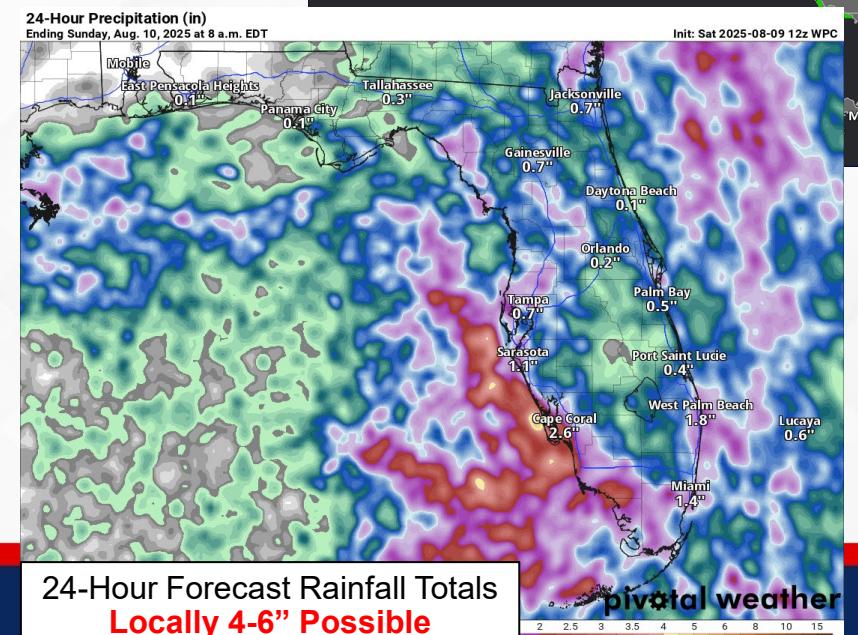
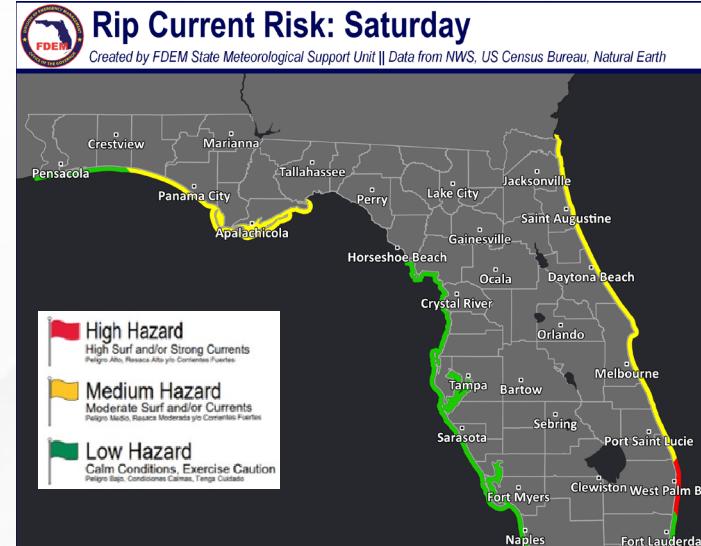
Red Tide was observed in one sample from Florida's Gulf Coast (Lee County) over the past week (valid 8/1).

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

Flash Flooding: Another day of slow-moving showers and thunderstorms will lead to an increased risk for **localized flash flooding** nearly statewide today. Abundant moisture, a decaying cold front across North Florida, and weak upper-level disturbances passing over the state will help to fuel these showers and thunderstorms and increase their coverage and extent. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across North Florida, portions of the Panhandle west to SR231, and the West Coast where repeated rounds of showers and thunderstorms may lead to an earlier onset to **flash flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Rainfall totals of 1-3" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 4-6" possible especially across the West Coast. Although much of Southeast Florida is not under an organized risk for flash flooding, any slow-moving thunderstorms could produce localized street flooding and ponding of water.

Riverine Flooding: The [St. Marks River near Newport](#) and [Ocklawaha River at Rodman Dam](#) remain at Action Stage (bank-full) as recent heavy rainfall has resulted in some riverine response. The [Alafia River at Lithia Pinecrest Road](#), [Horse Creek near Arcadia at SR 72](#), and [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) across West Central Florida are expected to crest into Action Stage (bank-full) this weekend with repeated rounds of heavy downpours possible. 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. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.10 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.77 feet below normal for this time of year.



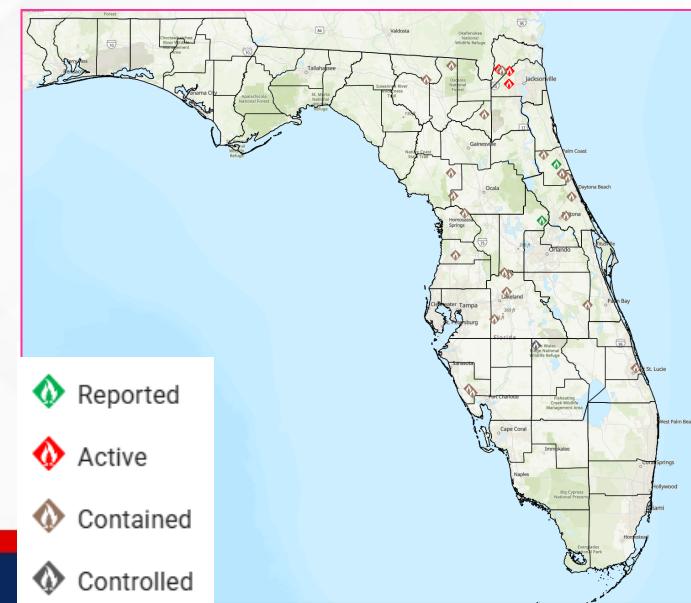
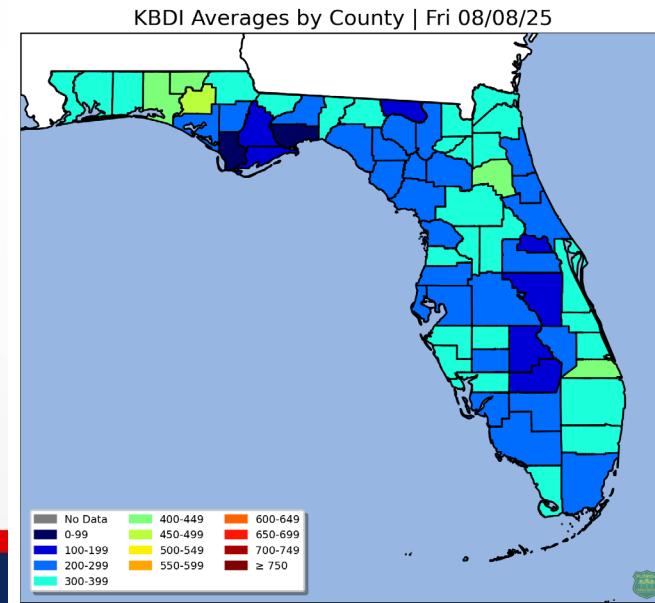
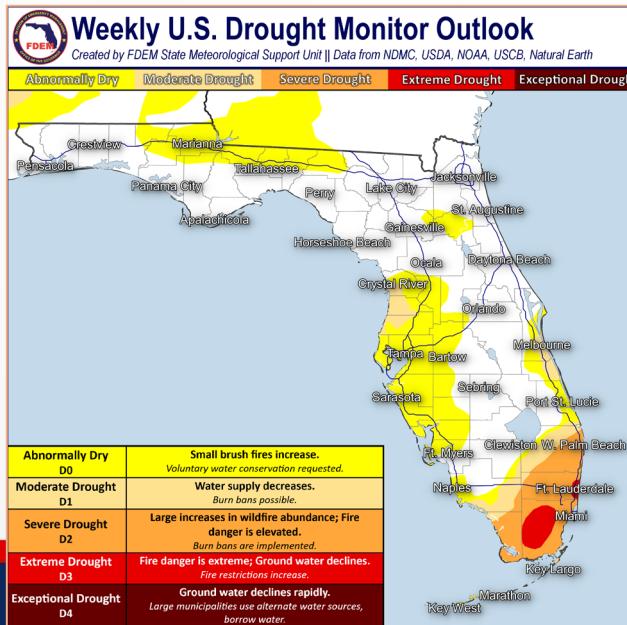


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Widespread shower and thunderstorm activity will spread across the state today keeping the overall wildfire threat very low. Slow-moving thunderstorms will generally move east to west across the state with the Atlantic sea breeze. Plenty of tropical moisture will keep relative humidity values well above critical thresholds. However, any thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 24 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 485 acres.

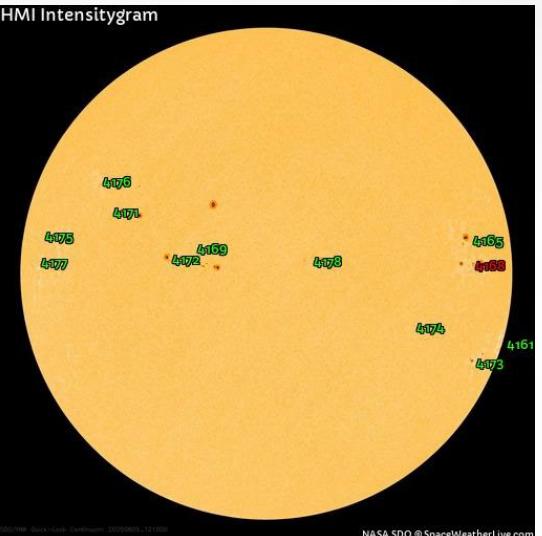
Drought: Very little positive changes were made during this week's drought monitor outlook. The Panhandle and interior portions of the Peninsula saw the greatest rainfall in the past two weeks totaling 6-10" of rain. Although Southeast Florida did see some beneficial rainfall, two-week rainfall departures still remain 2-3" below normal. As such, the **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remained untouched across the region and the **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** expanded across western Miami-Dade county. An **Extreme Drought** was also added to coastal regions of Broward county where most of the recent thunderstorm activity missed. Portions of the Nature Coast remain in **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where monthly rainfall totals are at a 2-4" deficit. Portions of Clay county in Northeast Florida did see a removal of the abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions with recent heavy rainfall. Rainfall chances will remain elevated across the state this weekend and into next week with daily showers and thunderstorms which may alleviate some drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **283 (-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).

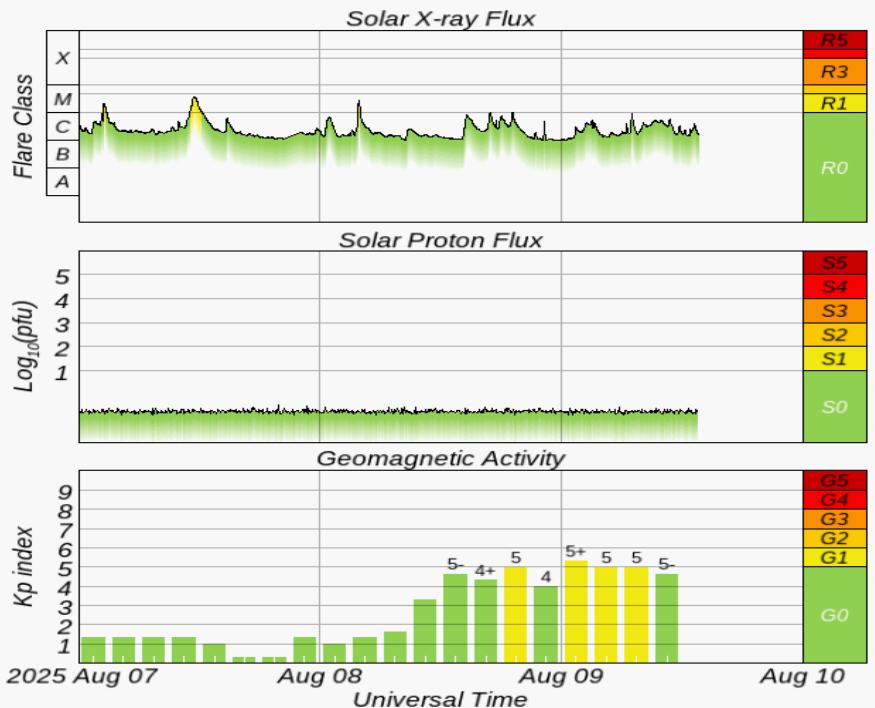




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Space Weather: Solar activity reached moderate levels yesterday following an M-class flare and subsequent minor (R1) radio blackout from sunspot #4168. Additional strong (M-class) flares are expected Saturday and into Sunday with minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts due to the activity from sunspot #4168 and #4172. Enhanced solar wind conditions are likely to continue over the next few days under coronal hole influences and from a glancing coronal mass ejection (CME) impact. G1 (minor) geomagnetic storming was reached early on Saturday, and an elevated geomagnetic field is expected to continue before a decrease to active levels on Sunday. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains low to very low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 60%	Geomagnetic Storm: G1 (Minor) Watch (8/9)	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
8/9		8/10
Max Kp= 5 (G1)		Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%		Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%



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	
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