



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Thursday, August 14, 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        | Escambia, Santa Rosa | County EM Visit / LMS Meeting                 |
| Region 2: Enrique Gaston     | Calhoun, Jackson     | EM Visits                                     |
| Region 3: Glen Hammers       | Columbia             | L-449 Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting |
| Region 4: Tara Kostich       | Clay                 | Response Coordinators Meeting                 |
| Region 5: Austin Beeghly     | Leon                 | G-2300 Course Instruction                     |
| Region 6: Paul Siddall       | Broward              | SERT POD Training                             |
| Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck | Polk                 | EM Visit / Planning Council Meeting           |
| Region 8: Vacant             | N/A                  | N/A   |
| Region 9: Vacant             | N/A                  | N/A   |
| Region 10: Claudia Baker     | Broward              | SERT POD Training                             |



Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

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        | Escambia / Holmes | County EM Meeting - Recovery/Mitigation  |
| Region 2: Justin Lazzara         | Gadsden / Calhoun | County EM Meeting - Recovery/Mitigation  |
| Region 3: Amber Durden           | Seminole          | **Field Training**                       |
| Region 4: Joshua Saunders        | Charlotte         | Training                                 |
| Region 5: Elizabeth Caison       | Seminole          | **Field Training**                       |
| Vacant                           | N/A               | See Coverage                             |
| Region 6: Vacant                 |                   |  |
| Region 7: Antonio Zapata         | Polk              | Training: G-557 (Rapid Needs Assessment) |
| Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller | St. Lucie         | 2025 F-ROC Training Tour                 |
| Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg         | Charlotte         | County EM Meeting - Recovery/Mitigation  |
| Region 10: Vacant                | N/A               | See Coverage                             |

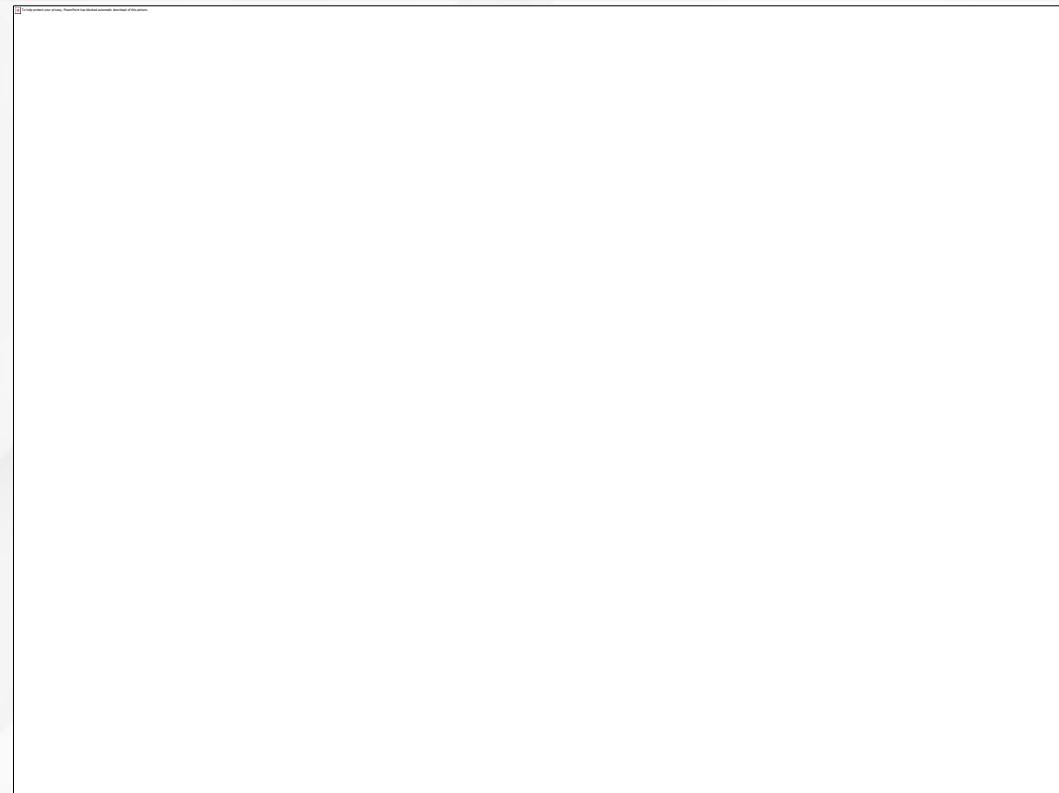
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

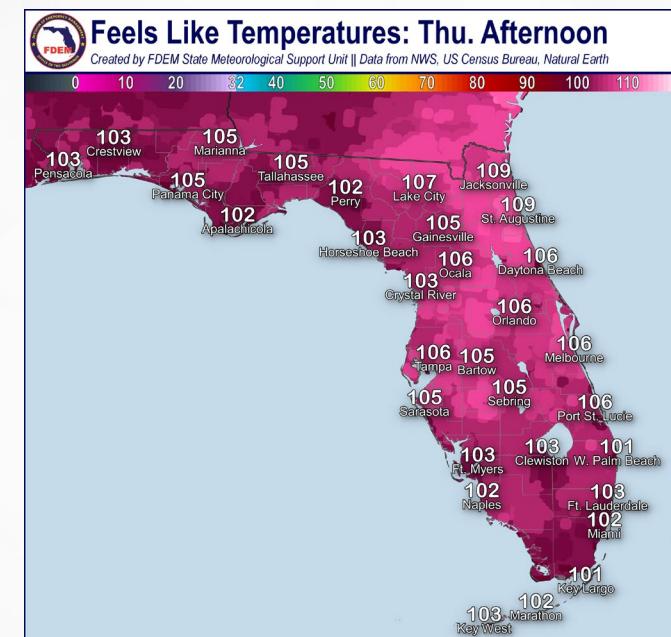
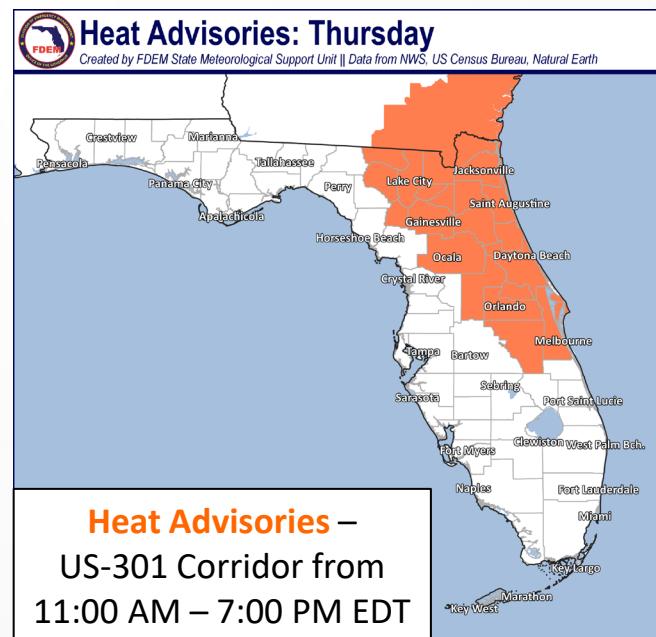


# Meteorology Summary



## Today's Weather Map

| Threat                     | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8  | R9 | R10 |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Lightning                  | M  | M  | M  | M  | M  | M  | M  | L   | M  | L   |
| Tornado                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |
| Damaging Wind              | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L   | L  | L   |
| Hail                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |
| Flash Flooding             | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L   | L  | L   |
| Excessive Heat             | M  | M  | H  | H  | H  | H  | H  | M   | M  | M   |
| Wildfire                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |
| Fog (Overnight)            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |
| Rip Currents               | H  | H  | L  | M  | M  | L  |    | M   | L  | M   |
| Lake Okeechobee Elevation  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 12.21 ft. (1.74 ft. <u>Below Normal</u> )                 |    |     |
| Keetch-Byram Drought Index |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 239 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry) |    |     |





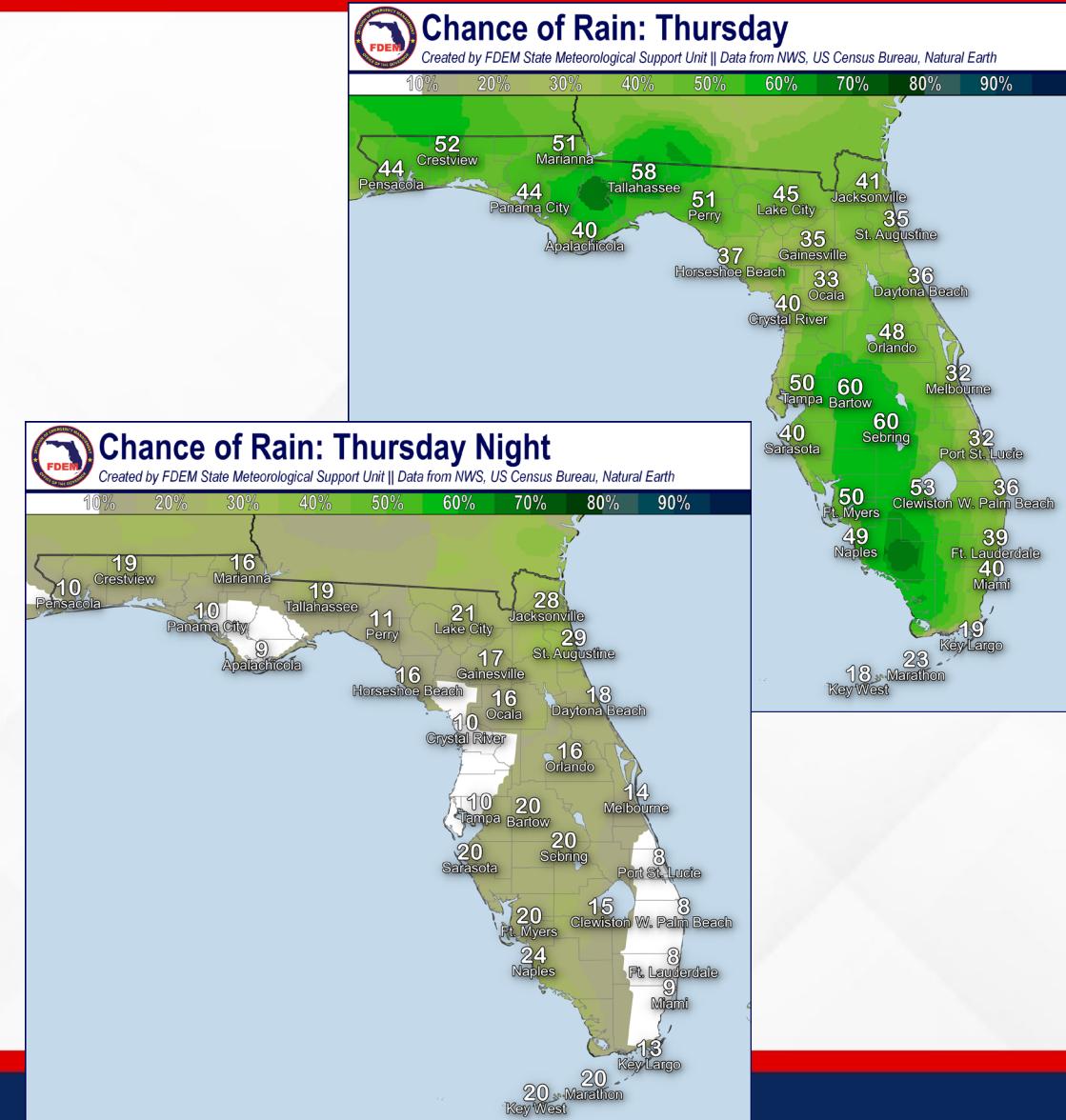
# Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A high-pressure system will build over the state today, bringing a bit of a reprieve from the widespread rainfall seen the past few days. Some drier air will filter in across the state keeping rainfall chances more modest, especially across the Peninsula. However, isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms are still expected to initiate along the sea breeze boundaries this afternoon (30-60% chance of rain), pushing inland over the interior Peninsula. A few isolated showers and embedded thunderstorms are already moving onshore along the Panhandle and Big Bend coastline this morning and will continue to do so while becoming more scattered throughout the afternoon and evening (40-60% chance of rain). These showers and embedded thunderstorms statewide will be slow-moving, posing a local risk for **flash flooding** wherever any prolonged or repeated rounds of thunderstorms occur. Some of these thunderstorms may also be **locally strong to severe** with frequent lightning, gusty winds, and heavy downpours.

**Hot and humid conditions** are expected as temperatures continue to increase this week. Afternoon high temperatures will reach the lower to middle 90s across the state, with **heat index values** reaching **triple digits** statewide. **Dangerously hot and humid conditions** will develop along and east of the US-301 corridor, and **Heat Advisories** will go into effect again today for **heat index values reaching 106-110-degrees**. **Although Southeast Florida is likely to remain just below heat advisory criteria, a short-term advisory could be issued this afternoon.**

Showers and thunderstorms will dissipate throughout the overnight hours before isolated showers drift back onshore along the coastlines near sunrise Friday morning (15-30% chance of rain). Low temperatures will remain in the middle 70s to lower 80s.





# Tropical Weather

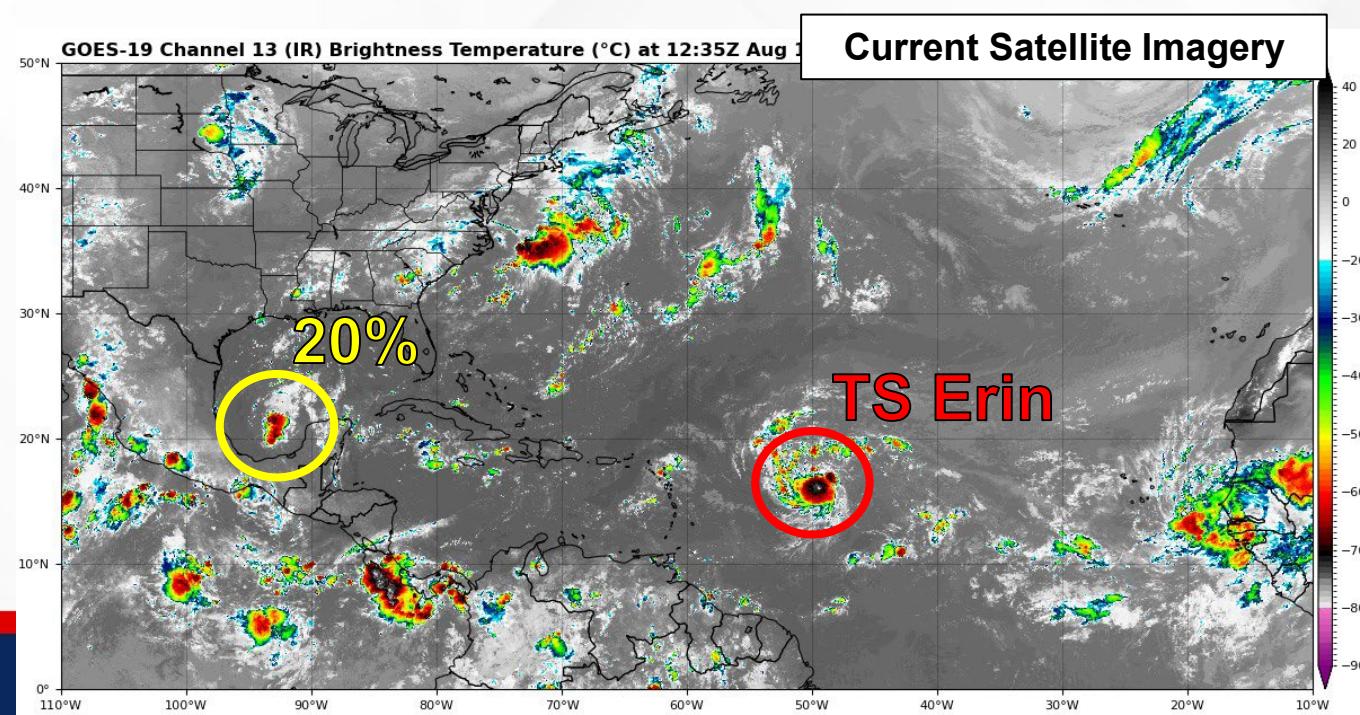
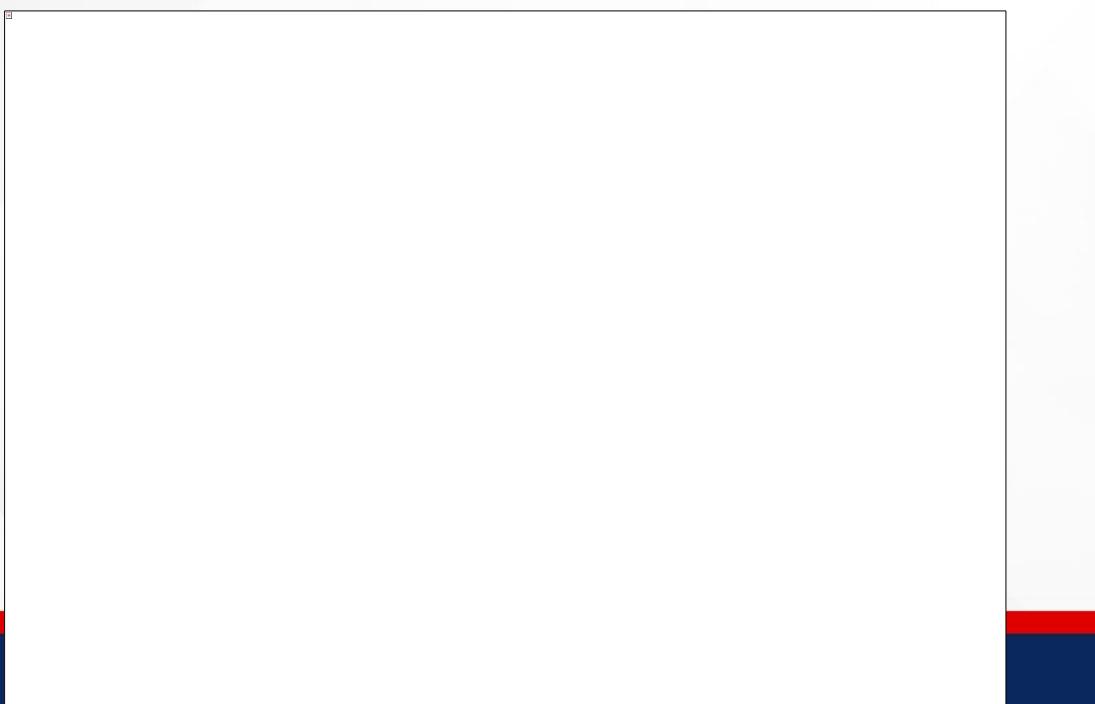
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov).

**Tropical Storm Erin:** As of 5:00 AM EDT, Erin remains a tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph and higher gusts. Erin is located about 990 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands and moving westward at 17 mph. This general motion is expected to continue today, with a west-northwestward motion beginning tonight and continuing into the weekend. On the forecast track, Erin is likely to move near or just north of the northern Leeward Islands over the weekend. Gradual strengthening is forecast to begin today with more significant strengthening into a hurricane Friday and Saturday. *Erin poses no direct threat to Florida at this time but continues to be monitored.*

**Southwestern Gulf:** A tropical wave over the Bay of Campeche is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms this morning. This disturbance is forecast to move west-northwestward over the Southwestern Gulf over the next day or two where conditions are marginally conducive for development. The system is expected to move inland over northeastern Mexico or southern Texas by late Friday, ending its chances of tropical cyclone formation. *This system poses no threat to Florida.*

\*Formation chance through 48 hours... **low... 20%**.

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





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Breezy onshore winds will continue to create a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** along all Panhandle beaches. East Coast beaches can expect a **moderate risk for rip currents**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Wave heights of 1-3' will persist for beaches across the state today, with the largest waves along Panhandle and Northeast Coast beaches.

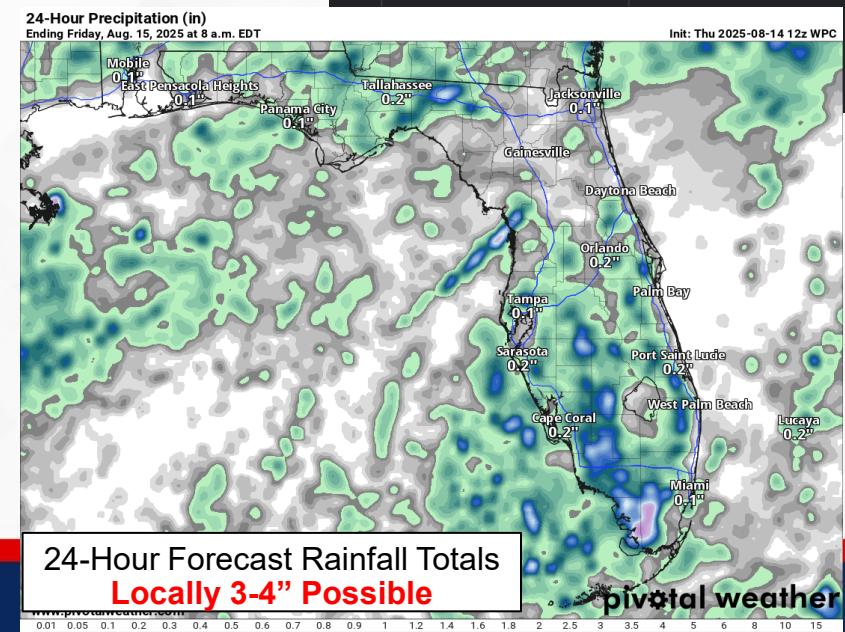
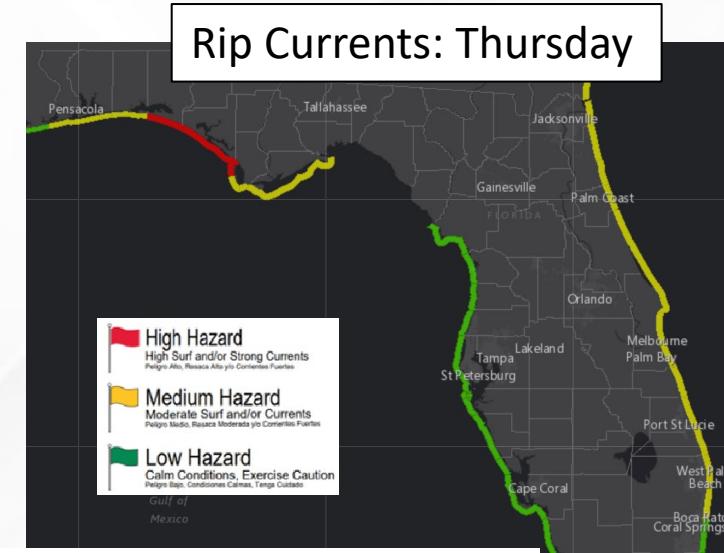
**Red Tide** was not observed in any samples collected statewide (valid 8/8).

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

**Flash Flooding:** No organized risk for flash flooding exists across the state today, however slow-moving showers and thunderstorms across the Peninsula will pose a threat for localized **flash flooding**, especially in any urban or poor-drainage locations that receive repeated rounds or prolonged thunderstorms. Some the thunderstorms could be locally strong and produce heavy downpours that could result in quick rainfall totals of **3-4" in localized areas**. Along the Panhandle coastline, many areas have seen widespread rainfall the last few days. Any additional heavy rainfall today could result in localized **street flooding and ponding of water**.

**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; however, these water levels continue to slowly decline. Rivers throughout the state remain generally in good condition, but any repeated heavier downpours could bring localized water level rises. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.21 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.74 feet below normal for this time of year.



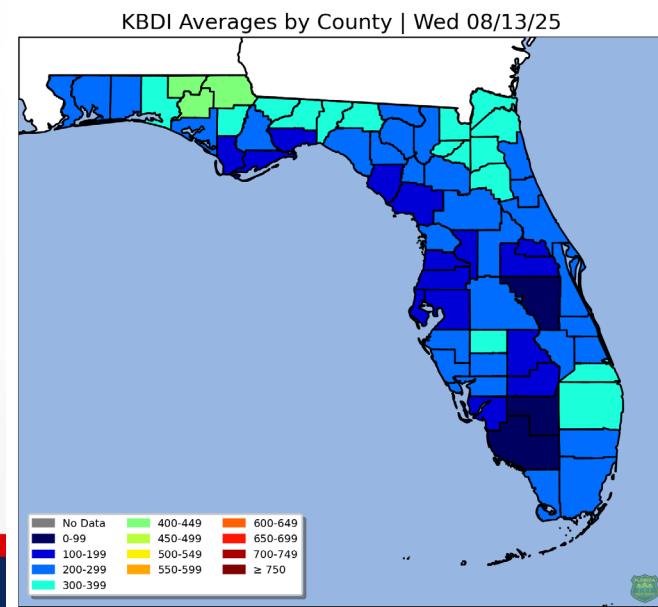
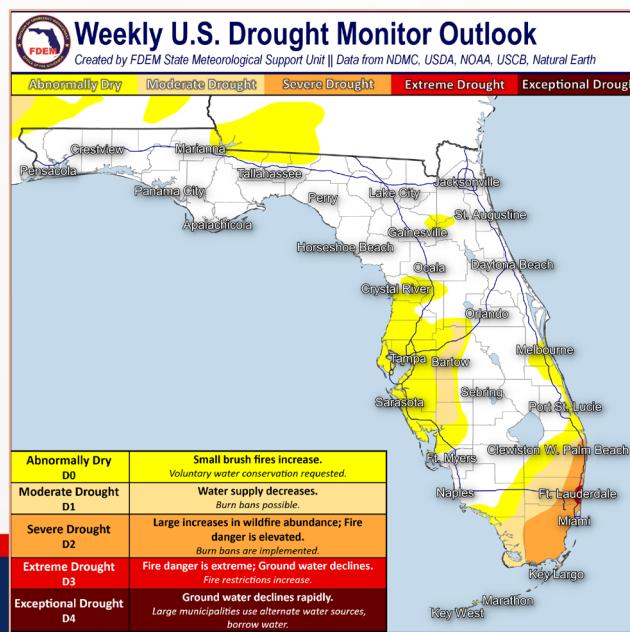


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across the state today keeping the overall wildfire threat low. Ample tropical moisture will keep the relative humidity values well above critical thresholds statewide, though some drier air will limit the extent of overall coverage of thunderstorms. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 14 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 961 acres.

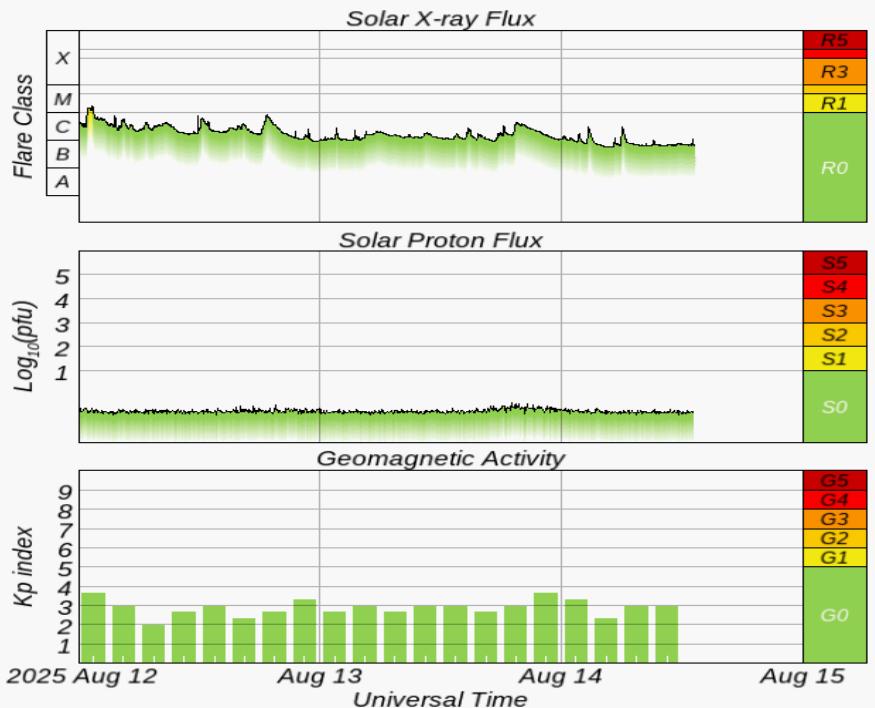
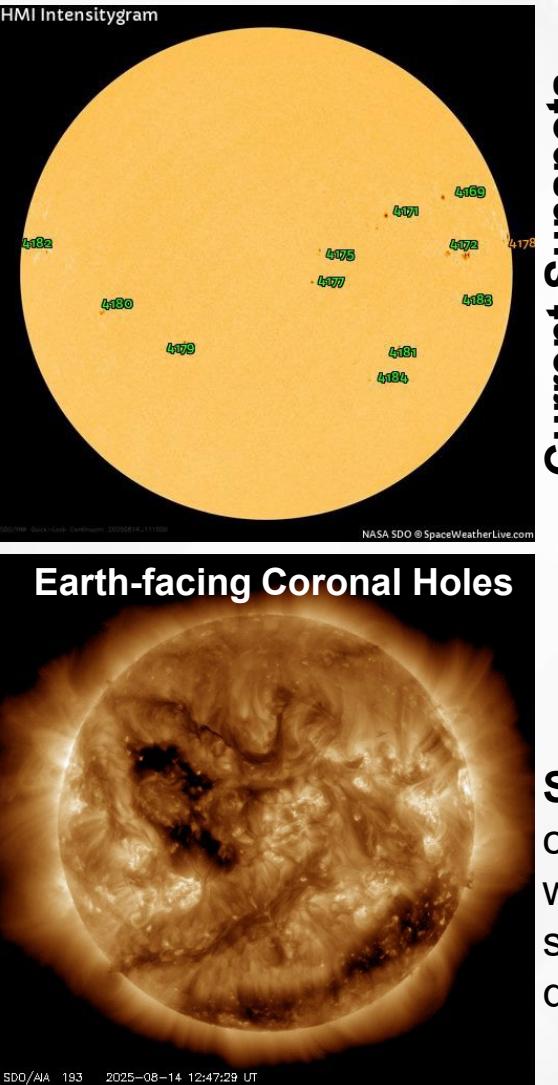
**Drought:** Recent heavy rainfall has brought some much-needed improvement to the drought outlook across Southeast Florida this week. The large area of extreme drought (level 3 of 4) in western Miami-Dade County has been completely removed and replaced with a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** instead. Much of Miami-Dade County saw rainfall of 3-6" in the past two weeks, with some areas receiving as much as 10" of rainfall. However, the **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place across coastal Broward county where thunderstorms have missed. Monroe and western Broward County have likewise seen a categorical reduction to **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where monthly rainfall departures have returned closer to normal. The **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was removed across portions of the Nature Coast, however added to portions of the central Peninsula (Western Polk, Hardee, and DeSoto) where monthly rainfall deficits have neared 3-6". No significant changes were made across the Panhandle; daily thunderstorms have kept the drought conditions in check. Rainfall chances will continue across the state this weekend and into next week with daily showers and thunderstorms which may alleviate some drought conditions. However, the scattered nature of these showers and thunderstorms may benefit some locations while missing others.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **239 (+4)** 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



| Solar Flare Risk                                       | Active Watches & Warnings                              | Past 24 hours      |
|--|--|--------------------|
| M-class: 50%   | Geomagnetic Storm: None                                | C4 Solar Flare     |
| X-class: 10%   | Radiation Storm: None                                  | No Radio Blackouts |
| <b>48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast</b>                    |  |                    |
| 8/14   | 8/15   |                    |
| Max K <sub>p</sub> = 4 (G0)                            | Max K <sub>p</sub> = 4 (G0)                            |                    |
| Chance of minor activity = 10%<br>severe activity = 1% | Chance of minor activity = 10%<br>severe activity = 1% |                    |

**Space Weather:** Solar activity will continue at low levels today with a chance for an isolated strong (M-class) solar flare from the active sunspots #4172 and #4178. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class solar flares. Solar winds will gradually wane today as coronal hole influences slowly begin to diminish. Unsettled geomagnetic activity is expected through Friday before returning to quiet conditions this weekend. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

| Equipment                | Contact   | Status      | Comments |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|----------|
| <b>Phone:</b>            | 800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)                                    | Operational |          |
| <b>Backup Landline:</b>  | 850-487-3234, 850-487-3228  | Operational |          |
| <b>Fax:</b>              | 850-815-4979  | Operational |          |
| <b>Email:</b>            | <a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>                            | Operational |          |
| <b>SWO Tracker:</b>      | <a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a> | Operational |          |
| <b>SLERS:</b>            | DEM Statewide   | Operational |          |
| <b>FNARS:</b>            | WGY974  | Operational |          |
| <b>Federal NAWAS:</b>    | State Watch Office  | Operational |          |
| <b>EMnet Message:</b>    | FL.000- State Watch Office  | Operational |          |
| <b>EMnet Voice:</b>      | FL SWP- State Watch Office  | Operational |          |
| <b>IPAWS:</b>            | LP.1 Stations via Emnet   | Operational |          |
| <b>FIN:</b>              | SOFEOC  | Operational |          |
| <b>Satellite Phones:</b> | MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838   | Operational |          |
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