



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, August 15, 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	Leon	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Leon, Seminole	G-2300 Course Instruction / Return to Region 5 Travel
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Broward Hillsborough	Return to Region 6 Travel
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Sarasota, Desoto	Equipment Pickup / EM Visit
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	BioWatch Exercise Planning / County EM Partners Meeting

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 7

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Professional Development / Workshop Preparation
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	County EM Meeting - Recovery/Mitigation
Region 3: Amber Durden	Brevard	**Field Training**
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In State	Travel Back to Region
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	**Field Training Officer**
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Okeechobee	County EM Meeting - Recovery/Mitigation
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Martin	County EM Meeting - Recovery/Mitigation
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In State	Leave
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

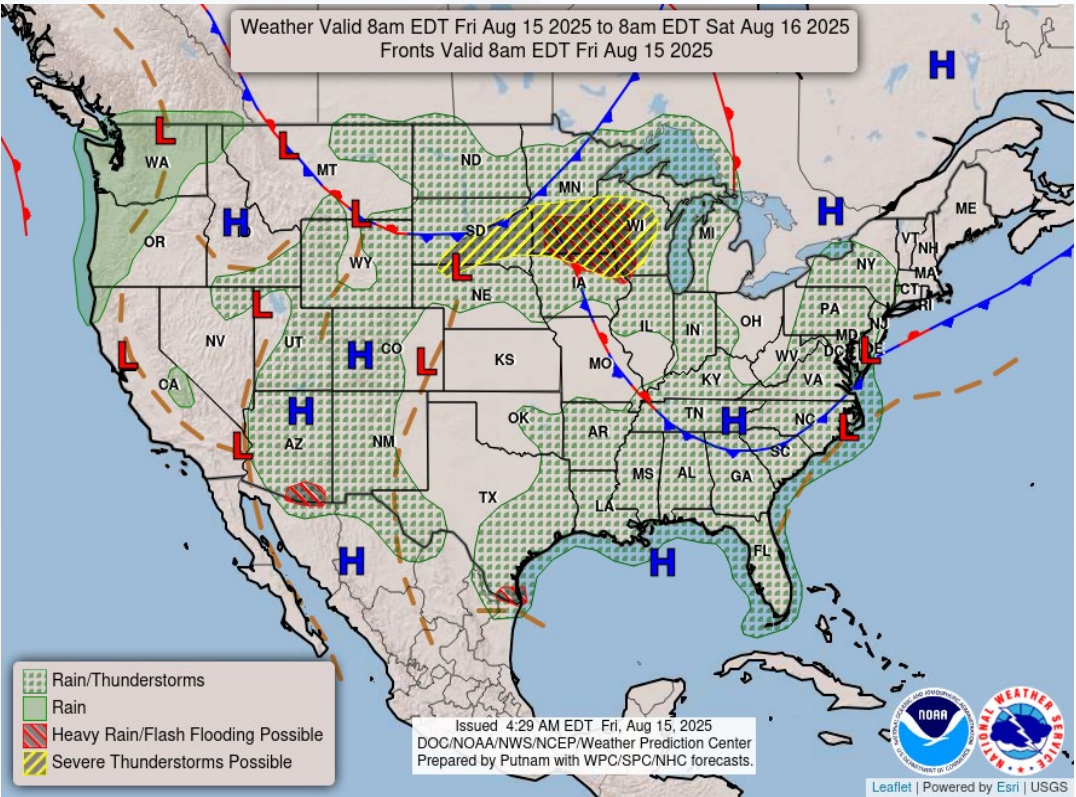
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Region 9 & 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

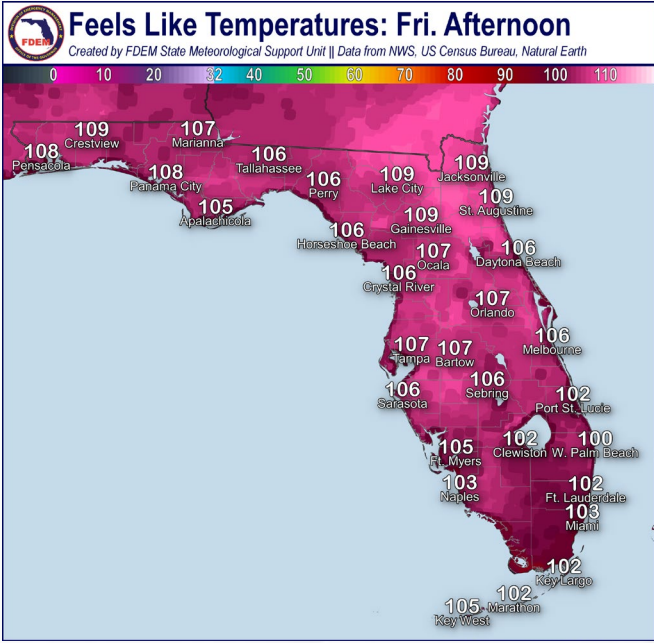
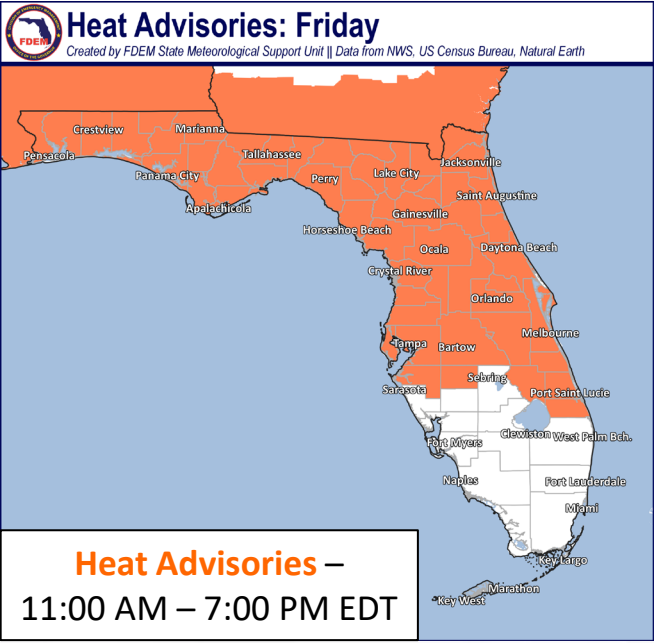


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	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					
Excessive Heat	M	M	H	H	H	H	H	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.21 ft. (1.75 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	248 (+9) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





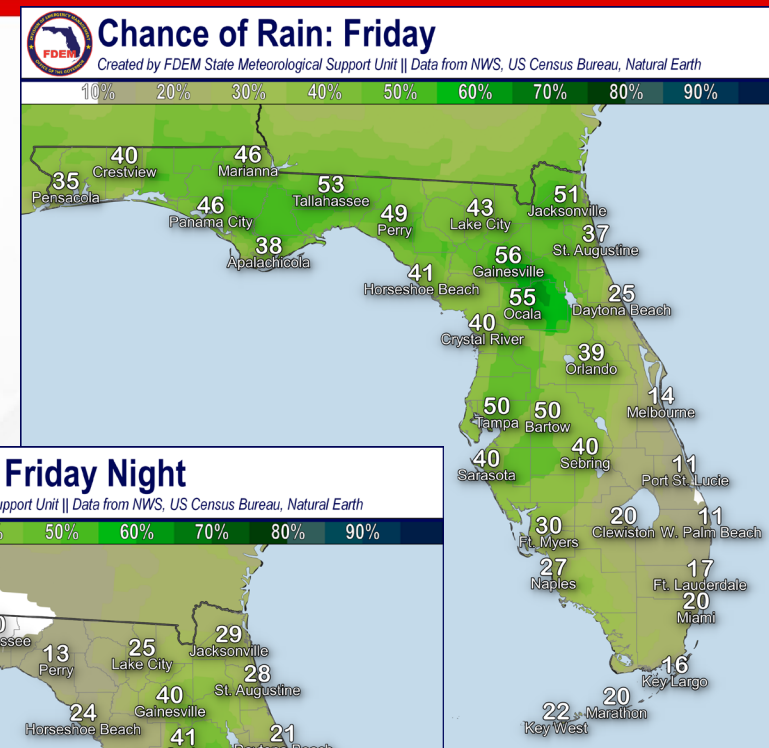
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A high-pressure system will continue to move across the state today bringing a typical summertime pattern statewide. Weak upper-level winds from this high pressure will result in the sea breeze boundaries being the primary mechanism for afternoon shower and thunderstorm activity. Slow-moving showers and thunderstorms will develop along the coastlines early this afternoon before pushing inland throughout the afternoon and evening (20-50% chance of rain). Some drier air will filter in across South Florida, keeping rainfall chances more modest (15-30% 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. The greatest chance for **localized flash flooding and ponding of water** is across far Northeast Florida where a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked. 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 increase from yesterday. Afternoon high temperatures will reach the lower to upper 90s across the state, with **heat index values** reaching **triple digits** statewide. **Dangerously hot and humid conditions** will develop for much of North and Central Florida, including the Panhandle, and **Heat Advisories** will go into effect again today for **heat index values reaching 106-112-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 generally dissipate with loss of daytime heating throughout the overnight hours before isolated showers drift back towards the coastlines near sunrise Saturday morning (10-40% chance of rain). Low temperatures will remain in the middle to upper 70s statewide.





Tropical Weather

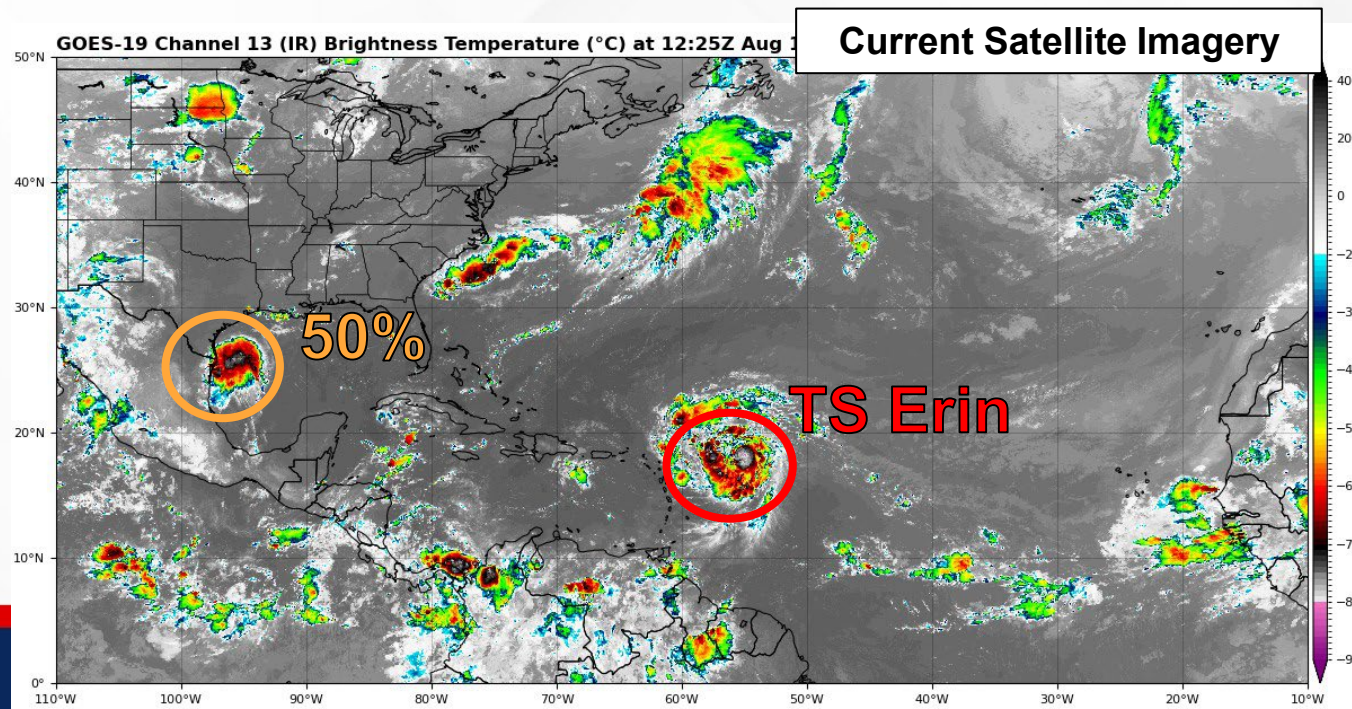
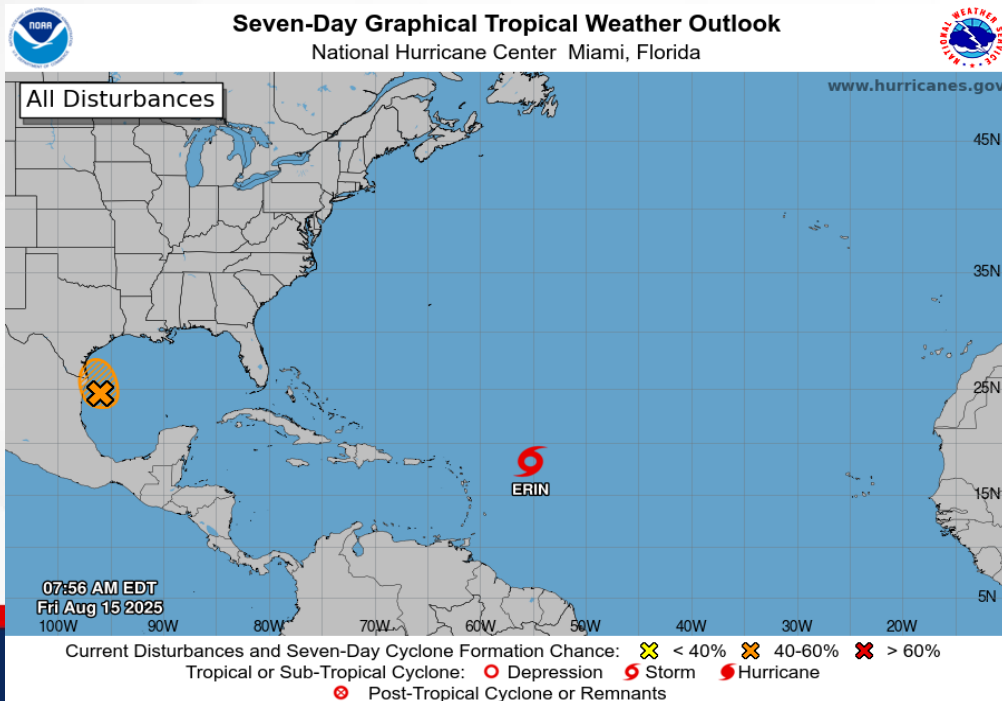
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Tropical Storm Erin - As of 8:00 AM EDT, Erin remains a tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph and higher gusts. Erin is located about 520 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands and moving west-northwestward at 17 mph. This general motion is expected to continue into the weekend. On the forecast track, Erin is likely to move near or just north of the northern Leeward Islands over the weekend. Steady strengthening is forecast to continue today and Erin is expected to become a hurricane later Friday and may become a major hurricane this weekend. *Erin poses no direct threat to Florida at this time but continues to be monitored.*

Southwestern Gulf - Showers and thunderstorms have persisted associated with a disturbance located 75 miles off the coast of northeastern Mexico and Southern Texas. The system could become a short-lived tropical depression before moving onshore this afternoon or evening. Regardless of development, locally heavy rainfall is possible along portions of the northeastern Mexico and southern Texas coast over the next few days. *This system poses no threat to Florida.*

*Formation chance through 48 hours...**medium... 50%.**

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





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

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

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' are expected for all Florida beaches today, **though some higher waves upwards of 3'** may occur across Northeast Coast beaches.

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

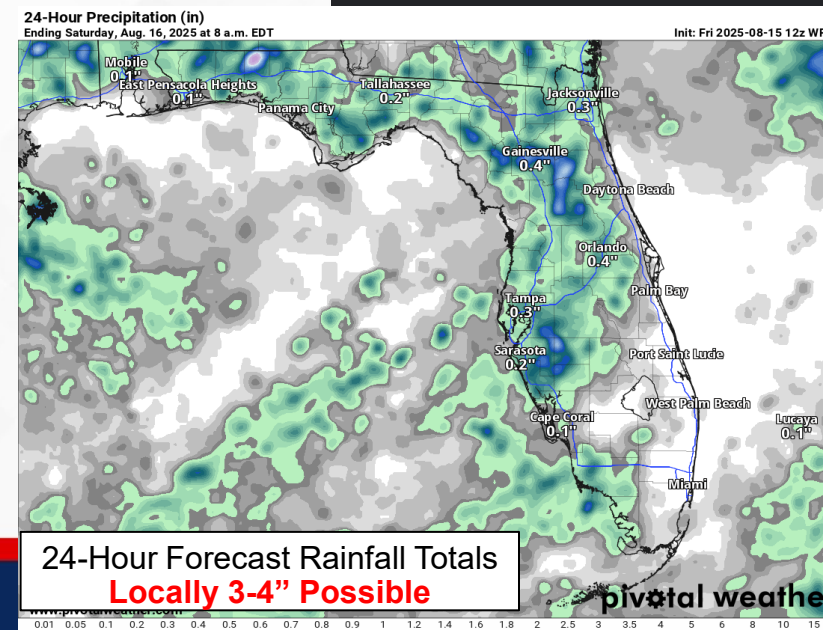
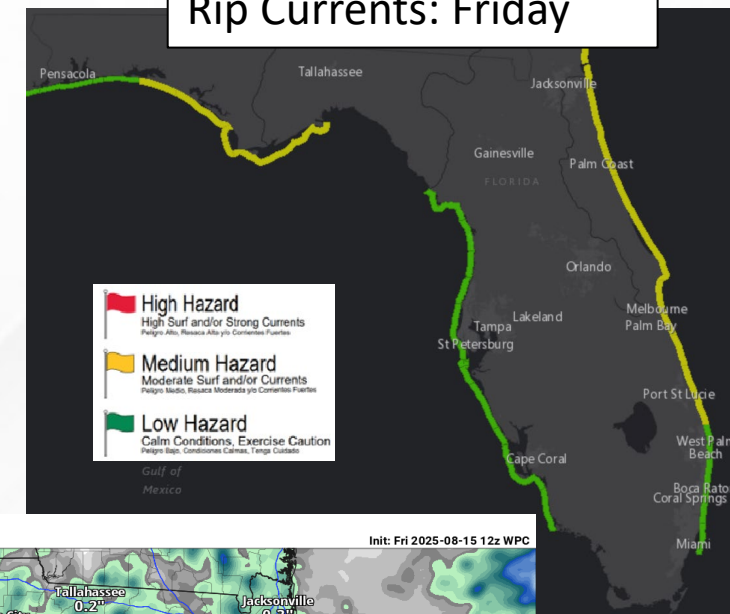
Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

Flash Flooding: The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked far Northeast Florida with a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** on Friday. Recent heavy rainfall and already saturated soils may lead to an **earlier onset to flooding and ponding of water**, especially across urban and poor drainage locations. Rainfall of 1-2" is expected in any areas that receive showers and thunderstorms, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-4" in any areas that receive repeated rounds or prolonged heavy downpours. Though no organized outlook exists for the rest of the state, slow-moving showers and thunderstorms will be capable of producing **localized street flooding**.

Riverine Flooding: The [St. Marks River near Newport](#) and [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) remain at Action Stage (bank-full) as where 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 1.75 feet below normal for this time of year.

Rip Currents: Friday



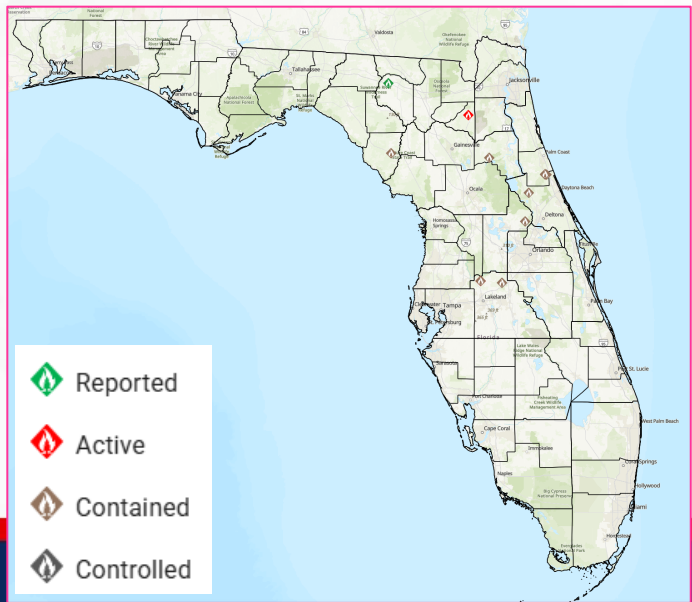
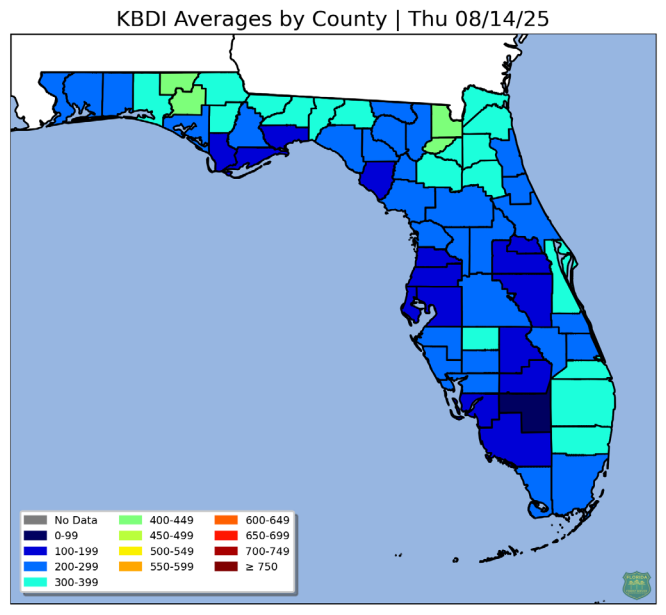
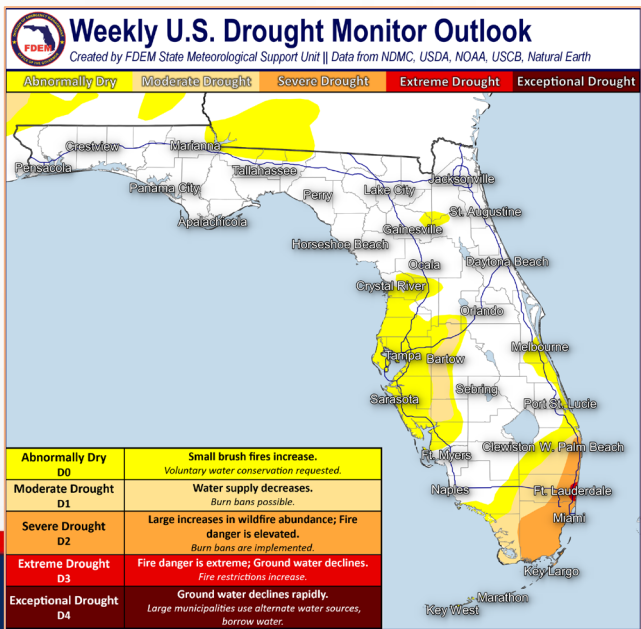


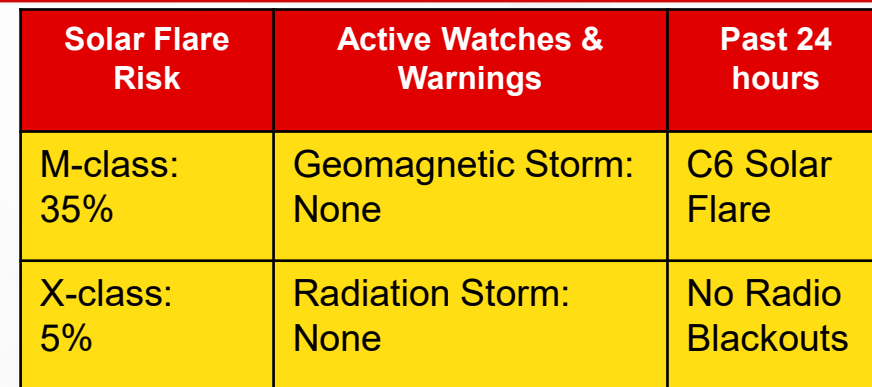
Drought & Fire Weather

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 626 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 **248 (+9)** 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).

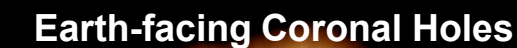




48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

8/15	8/16
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity will remain at low levels through the weekend. However, active sunspots #4172 and #4178 will still maintain a slight chance for isolated strong (M-class) solar flares and associated minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar winds will continue to wane as coronal influences diminish, reaching nominal levels by the end of the weekend. Geomagnetic activity will remain quiet to unsettled. The overall space weather 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	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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