



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Saturday, August 30, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
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: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



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	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	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Region	Off
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	On-call Coverage for R8
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	On-call Coverage for R9
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

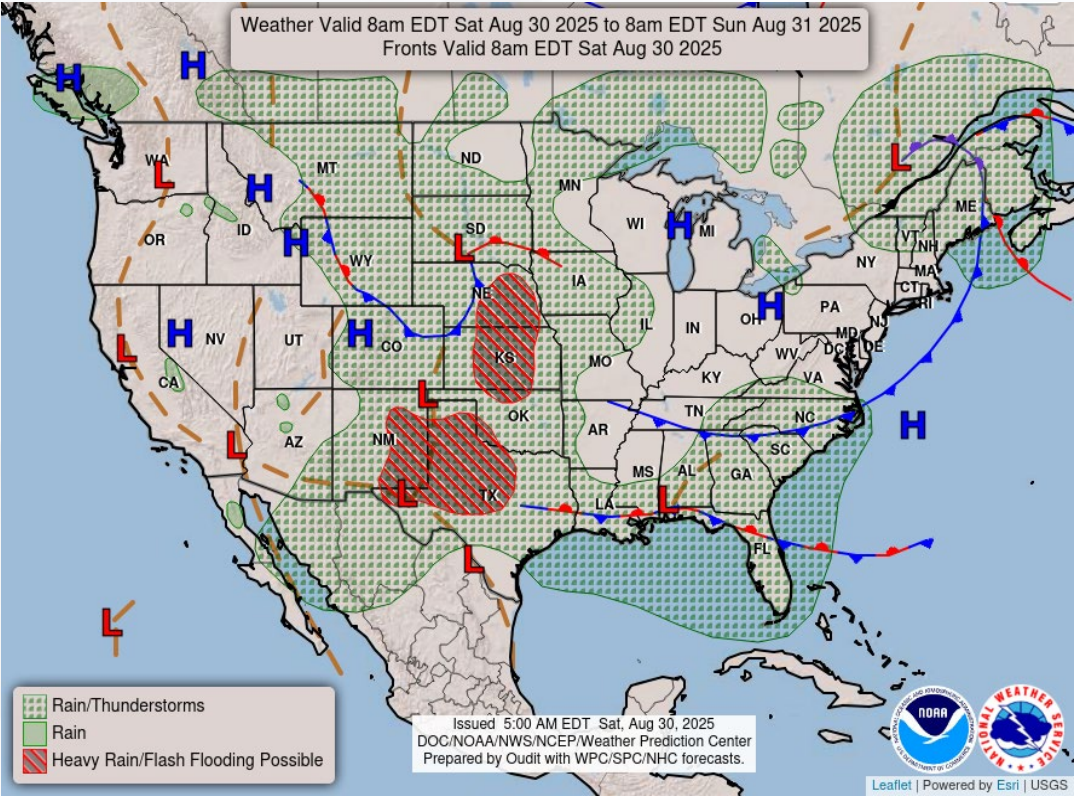
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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



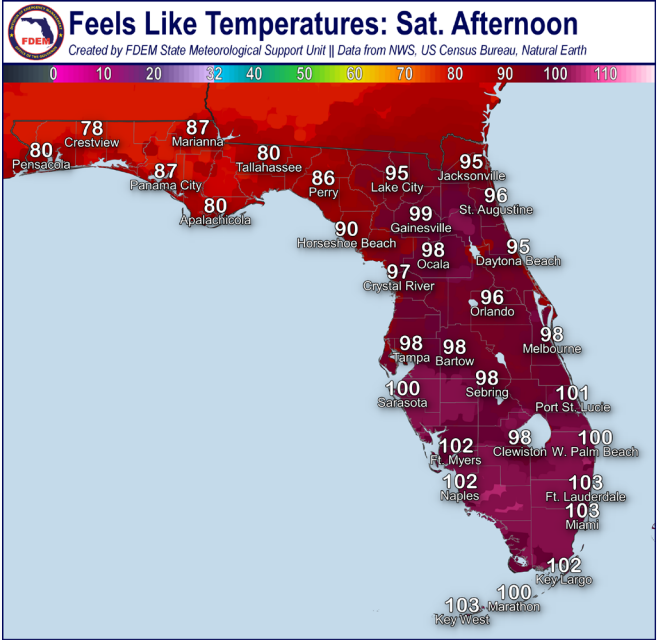
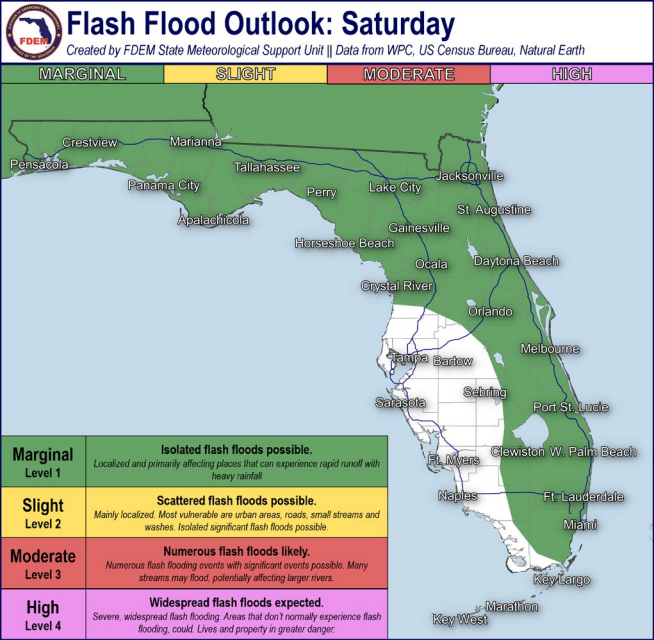


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	H	H	M	H	H	H	H
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					L	L	L	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.41 ft. (1.77 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	256 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





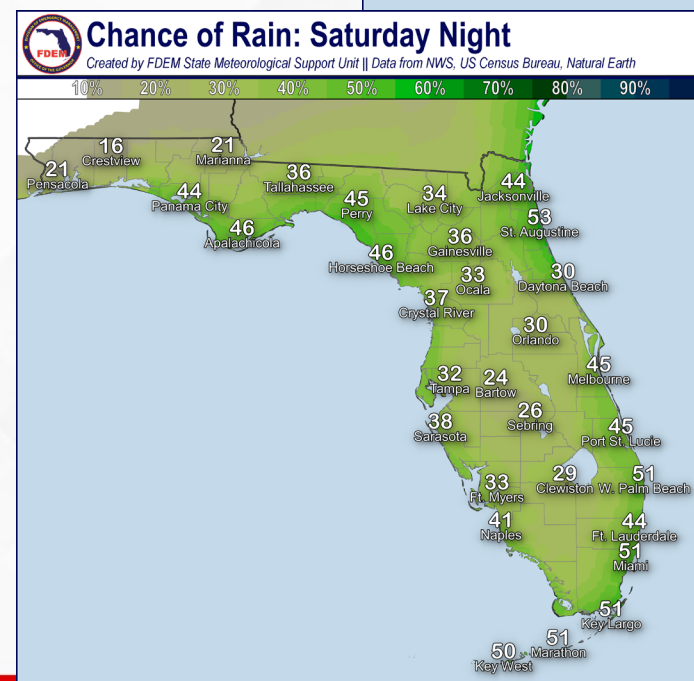
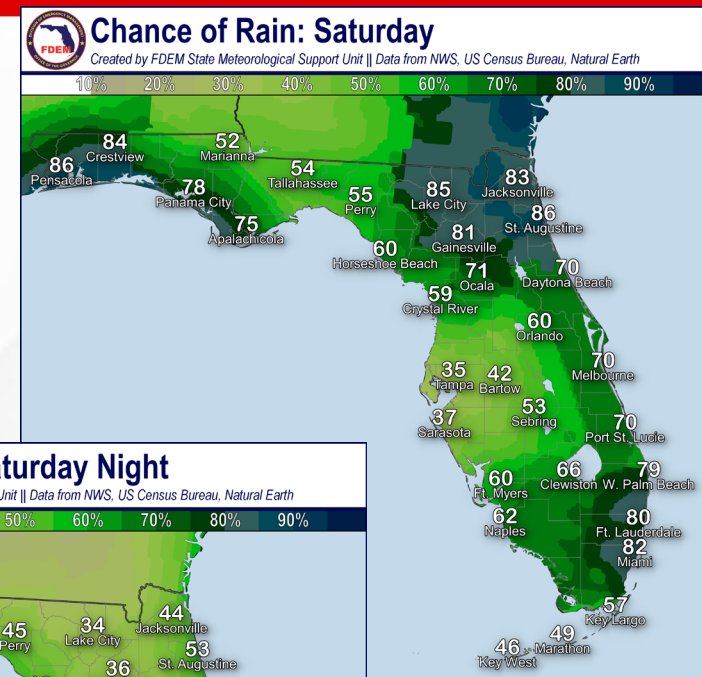
# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Showers and thunderstorms are ongoing this morning across the western Panhandle associated with an upper-level disturbance passing through along a stalled cold front. This cluster of rain will continue to move south and eastward across the Panhandle through this morning (55-85% chance of rain). By the afternoon, additional showers and thunderstorms will develop statewide during peak heating hours along the sea breeze boundaries and aided by the stalled cold front. A predominate Gulf sea breeze will focus these showers and thunderstorms mainly over the central and eastern Peninsula (60-85% chance of rain), though some scattered activity is expected across the Panhandle and Western Peninsula as well (40-60% chance of rain this afternoon). Ample tropical moisture and some slow-moving showers and thunderstorms may lead to **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban areas or any locations that have saturated soils from yesterday's heavy downpours. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked much of the state under a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** for localized flooding concerns. Some thunderstorms that develop today could be **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-50 mph), and heavy downpours.

Abundant cloud cover will limit the magnitude of the heat statewide today. High temperatures will only reach the middle to upper 80s across North Florida while Central and South Florida will see temperatures climb into the lower to middle 90s. Although **muggy conditions** will persist, **heat index values** will remain capped in the middle 80s to lower 90s across the Panhandle. Central and South Florida will see a bit more sunshine leading to feels-like temperatures climbing into the middle to upper 90s, with some localized areas reaching the **lower 100s** this afternoon across South Florida and the Keys.

Shower and thunderstorm activity will gradually subside with loss of daytime heating across the state. Some lingering showers may remain over the East Coast before drifting offshore after midnight (30-50% chance of rain). Some showers may drift back onshore over the West Coast of Florida early Sunday morning. Low temperatures will fall back into the upper 60s to lower 70s across North Florida and middle 70s to lower 80s throughout Central and South Florida.







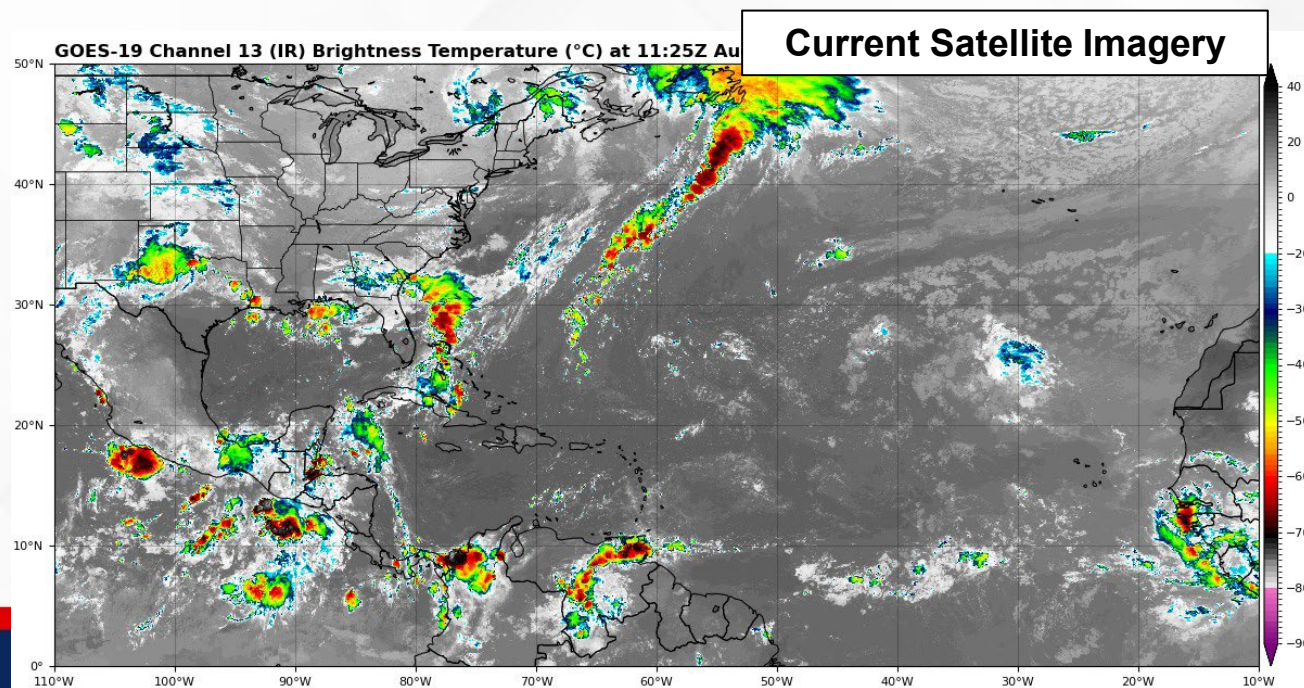
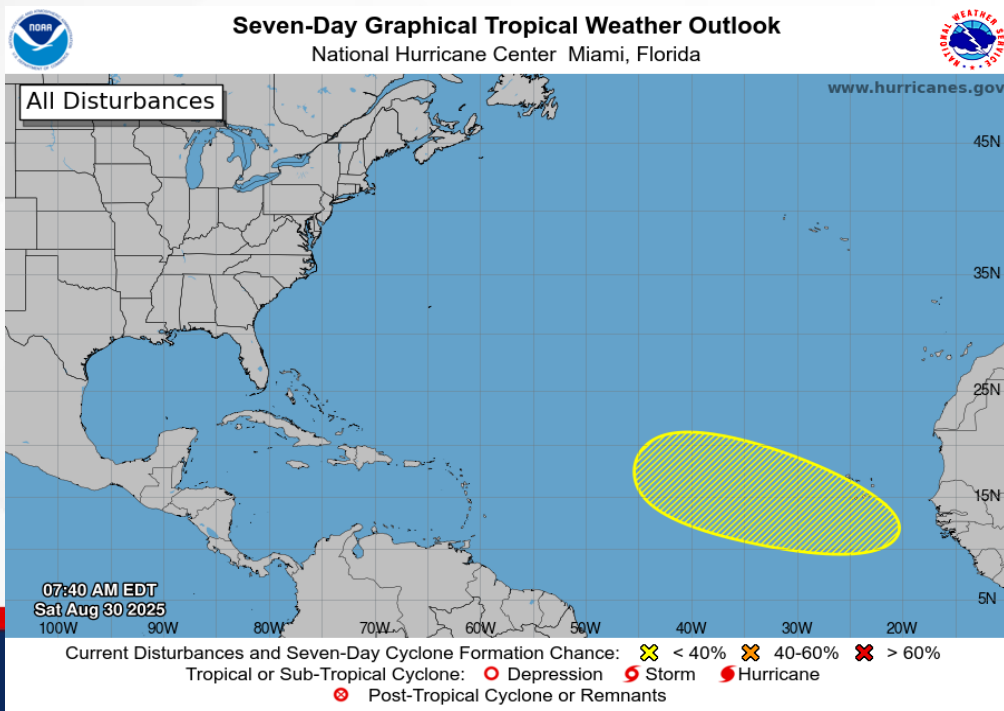
# Tropical Weather

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

**Eastern Tropical Atlantic:** A tropical wave is forecast to emerge off the west coast of Africa on Sunday. Thereafter, environmental conditions could support some slow development of this system while it moves westward to west-northwestward at 15 to 20 mph across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic next week.

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

\*Formation chance through 7 days...**low...30%**.







# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Elevated swells will continue to create a **moderate risk for rip currents** along First Coast and Space Coast beaches along the East Coast. Panhandle beaches can still expect a **moderate risk for rip currents**. West Coast beaches will remain at a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Wave heights of 1-3' will continue for beaches across the state, with the largest waves along First Coast beaches.

**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations offshore Okaloosa County in Northwest Florida. It was not observed in any samples collected across Southwest Florida or the East Coast (8/29).

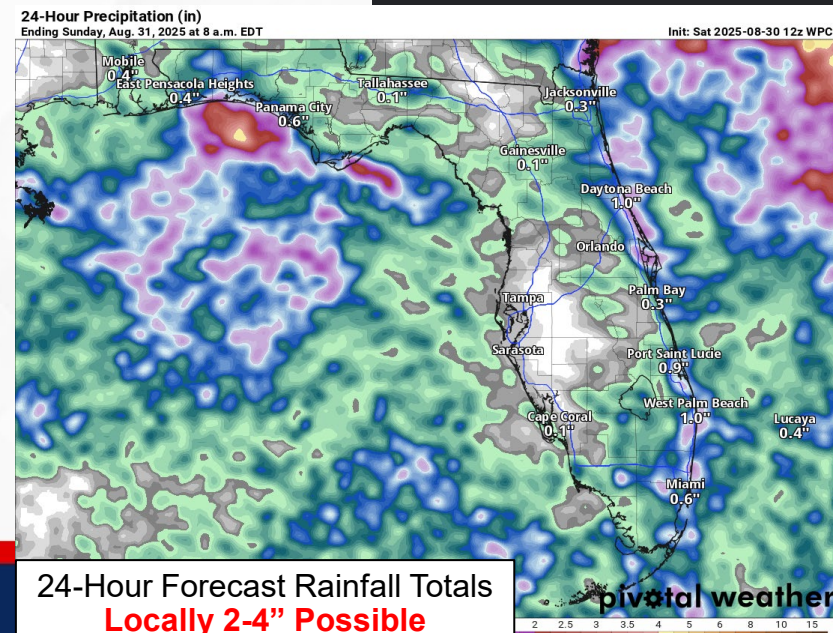
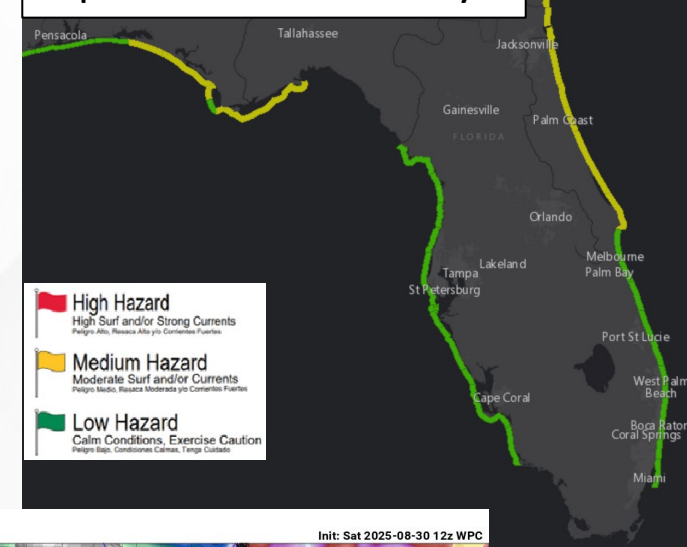
**Coastal Flooding:** Coastal flooding is not anticipated today.

**Flash Flooding:** A stalled cold front, ample tropical moisture, and the sea breeze boundaries will promote another day of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms statewide today. Repeated rounds or prolonged heavy downpours may lead to **localized instances of flash flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked for the entire I-10 corridor, south to the I-4 corridor, and along the Southeast Coast. Portions of Southeast Florida may be locally sensitive to additional rainfall with repeated downpours yesterday. Rainfall totals of 1-2" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 2-4" possible.

**Riverine Flooding:** The [Myakka River at Myakka River State Park](#), [St. Johns River at Astor](#), [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#), and [Georgetown](#) are all at Action Stage (bank-full) this morning following recent heavy rainfall and will remain so throughout the weekend. The [Haw Creek above Russell Landing](#) is also at Action Stage (bank-full) this morning, though will likely crest back below Action Stage later this afternoon or overnight. There are no other rivers forecast to rise into flood stage this weekend, though localized heavy rainfall across basins may lead to some riverine responses. Additionally, heavy rainfall in Southeast Georgia may lead to downstream riverine responses in Northeast Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.41 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.77 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

## Rip Currents: Saturday



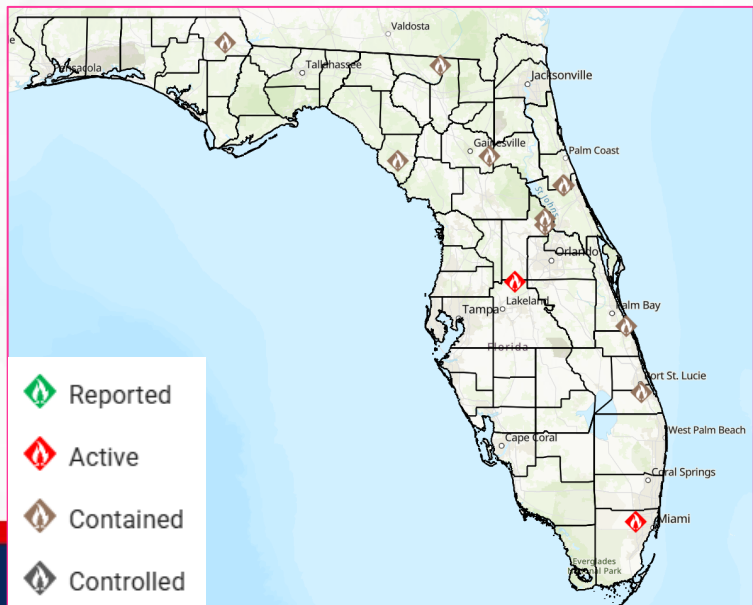
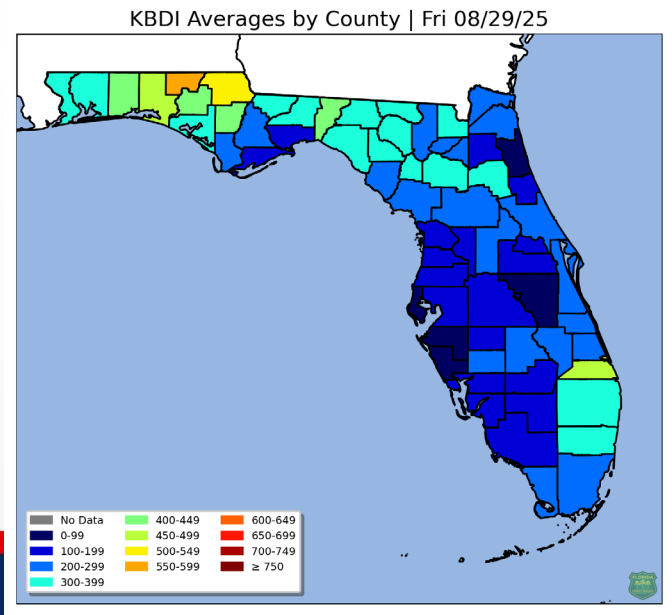
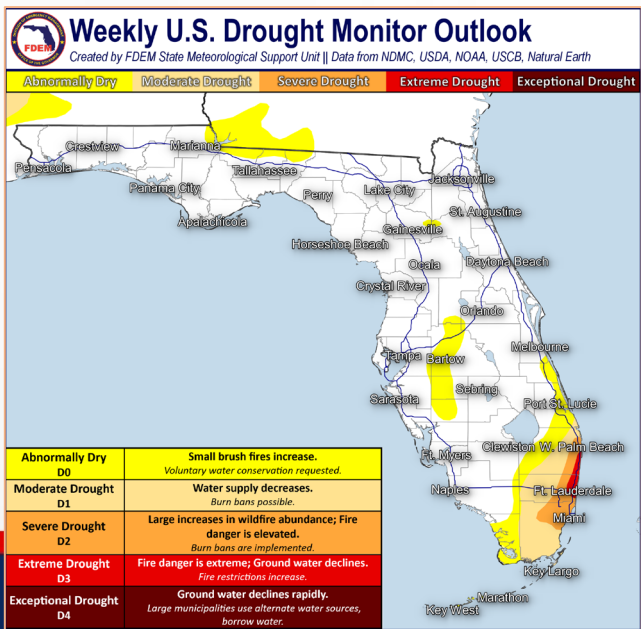


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** A stalled front across North Florida will promote scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms through the weekend. Relative humidity values will remain well above critical thresholds (60-75% RH values) and saturated grounds will keep the overall wildfire threat very low. However, *any thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds*. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 12 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 272 acres.

**Drought:** Some much needed improvements were made across the state in the most recent drought monitor outlook. Upwards of 3-5” of rainfall fell across interior and southern Miami-Dade county in the past week, resulting in a reduction of the severe drought to a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)**. Mainland Monroe County likewise saw a reduction from moderate drought to abnormally dry conditions where beneficial heavy rainfall fell. There were no changes, though, along coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties where a **Severe (level 2 of 4) to Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** persists. However, these areas have seen 2-4” of rainfall in just the past 3 days which will be reflected in next week’s drought outlook. The Nature Coast saw plentiful rainfall in the past week with a general 2-4” of rain with upwards of 7” resulting in a removal of the abnormally dry conditions. Likewise, beneficial rainfall across Polk, Hardee, and DeSoto Counties has resulted in a removal of moderate drought. Over North Florida and the Panhandle, increased rainfall chances will continue to keep drought conditions mitigated through the weekend.

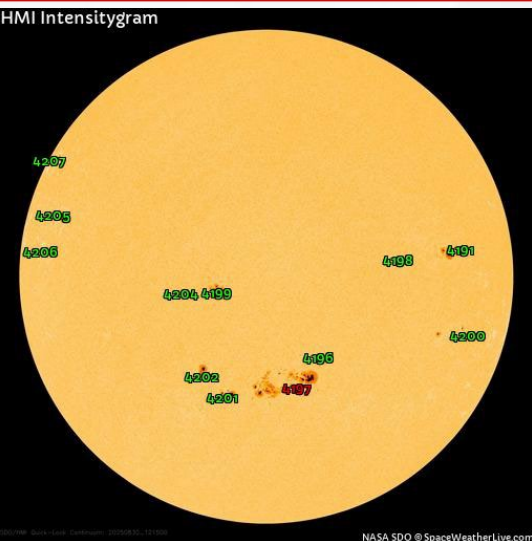
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **256 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **2** Florida counties (Holmes and Jackson County) in the northern Panhandle that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



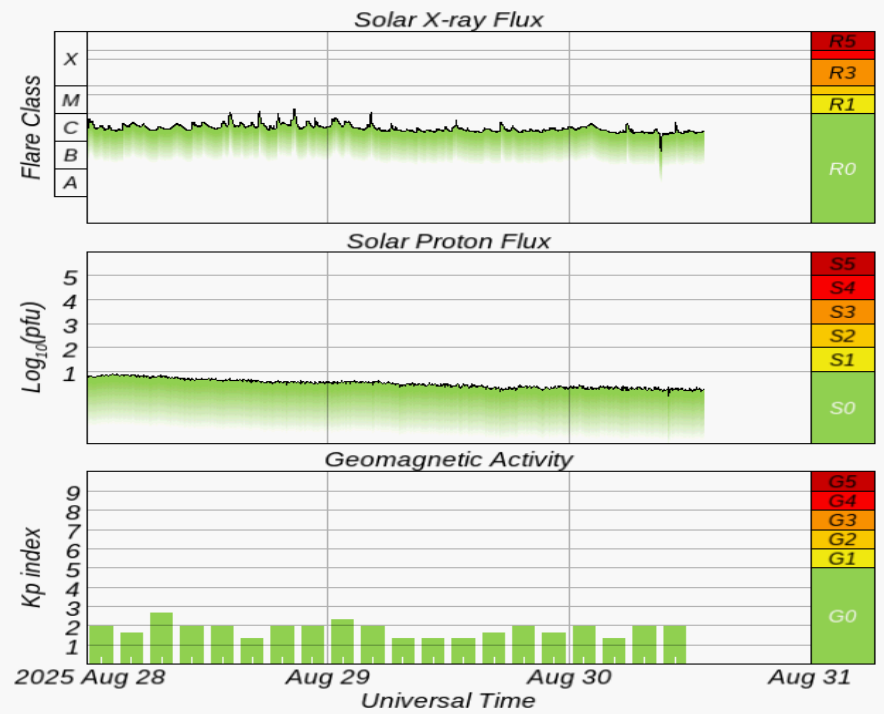
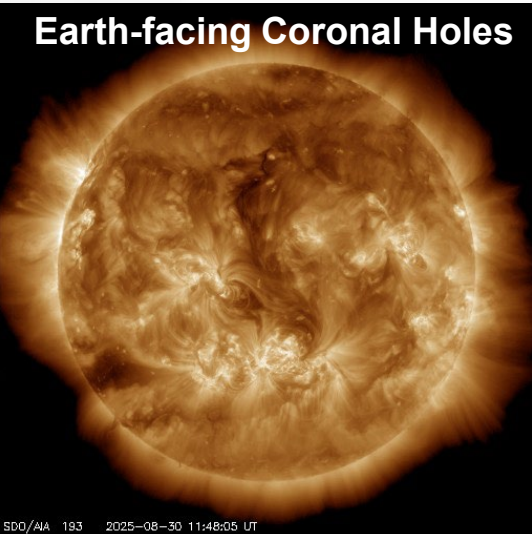




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/30	8/31
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity will remain at moderate levels through Monday due to solar flare activity from several active sunspots. Strong (M-class) solar flares can be expected, with a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts can be expected with any M-class, and strong (R3) radio blackouts can be expected with X-class solar flares. Nominal solar wind conditions are expected through Saturday before a slight enhancement on Sunday due to coronal hole winds. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to remain quiet through Saturday before some unsettled levels return on Sunday. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.





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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	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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