



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, September 4, 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	Bay	EM Visit / NWS Weekly Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Dixie	Capabilities Assessment / RC Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Dixie	Capabilities Assessment / RC Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Dixie	Capabilities Assessment / RC Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Lake	EM Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough/Pinellas	USF EOC Quarterly Meeting / FLANG Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Highlands, Polk	EM Visit / RC Meeting
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	RC Meeting

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

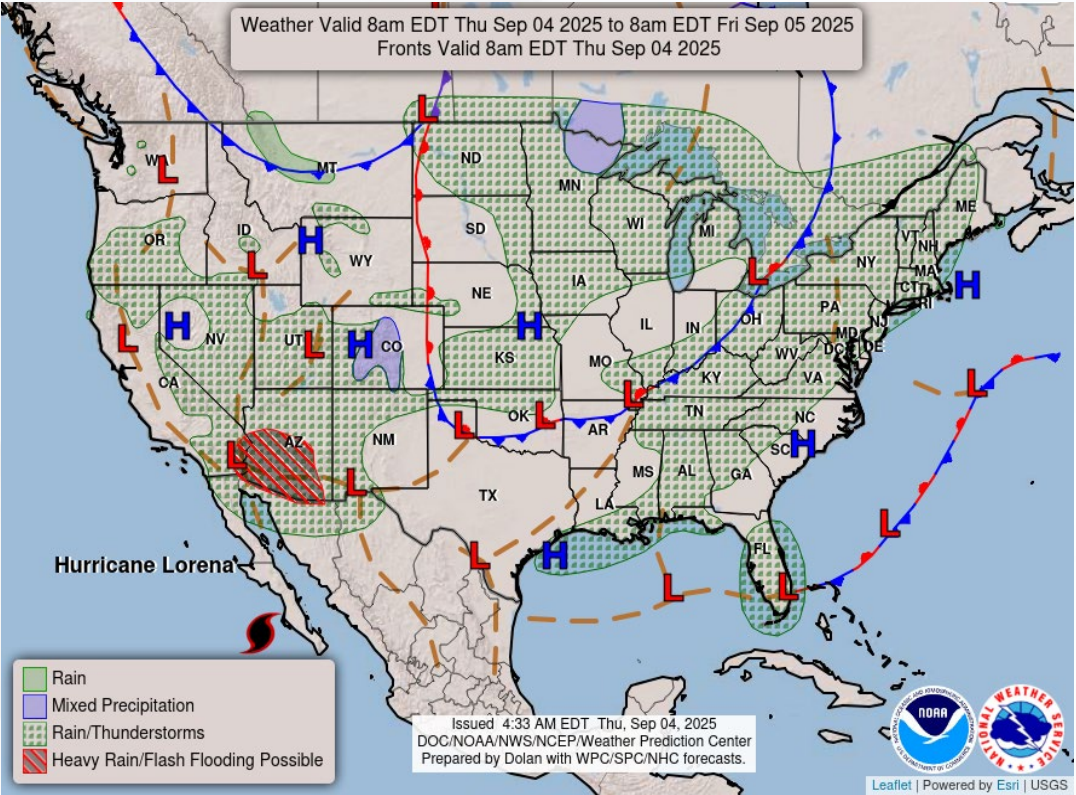
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	County EM Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	HQ Admin / Team Training Cell
Region 3: Amber Durden	Taylor	Team Training Call / Admin Duties
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Putnam	LMS Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Team Training Call / Admin Duties
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Team Training Call / Admin Duties
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Highlands	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Team Training Call / Admin Duties
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Team Training Call / Admin Duties
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

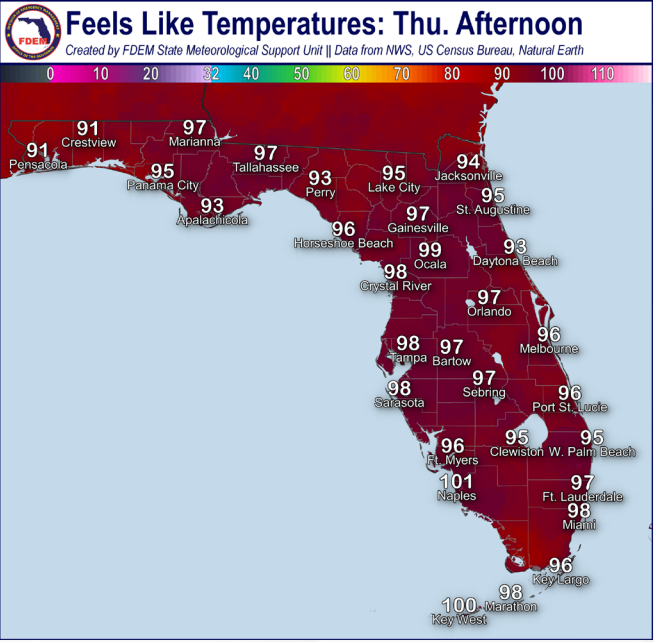
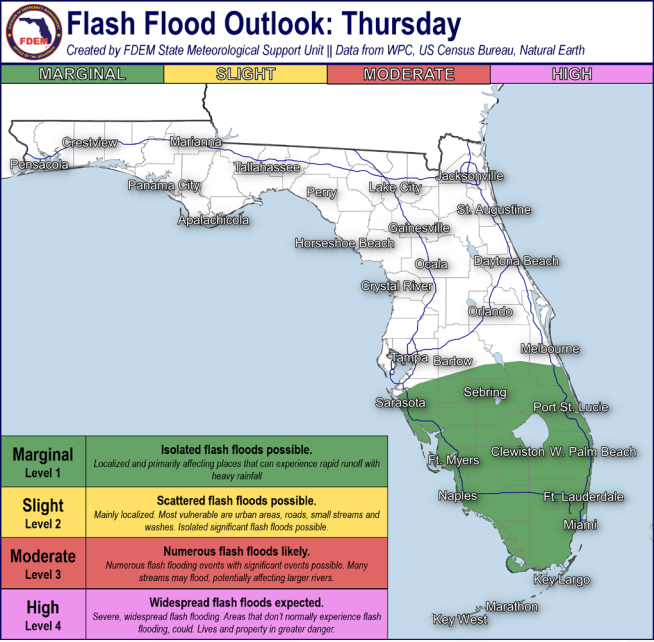


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	M	M	M	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind					L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L	L	L
Excessive Heat							M	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.55 ft. (1.73 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	273 (+14) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





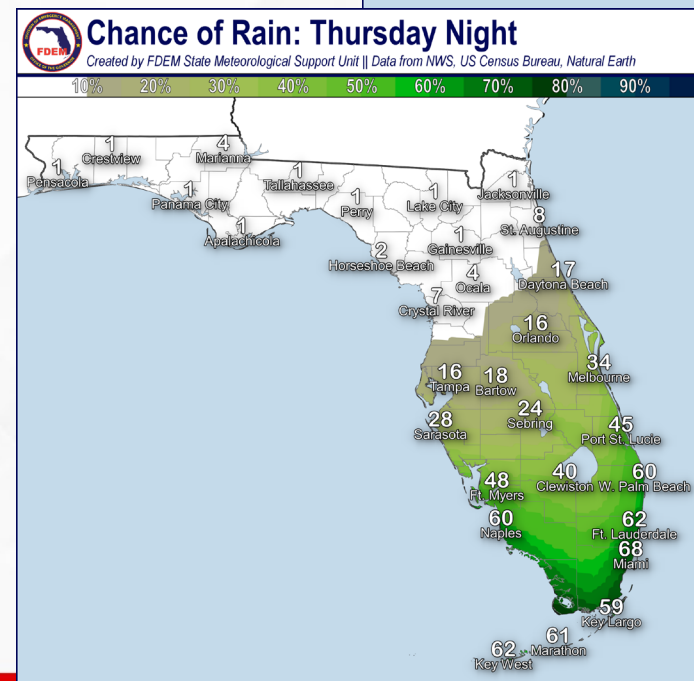
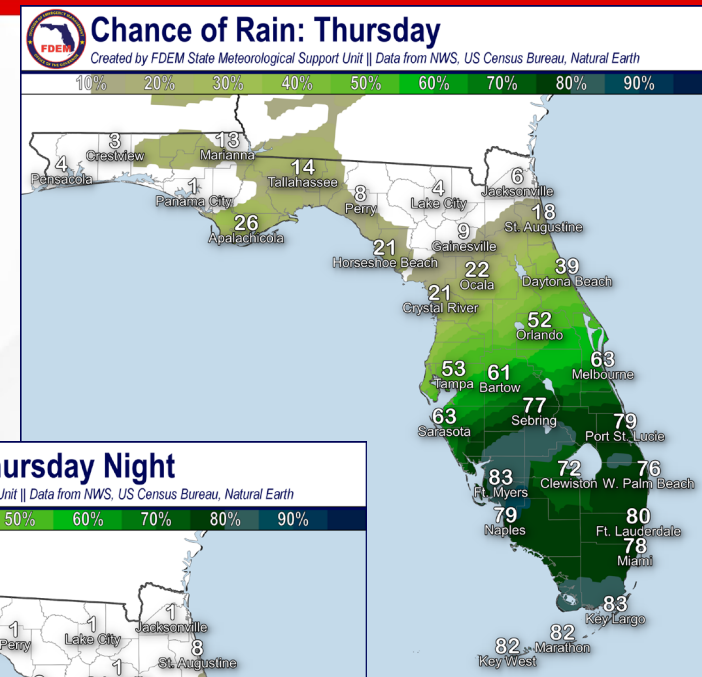
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A rinse and repeat day is expected today across the Sunshine state as the stalled cold front remains located over the southern Peninsula. Showers and thunderstorms have already begun to move onshore along the Southwest Florida coast this morning, and additional rounds of activity will continue throughout the day leading to another wet and active weather day across most of the central and southern Peninsula. Numerous to widespread showers and thunderstorms will develop across South Florida this afternoon and evening (70-85% chance of rain), with more scattered activity across Central Florida and the I-4 corridor (30-55% chance of rain). The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking another **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across South Florida today for **repeated downpours** that could lead to **localized flash flooding**. Heavy rainfall from recent days and saturated soils may lead to an earlier onset to **flash flooding** in localized areas. Mostly dry conditions will persist throughout North Florida and the Panhandle courtesy of northeasterly winds; however, a shower or embedded thunderstorm cannot be ruled out for the Northeast Florida and Big Bend coast along the sea breeze (15-25% chance of rain). Breezy **wind gusts of 15-20 mph** will also continue for portions of the First and Space Coasts throughout the day.

High temperatures will remain in the upper 80s to lower 90s across the state this afternoon. **Heat index values** from the Suwannee Valley and throughout the Peninsula will remain in the middle to upper 90s due to cloud cover further south and less humid air further north. Some **lower 100s** may be reached in localized areas across South Florida before rainfall this afternoon.

With the nearby stalled front, showers and thunderstorms will likely continue through the evening and overnight hours across South Florida as they move inland and eastward from the gulf waters (40-60% chance of rain). Elsewhere across the state mostly dry conditions can be expected. Low temperatures will remain in the upper 60s to lower 70s across North Florida and middle 70s to lower 80s elsewhere.



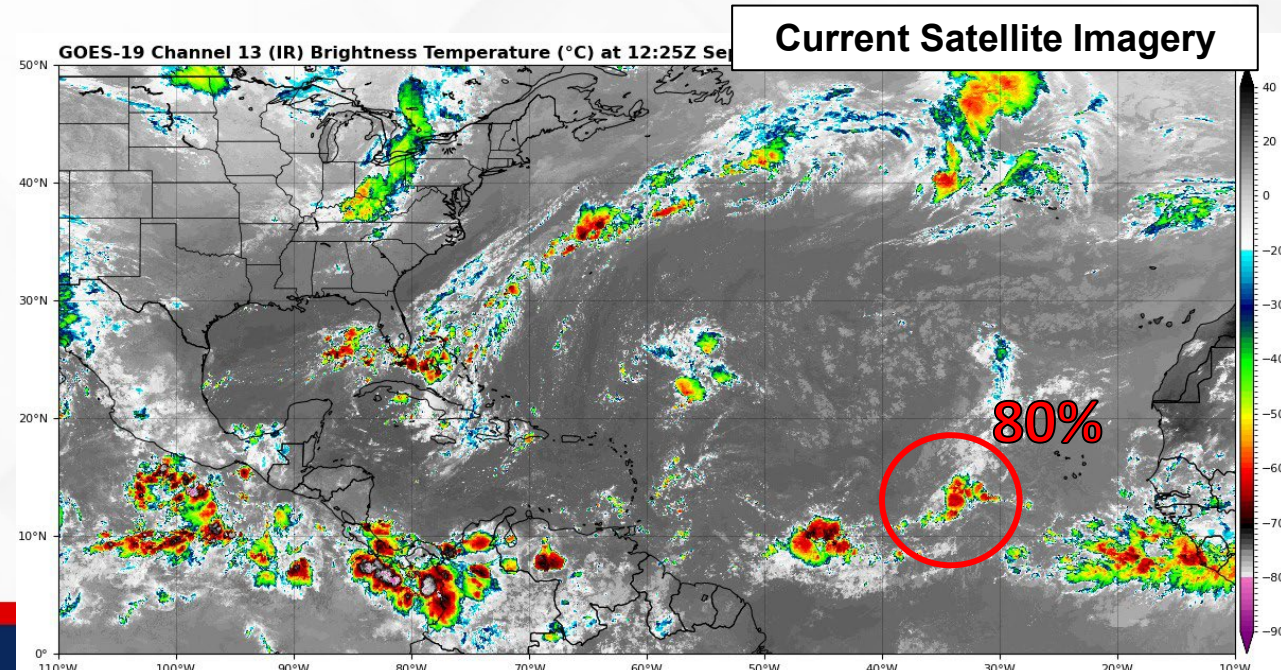
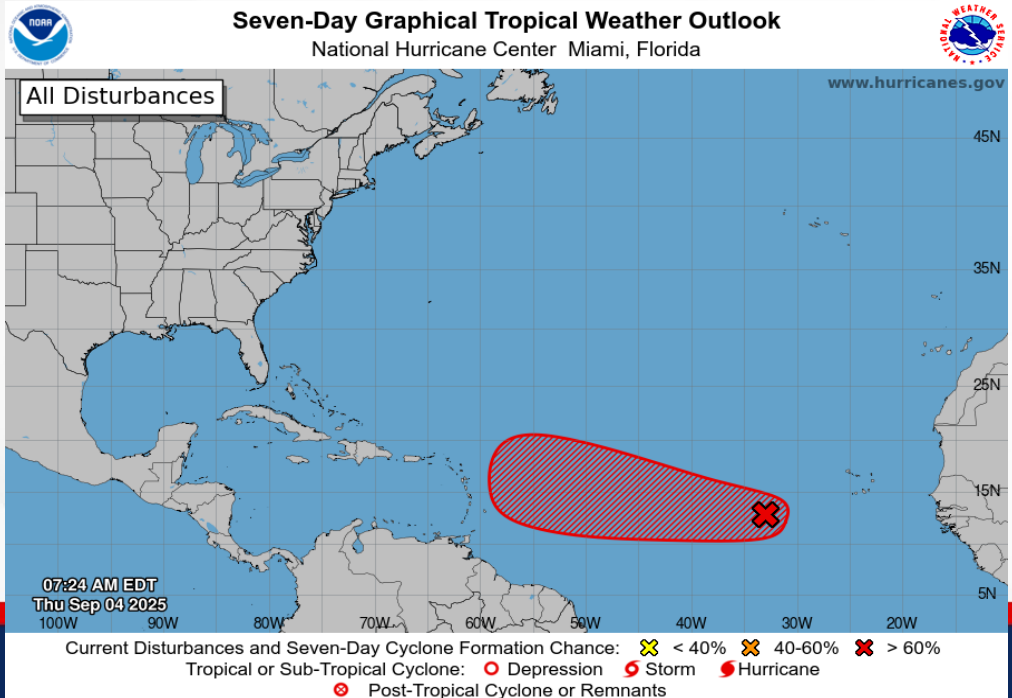


Tropical Weather

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

Eastern Tropical Atlantic: Showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical disturbance are located over the eastern tropical Atlantic several hundred miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands. These showers and thunderstorms have better organized, and environmental conditions are favorable for development of this system during the next several days. A tropical depression is likely to form late this week or weekend over the central tropical Atlantic while moving slowly toward the west-northwest at 5 to 10 mph. The system is likely to move faster toward the west or west-northwest thereafter and reach the waters east of the Lesser Antilles by the middle of next week.

- *Formation chance through 48 hours...**medium...50%.**
- *Formation chance through 7 days...**high...80%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Thursday

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** will continue nearly statewide today with some breezy onshore winds and elevated swells. West Coast beaches will continue to see a low risk for rip currents. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Elevated ocean swells of 2-4'** will persist along much of the East Coast today. Southeast Florida and Gulf coast beaches will see wave heights remain in the 1-2' range.

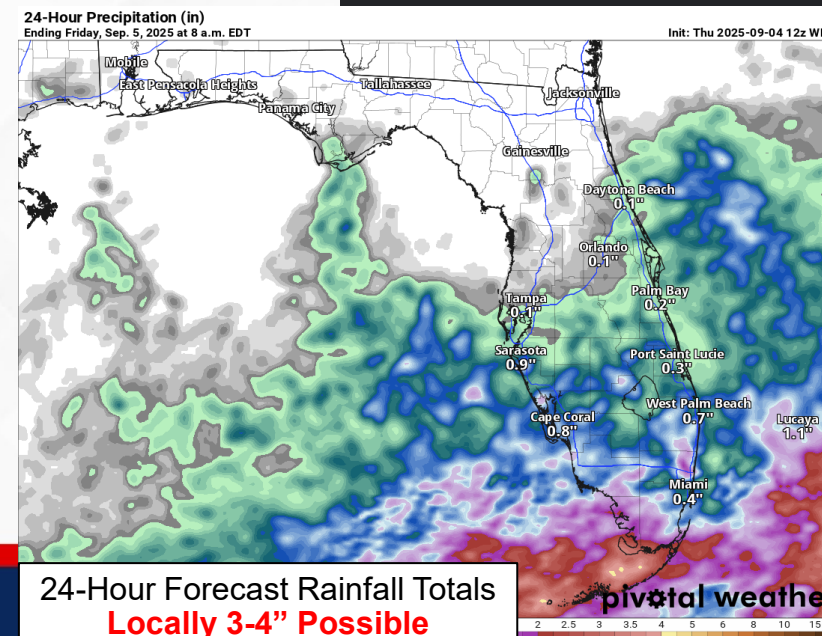
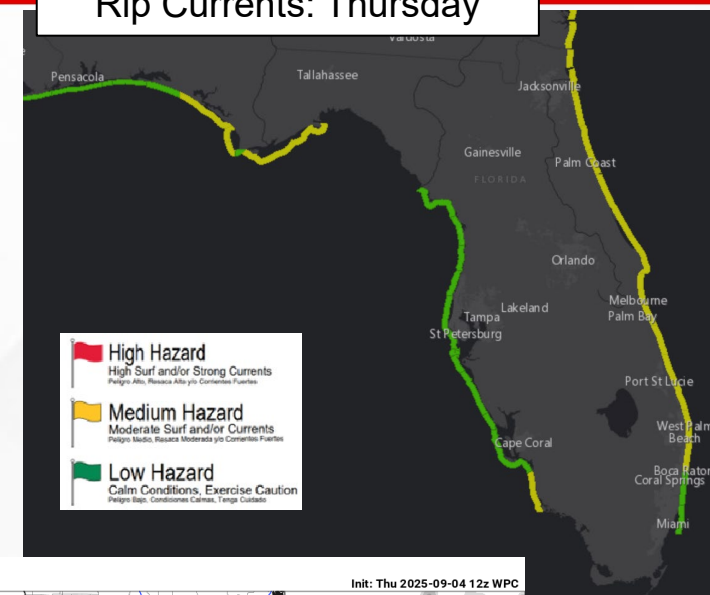
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Okaloosa County in Northwest Florida. It was not observed in any samples collected across Southwest Florida or the East Coast (8/29).

Coastal Flooding: **Coastal Flood Advisories** have been posted for portions of the tidal St. Johns River and the Northeast Florida coast for **minor coastal flooding and nuisance tidal flooding** near and during times of high tide. Persistent northerly winds, elevated tides, and trapped water within the basin will lead to **minor tidal flooding** ahead of the next full moon next Sunday. Water levels will reach **1.5-2' above normally dry ground** during times of high tide, with some flooding of lots, parks, and roads in vulnerable areas.

Flash Flooding: A stalled front across the southern Peninsula will keep rainfall chances elevated once again today. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** from SR 60 south and across the Florida Keys where heavy rainfall may lead to localized instances of **ponding of water and street flooding**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. Additionally, areas that have already seen heavy rainfall over the last couple of days could see an earlier onset to any localized flooding with additional rainfall. Rainfall totals of 1-2' can be expected with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-4' possible.

Riverine Flooding: A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the [St. Johns River at Astor](#) as water levels have risen into **minor flood stage** due to recent rainfall and trapped tides from northerly winds. Conditions will remain in **minor flood stage** through the end of the week. The [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) is at Action Stage (bank-full) this morning and will also remain so throughout the weekend with additional rounds of heavy rainfall expected. There are no other riverine concerns, though localized heavy rainfall across basins may lead to some quick-response rivers seeing water levels rise. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.55 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.73 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

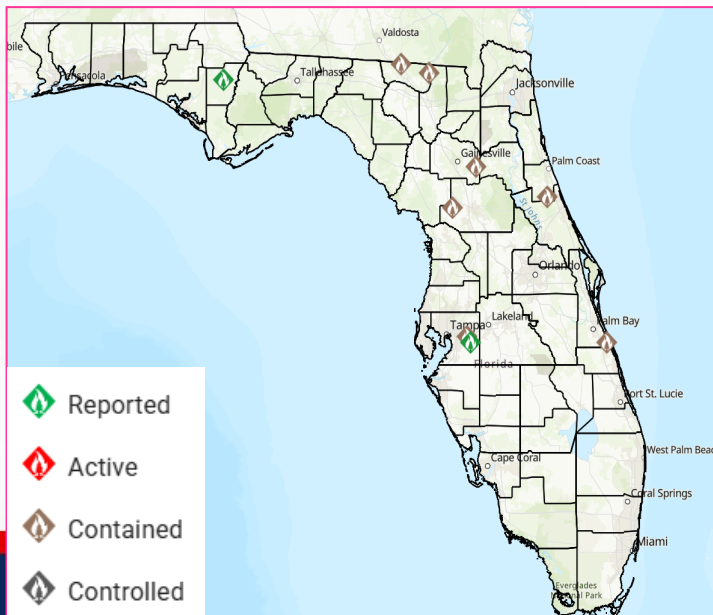
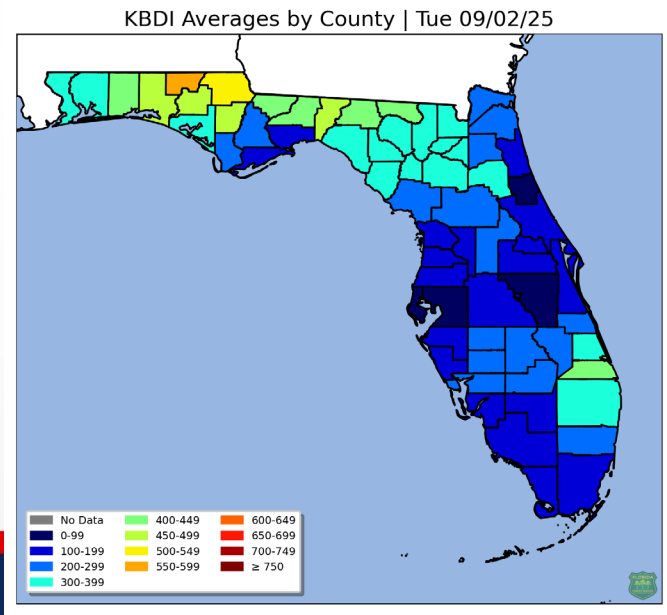
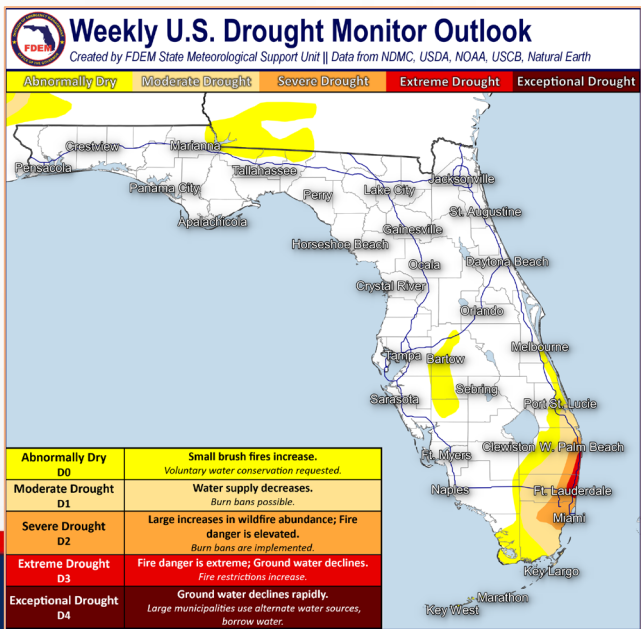




Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Although rainfall chances will remain low across the Panhandle due to a stalled front across the southern Peninsula, relative humidities will remain well above critical thresholds (40-50% RH values). The southern Peninsula will continue to see increased rainfall chances, keeping the wildfire threat low as well. However, the non-tropical upper-level disturbance off the Florida East Coast will continue to promote breezy conditions across Northeast Florida, with **wind gusts upwards of 15-20 mph**. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 9 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 240 acres.

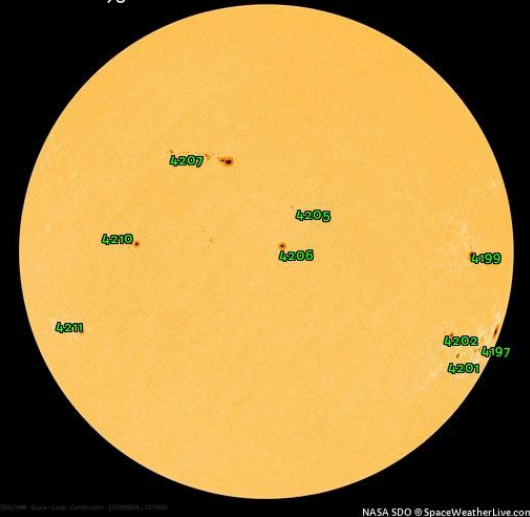
Drought: Very little changes were made across the state in the most recent drought monitor outlook. A **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** persists across coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties even though ample rainfall of 2-5" fell in the past week. A reduction of the moderate drought to abnormally dry conditions has been made across southwest Miami-Dade county where monthly rainfall has returned to well above normal. However, a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was introduced across coastal Martin county where monthly rainfall deficits have reached 4-5". No changes were made across interior portions of the Peninsula where abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions remain for portions of Polk, Hardee, and DeSoto counties. Across the Panhandle, mostly dry conditions have resulted in soils to begin to dry out as well. Abnormally dry conditions are found across northern Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson counties, though if dry conditions persist then additional counties may be introduced to this category next week. The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **273 (+14)** 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).





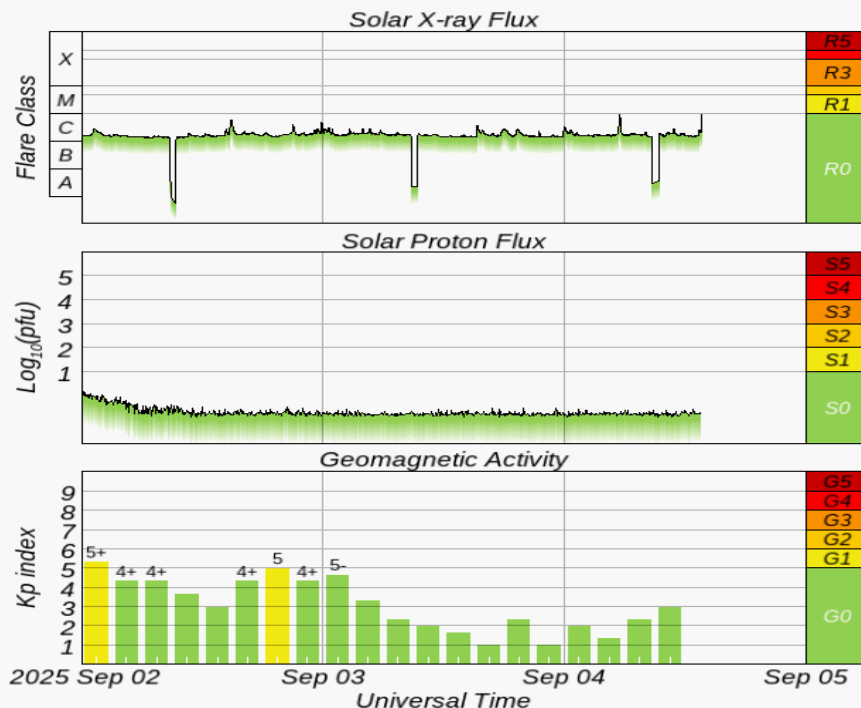
Space Weather

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Current Sunspots

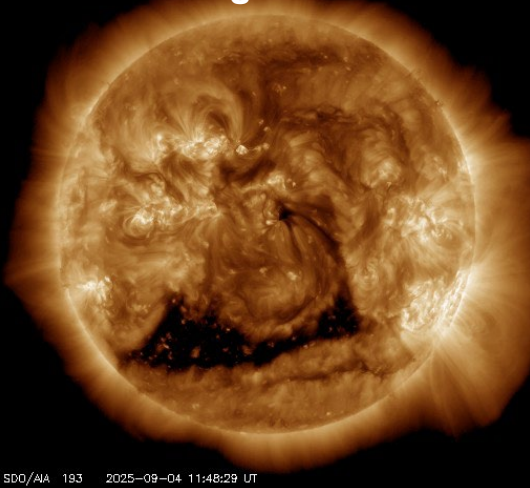


Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 50%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C9 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

9/4	9/5
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Earth-facing Coronal Holes



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Space Weather: Moderate solar activity will continue today with strong (M-class) flares likely and a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flares due to sunspot #4197. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts can be expected with any M-class solar flares, and strong (R3) radio blackouts can be expected with any X-class solar flares. More ambient solar wind conditions will return today before another enhancement tomorrow and this weekend due to coronal hole winds. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions are expected as lingering effects from the Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) impact on Thursday subside. A return to active levels is possible later Friday and G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storming is possible late on Friday and early Saturday. The overall space weather threat to Florida is low.



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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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