



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, August 11, 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	Leon, Gadsden	Farley REP Meeting / FDEM/County EM Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Farley REP Meeting / FDEM/County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	FDEM/County EM Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	State Instructor Call / FDEM/County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Leon	Travel to Region 2 (G-191 & 2300 Course Instructions)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	FDEM/County EM Meeting / Office Admin
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	FDEM/County EM Meeting
Region 8: Mason Kozac	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	G2300 Instruction / FDEM/County Meeting



Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Statewide Director's Meeting / Team Call
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Statewide Director's Meeting / Team Call
Region 3: Amber Durden	Taylor	Statewide Director's Meeting / Team Call
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	External Stakeholder Meeting / Team Call
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Statewide Director's Meeting / Team Call
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Hillsborough	Executive Travel Support / Team Call
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	F-ROC Tour / Team Call
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Glades	County EM Meeting / Team Call
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

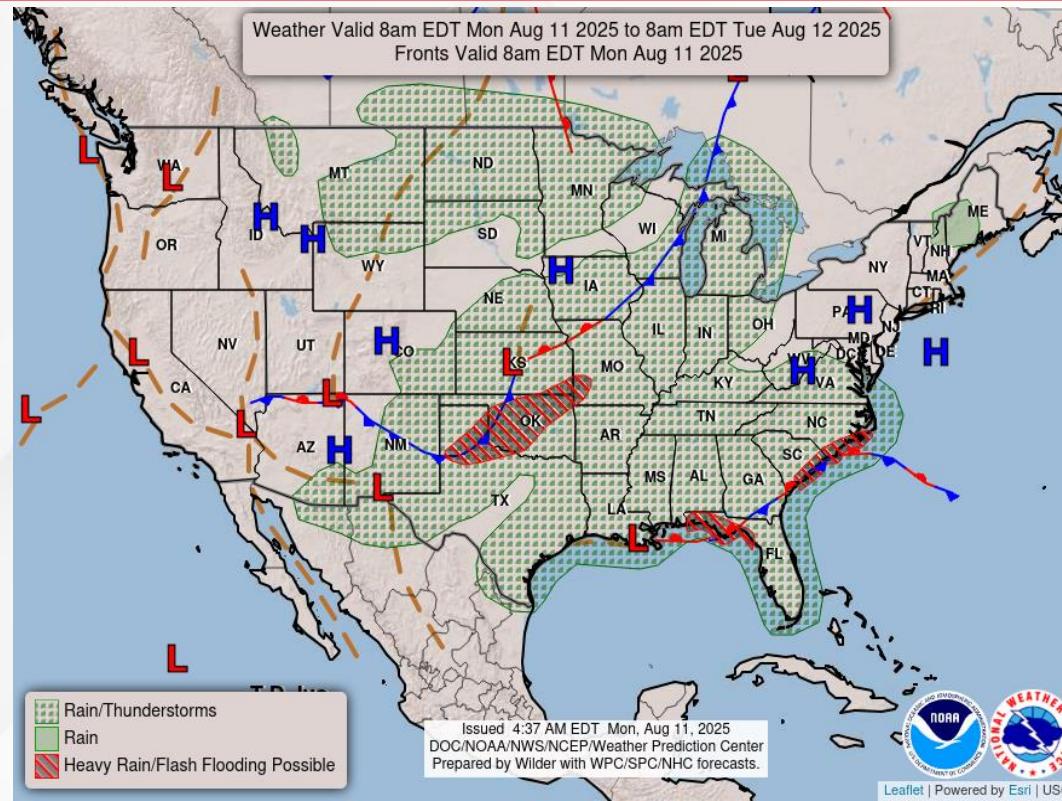
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

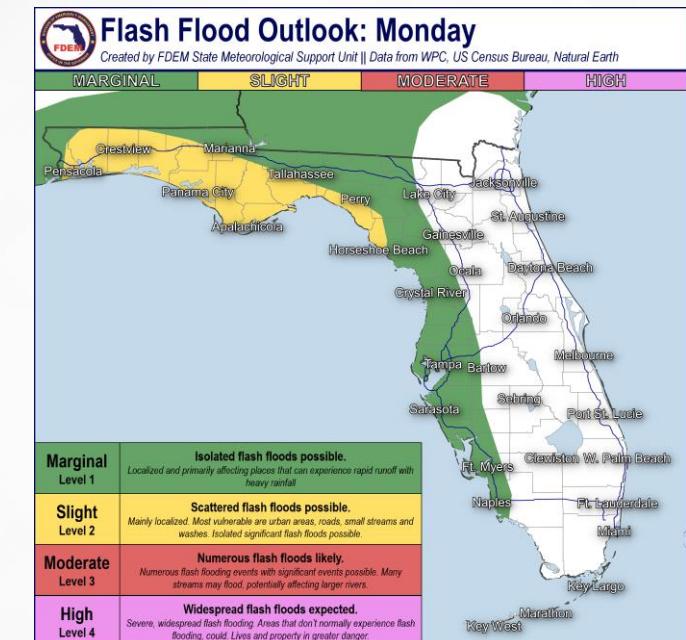
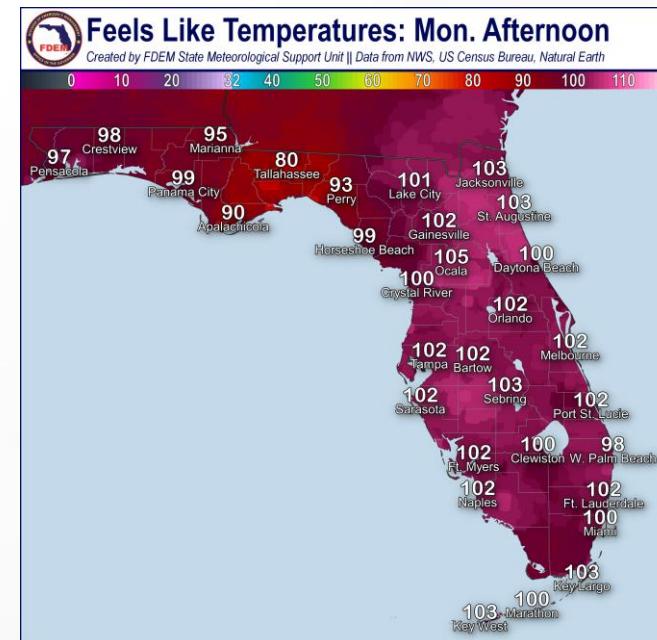


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	L	L	L	M	L	L	M	L
Excessive Heat	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.19 ft. (1.71 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	247 (-14) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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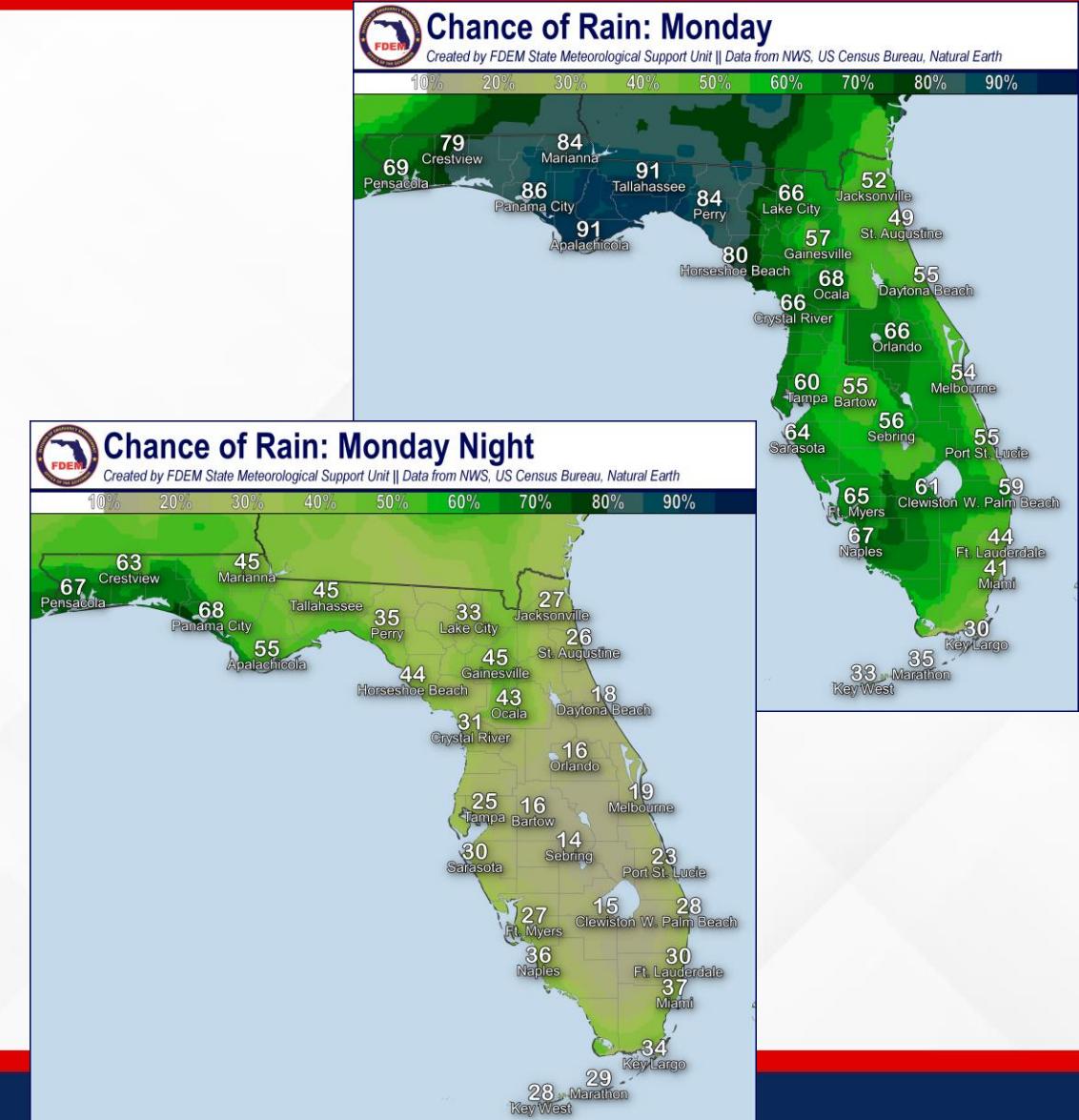
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms remain just offshore along the coastal Panhandle and Big Bend in association with an upper-level disturbance over the northern gulf waters. This disturbance will continue to pull tropical moisture northward, leading to scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms developing across the Panhandle and the West Coast of Florida throughout the day (80-near 100% chance of rain). Repeated rounds of rainfall moving onshore could lead to **localized flash flooding**, especially along the coast with training thunderstorms. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal to Slight Risk (level 1-2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Panhandle and portions of the Big Bend and West Florida coast for increased chances of **localized flash flooding** with repeated rounds of heavy downpours. Some of these areas have already seen locally heavy rainfall, and additional rounds could lead to an earlier onset to any possibly flooding concerns. Throughout the rest of the state, a more typical summertime thunderstorm pattern returns with scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms developing along the sea breeze during the peak heating hours of the day (55-70% chance of rain). Any thunderstorm may become **locally strong to severe thunderstorm**, and will be capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds and heavy downpours.

Warm and muggy conditions can be expected across the state with high temperatures reaching the upper 80s to lower 90s. **Heat index values** in the **upper 90s to middle 100s (100-105-degrees)** can be expected in the early to mid-afternoon hours. Earlier breaks in cloud cover may allow for additional heating before cloud cover and thunderstorms.

Thunderstorm activity will begin to taper off throughout the evening and overnight hours as activity dissipate and continue to shift northward. Along the Panhandle and Big Bend, scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms will drift back onshore during the early morning hours on Tuesday (45-65% chance of rain).

Low temperatures will remain in the 70s to lower 80s.





Tropical Weather

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

Central Atlantic (Invest 96L) : A weak upper-level disturbance of low pressure located over the central Atlantic is only producing limited shower and thunderstorm activity. Significant development of this system is becoming unlikely over the next few days as the system drifts generally northward, remaining over the central Atlantic. *This system poses no threat to Florida.*

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

*Formation chance through 7 days... **low...10%**.

Eastern Tropical Atlantic (Invest 97L) : Shower and thunderstorm activity has persisted and continues to show signs of organization with a well-defined area of low pressure located just to the west of the Cabo Verde Islands. If these structural trends continue, the system is likely to become a tropical depression or storm, possibly as soon as later this morning. Locally heavy rainfall and gusty winds are expected to continue across portions of the Cabo Verde Islands. Regardless of development over the next couple of days, the system is expected to continue moving westward to west-northwestward at 15-20 mph across the eastern and central Atlantic. *This system poses no threat to Florida at this time but continues to be monitored.*

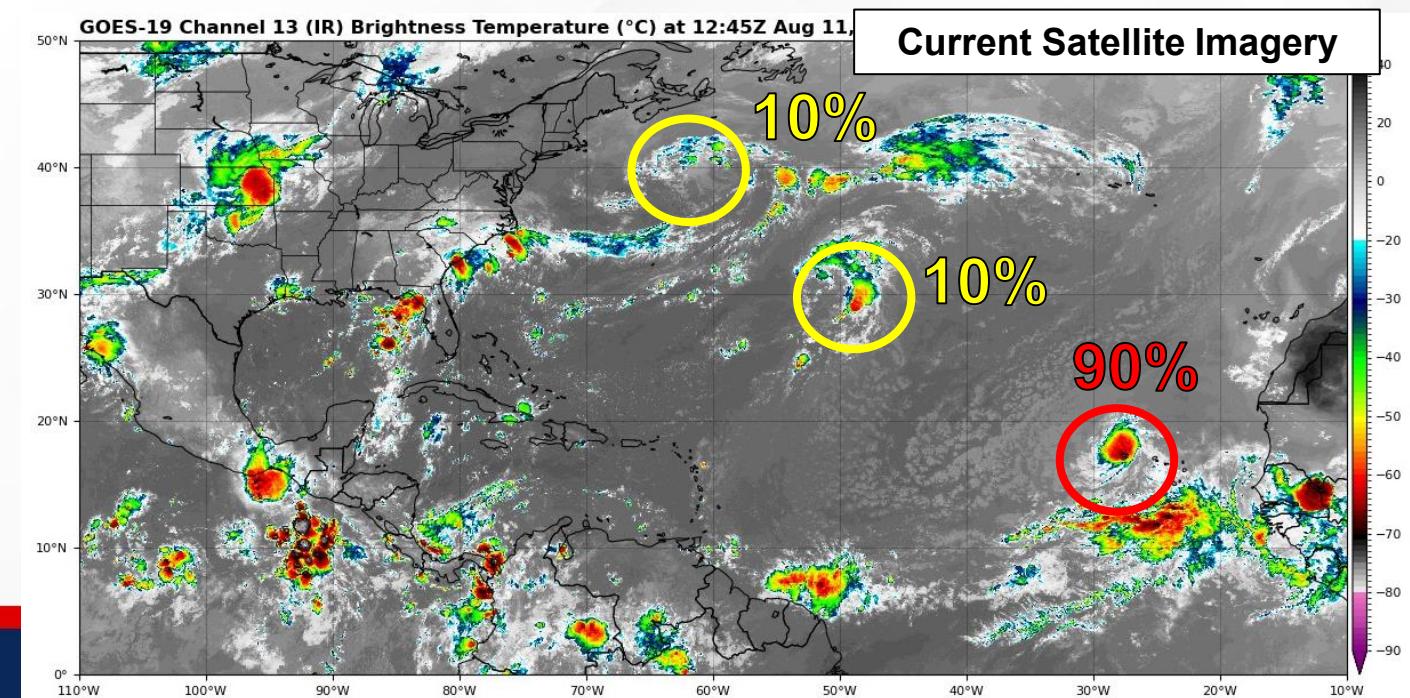
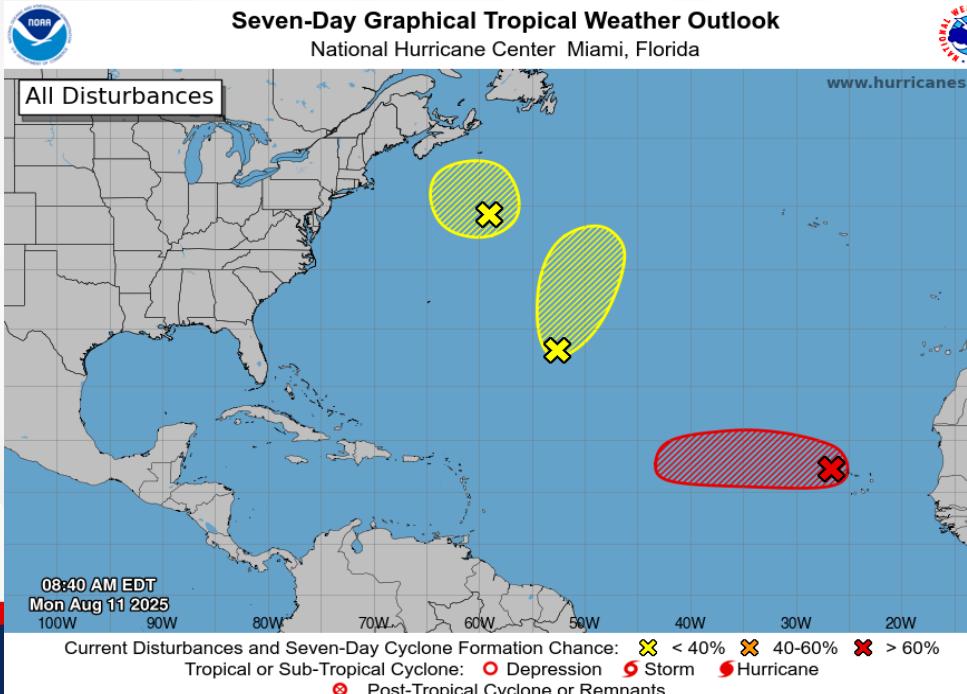
*Formation chance through 48 hours... **high... 90%**.

*Formation chance through 7 days... **high...90%**.

Northwestern Atlantic: A non-tropical area of low pressure is currently located a few hundred miles to the south-southeast of Nova Scotia, Canada. While currently shower and thunderstorm activity with the system is limited, this system is drifting over the warm waters of the Gulf Stream where some tropical or subtropical development could occur over the next day or two. By the middle of this week, the system is expected to move northward over the cooler waters, ending its chances for further development. *This system poses no threat to Florida.*

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

*Formation chance through 7 days... **low...10%**.





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** extends along all Panhandle beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-3' will persist for beaches across the state today, with these largest waves along most of the East Coast and portions of the Big Bend. **Breaking waves** of 4' will develop along the First Coast throughout the day.

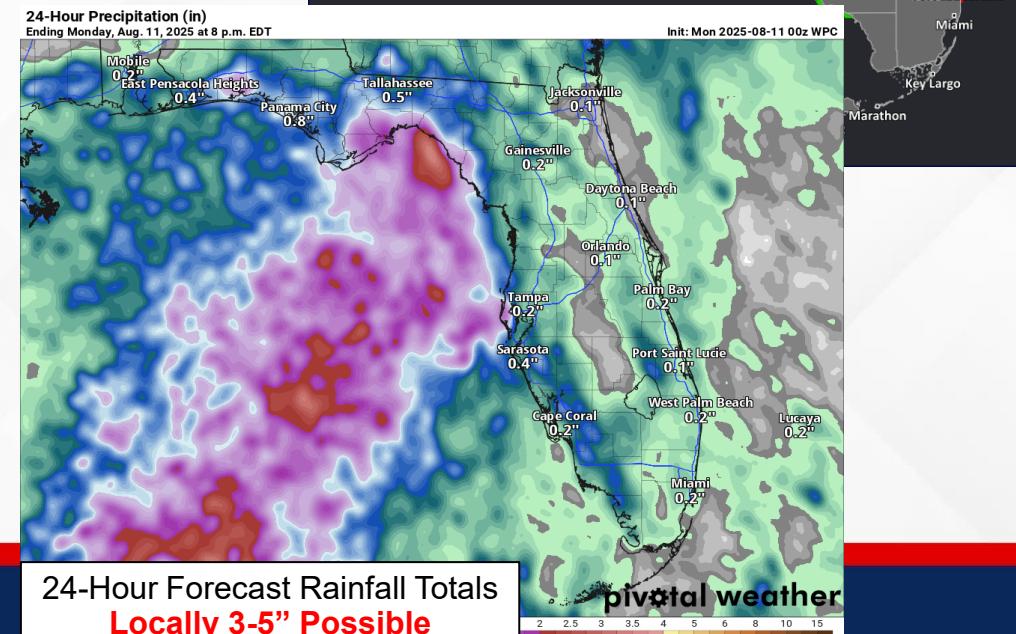
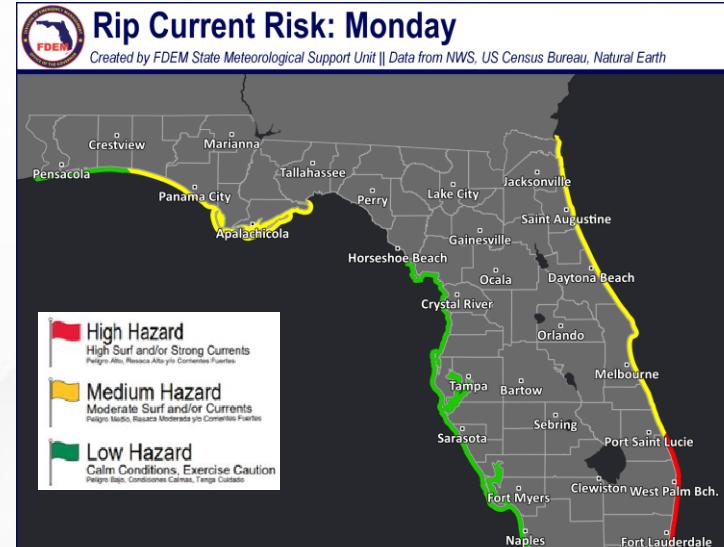
Red Tide was observed in one sample from Florida's Gulf Coast (Lee County) over the past week (valid 8/1).

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

Flash Flooding: Abundant moisture associated with an upper-level disturbance over the state will continue to bring several rounds of shower and thunderstorm activity throughout the day. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal to Slight Risk (level 1-2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Panhandle, Big Bend and West Florida as showers and thunderstorms will be capable of producing intense downpours or moving slowly. Repeated rounds of heavy downpours, especially over areas that have already seen locally heavy rainfall, will bring an increased **potential for localized flash flooding** throughout the day. Slow-moving or stationary thunderstorms will allow for repeated rounds of heavy downpours that could lead to an **earlier onset to any flooding concerns**. Generally, the heaviest activity should remain over the coastal waters; however, any that drift onshore may bring intense downpours to the Panhandle coast. A **brief Flood Watch** cannot be ruled out for portions of the Panhandle today if rainfall totals trend towards higher accumulations. Rainfall totals of 1-3" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-5" possible especially closer towards the coast.

Riverine Flooding: The [St. Marks River near Newport](#), [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#), [Ocklawaha River at Rodman Dam](#) remain at Action Stage (bank-full) as recent heavy rainfall has resulted in some riverine response. Repeated rounds of heavy rainfall at times may lead to local water level rises, especially for portions of the Panhandle West Coast. The [St. Johns River above Lake Harney](#) is also forecast to rise into Action Stage (bank-full) later this week. Rivers throughout the state remain generally in good condition, but any repeated heavier downpours could bring water level rises. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.19 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.71 feet below normal for this time of year.



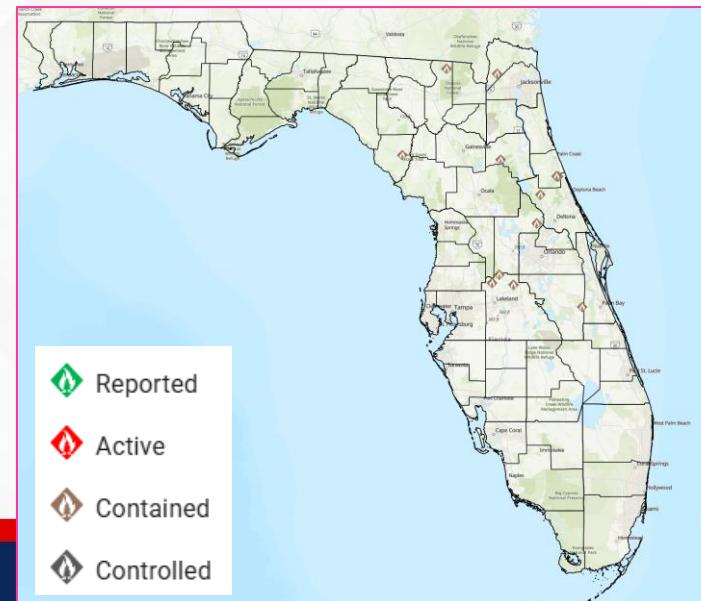
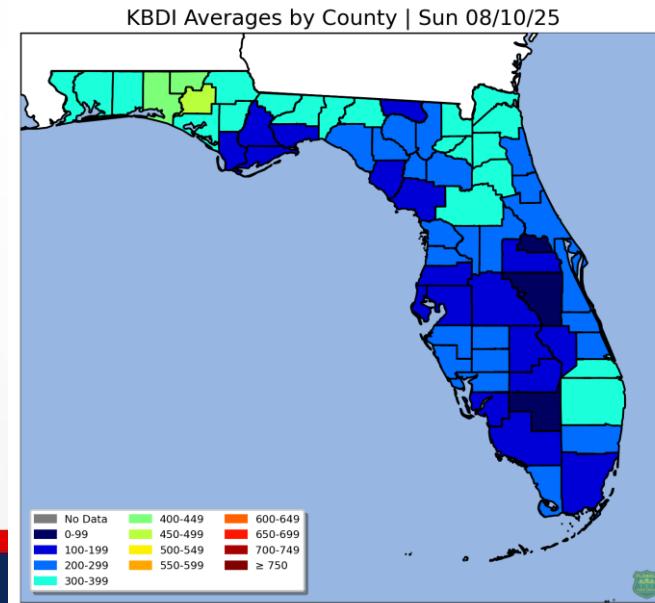
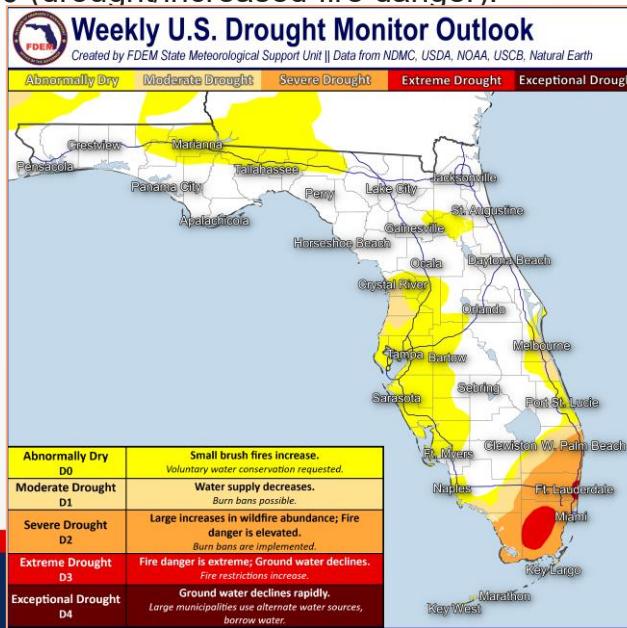


Drought & Fire Weather

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 south to north across the state with the help of an upper-level disturbance along the northern gulf and the daily sea breeze. Plenty of tropical moisture will keep relative humidity values well above critical thresholds. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* Locally elevated wind **gusts upwards of 15-20 mph** will be possible for portions of the East Coast today. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 14 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 290 acres.

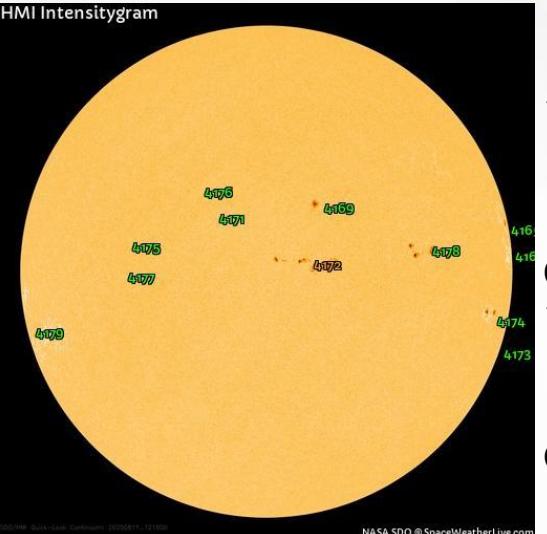
Drought: Very little positive changes were made during this week's drought monitor outlook. The Panhandle and interior portions of the Peninsula saw the greatest rainfall in the past two weeks totaling 6-10" of rain. Although Southeast Florida did see some beneficial rainfall, two-week rainfall departures 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 **247 (-14)** 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).

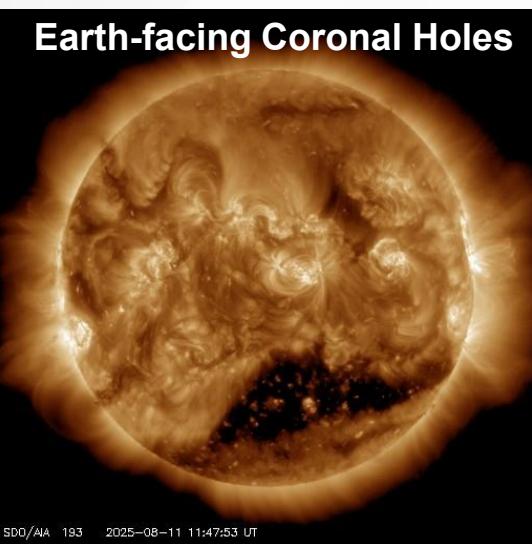




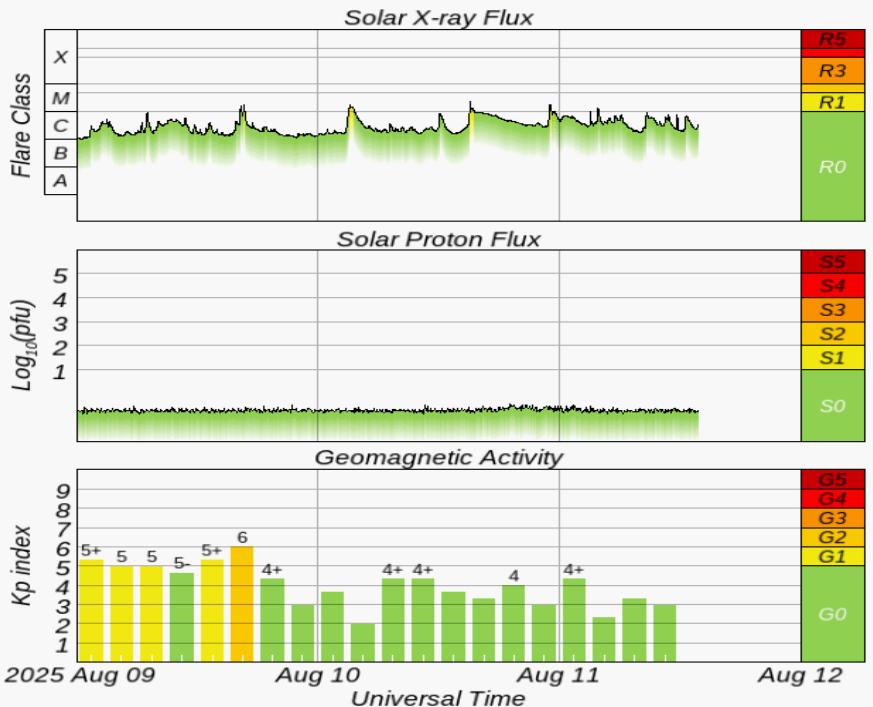
Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Space Weather: Moderate solar activity can be expected today with strong to significant (M-class to X-class) solar flares continuing. Several of the sunspots on the surface of the sun remain active and contain magnetic fields for harboring energy for solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts can be expected with M-class flares and strong (X-class) solar flares can be expected with X-class flares. Enhanced solar wind conditions will continue through early this week with a potential interaction of a nearby Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to reach active levels, with a chance for minor (G1) geomagnetic storming through midweek. The overall space threat to Florida remains low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
8/11	8/12	
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	



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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