



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, September 5, 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	Santa Rosa	School Safety / FROC Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia, Hamilton	EM Visits
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Orange Park Medical Center TTX
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	POD Training Prep / Partner Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Peregrine Call / Director Call
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	EM Visit / Office Admin
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Quarterly Meeting Prep



Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 9

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

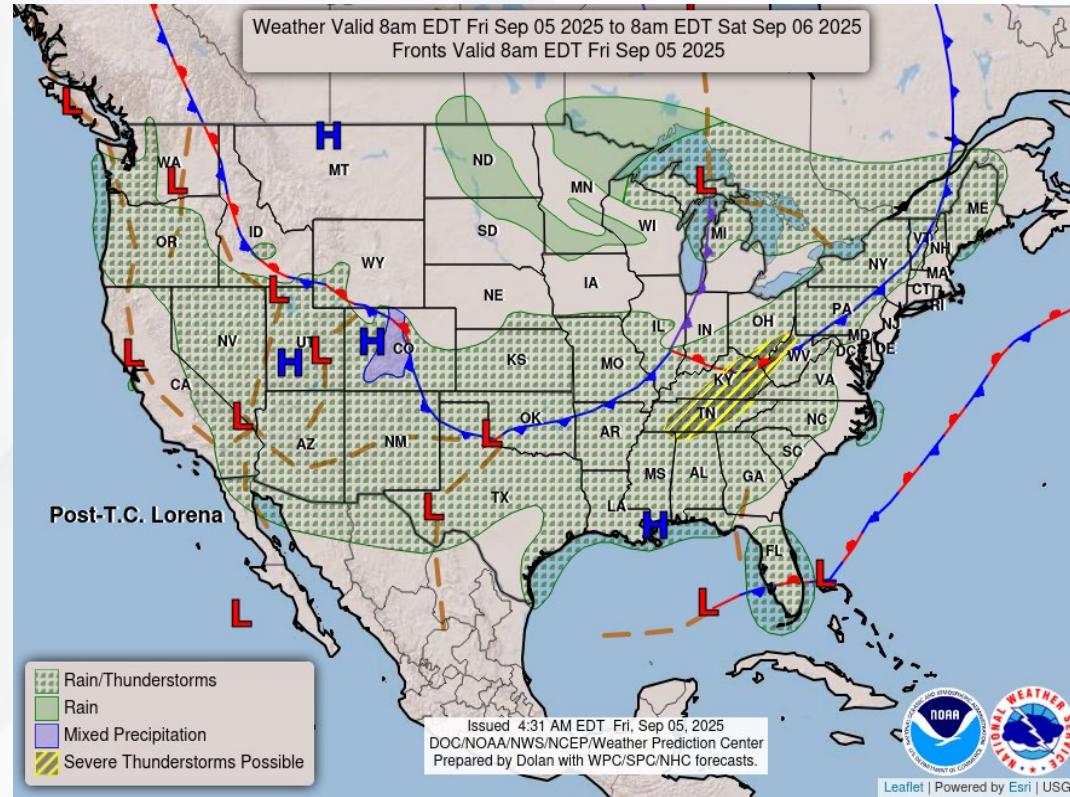
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa	FROC Assistance
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	FROC Assistance
Region 3: Amber Durden	Hamilton	County EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Tabletop Exercise
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Internal Stakeholder Meetings
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Internal Stakeholder Meetings
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Internal Stakeholder Meetings
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 8 & 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
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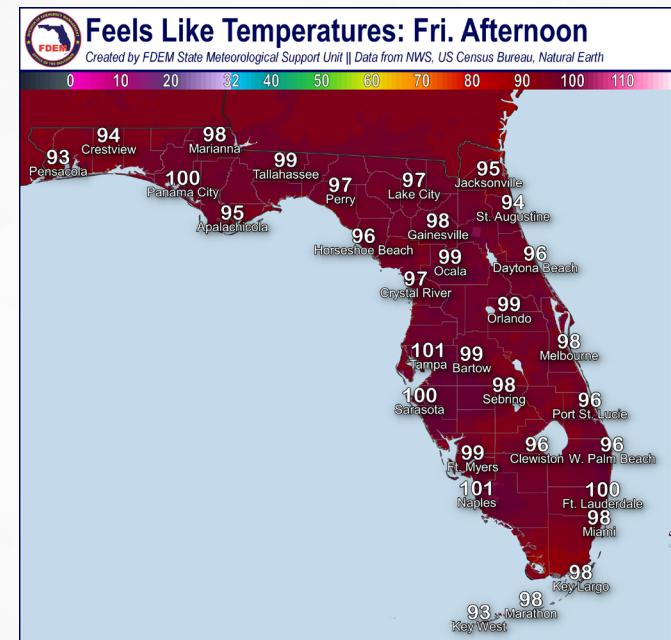
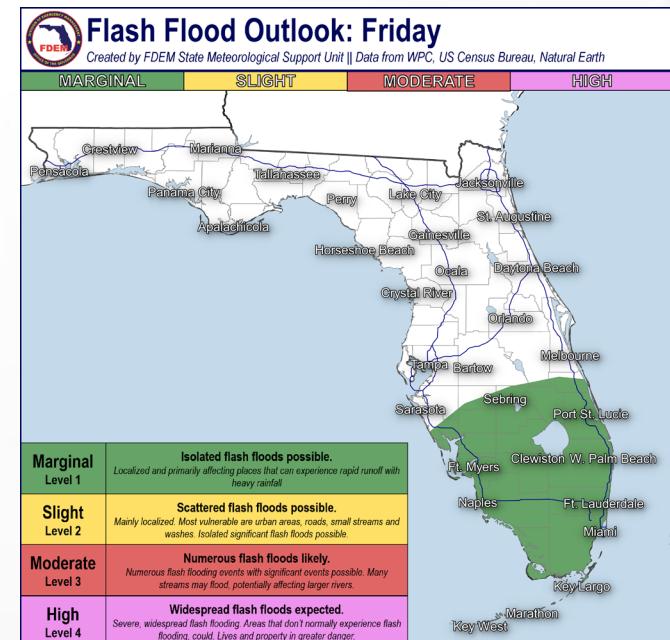


Meteorology Summary



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	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L	L	L
Excessive Heat								M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L	M	L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.60 ft. (1.70 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	279 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





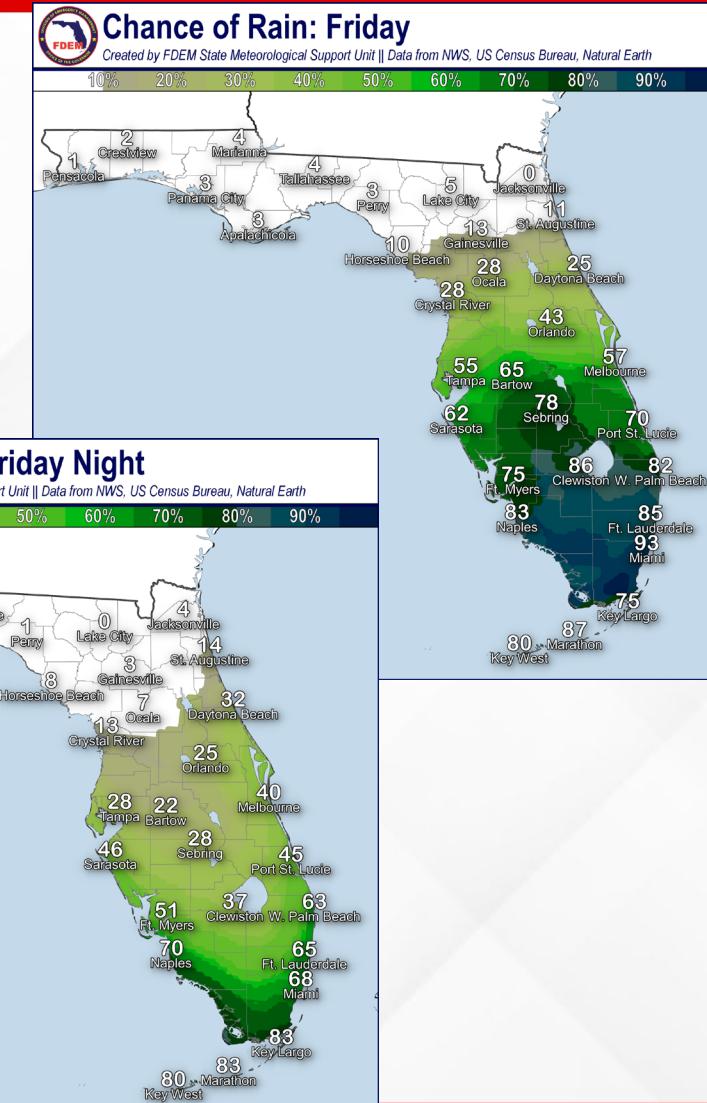
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A stationary front will remain draped across the southern Peninsula today keeping rainfall chances focused across Central and South Florida. Showers and embedded thunderstorms are already moving onshore Southwest Florida this morning and additional rounds of activity will continue throughout the day (70-90% chance of rain), with more scattered activity across Central Florida and the I-4 corridor (30-50% chance of rain). With recent heavy rainfall, some localized areas may be prone to **flash flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations, as well as areas with saturated soils and grounds. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked another **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across South Florida today for **repeated downpours** that could lead to **localized flash flooding**. 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 Nature Coast along the sea breeze (15-25% chance of rain). Some breezy onshore winds may bring **gusts of 15-20 mph** for portions of the First and Space Coasts throughout the day.

High temperatures will remain in the upper 80s to middle 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 drier air further north. Some **lower 100s** may be reached in localized areas across West-Central 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 (40-80% chance of rain). Elsewhere across the state mostly dry conditions can be expected as isolated showers and storms dissipate with loss of daytime heating. Low temperatures will remain in the upper 60s to lower 70s across North Florida and middle 70s to lower 80s elsewhere.





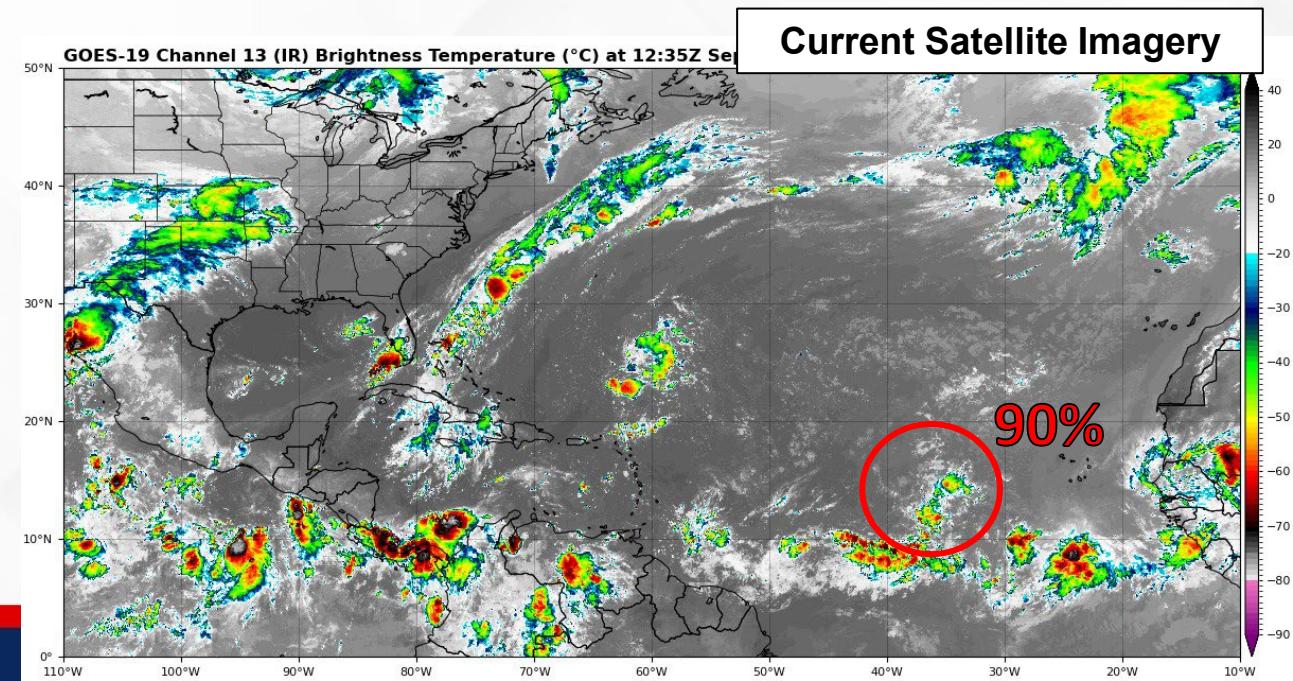
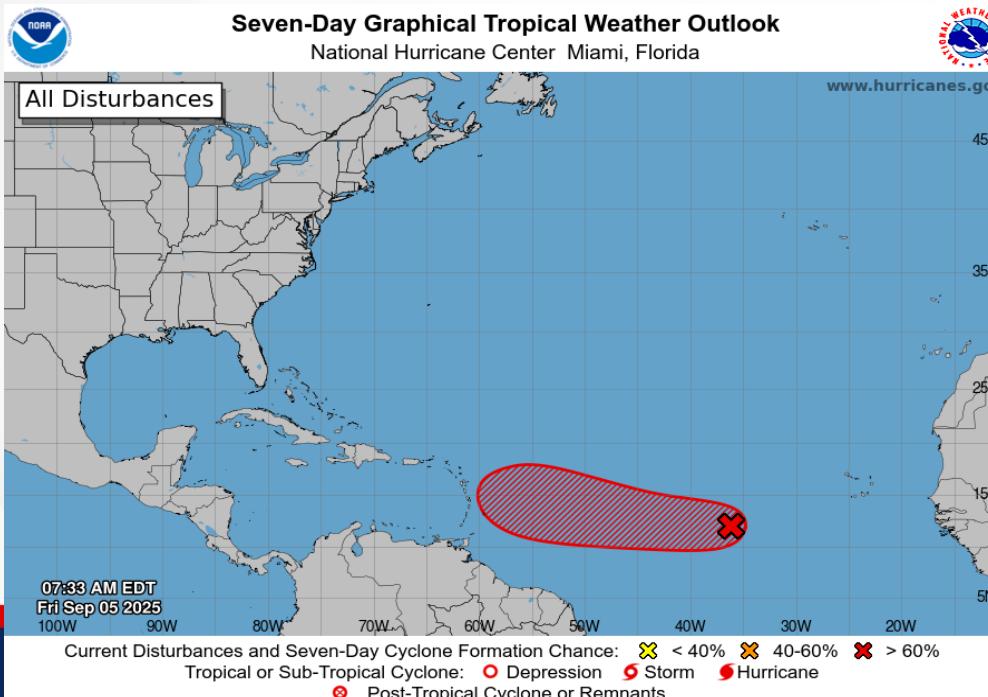
Tropical Weather

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

Eastern Tropical Atlantic: A weak low pressure over the eastern tropical Atlantic is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Environmental conditions are favorable for development of this system, and a tropical depression is likely to form over the weekend or early next week as it slowly moves westward at 5 to 10 mph across the central tropical Atlantic. This system is likely to be near the Lesser Antilles by the middle to latter part of next week. *This system poses no threat to Florida at this time.*

*Formation chance through 48 hours...**medium...60%**.

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





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

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 2-3' will remain along much of the East Coast today. Southeast Florida and Gulf coast beaches will see wave heights of 1-2'.

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).

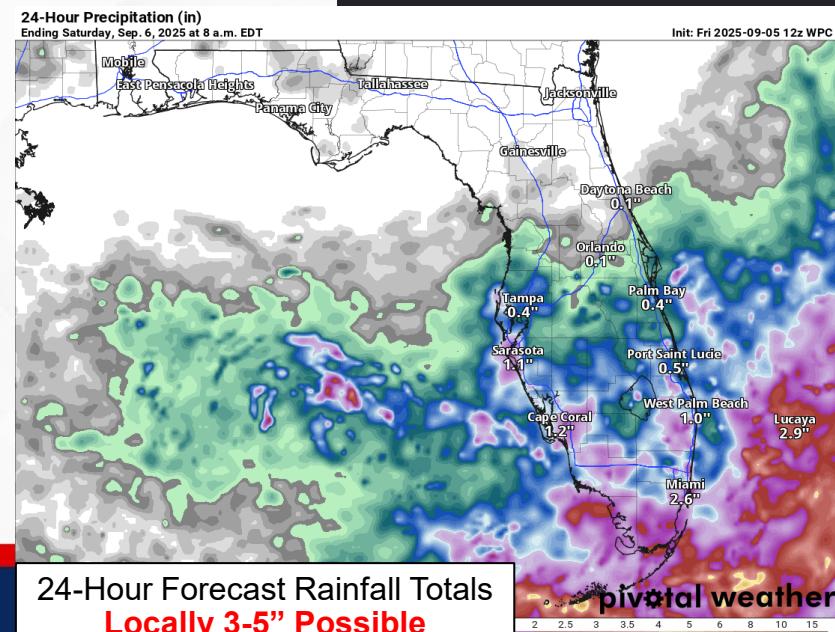
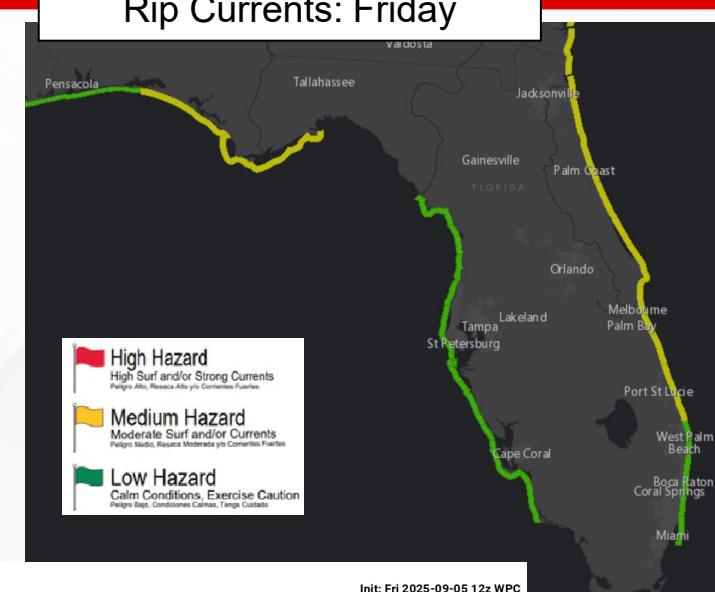
Coastal Flooding: Water levels across the tidal St. Johns River have waned below minor flood stage in most locations. However, some localized areas may still see nuisance tidal flooding near and during times of high tide with **water levels 1-1.5'** above normally dry ground. Additionally, some portions of the Florida Keys may see minor coastal flooding as the full moon and first King Tide nears this weekend.

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 3-5" possible.

Riverine Flooding: A River Flood Warning remains in effect for the [St. Johns River at Astor](#) as water levels have remained in **minor flood stage** due to 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 12.60 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.70 feet below normal for this time of year.

Rip Currents: Friday



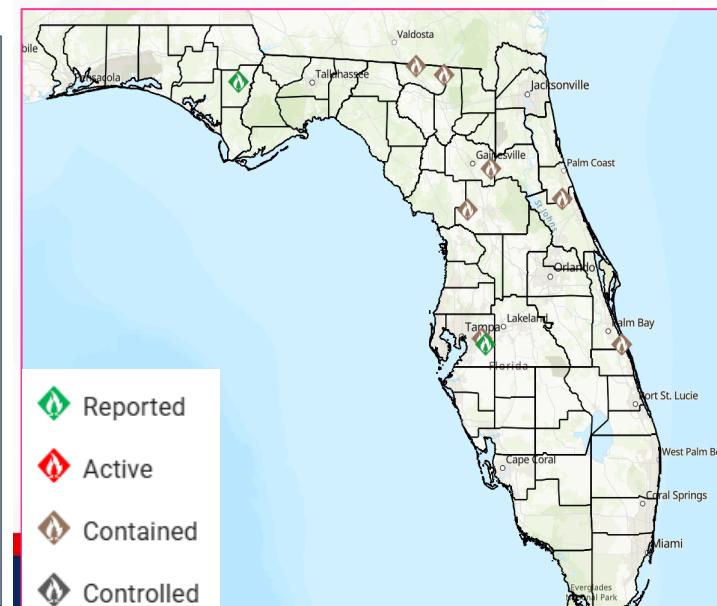
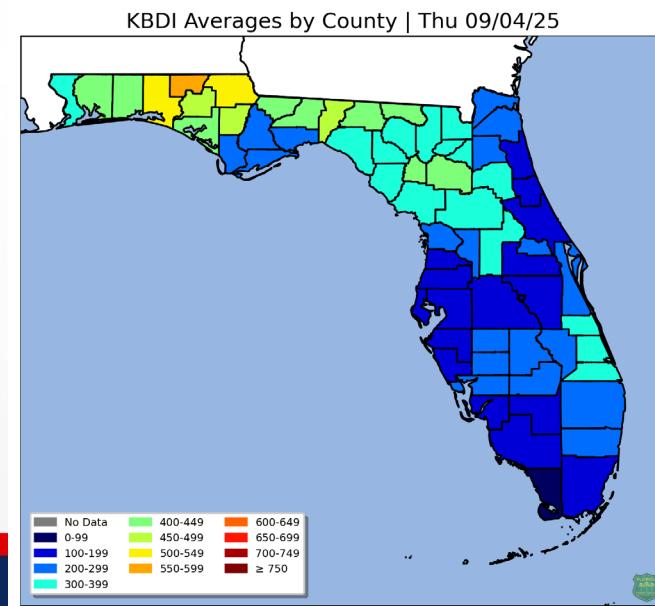
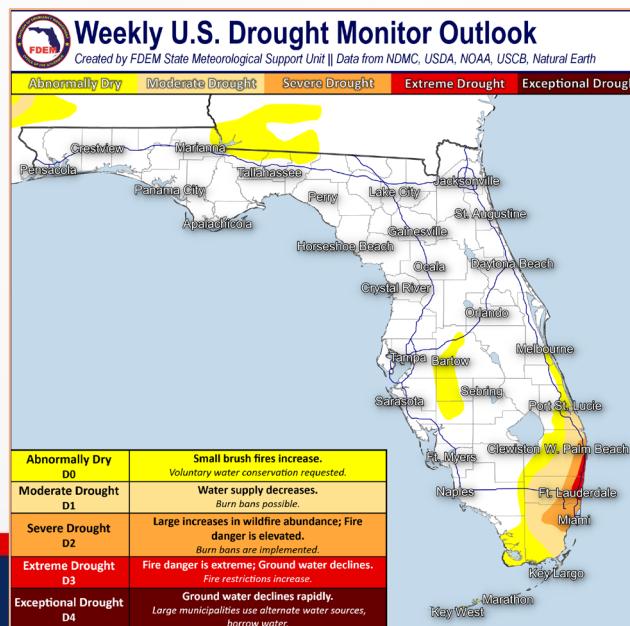


Drought & Fire Weather

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 and Central Florida will continue to see increased rainfall chances, keeping the wildfire threat low as well. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 7 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 232 acres.

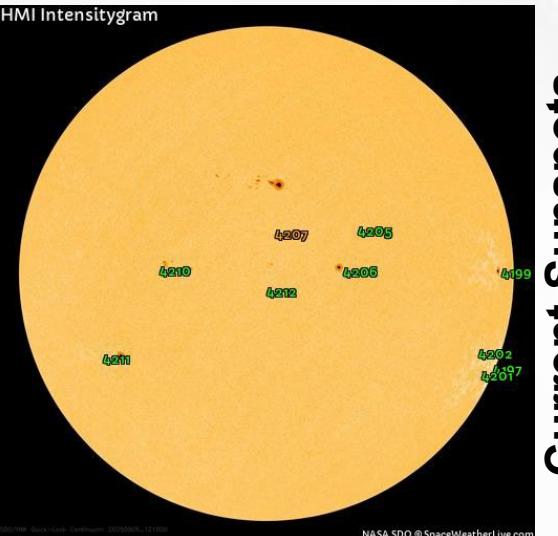
Drought: Very little changes were made across the state in the most recent drought monitor outlook. A **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** persists across coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties even though ample rainfall of 2-5" fell in the past week. A reduction of the moderate 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 Gadsen, 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 **279 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **3** Florida counties (Holmes, Jackson, and Walton County) in the northern Panhandle that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

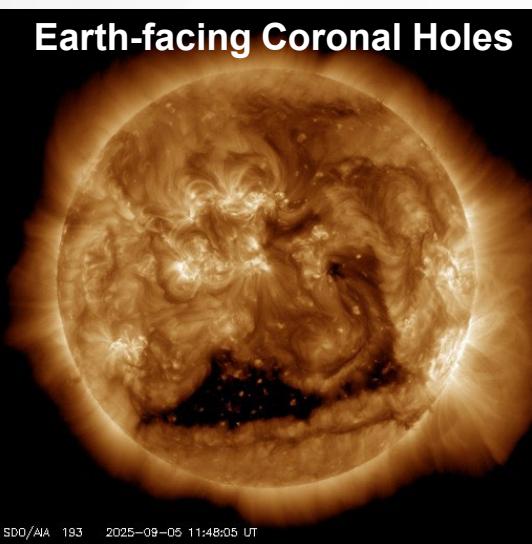




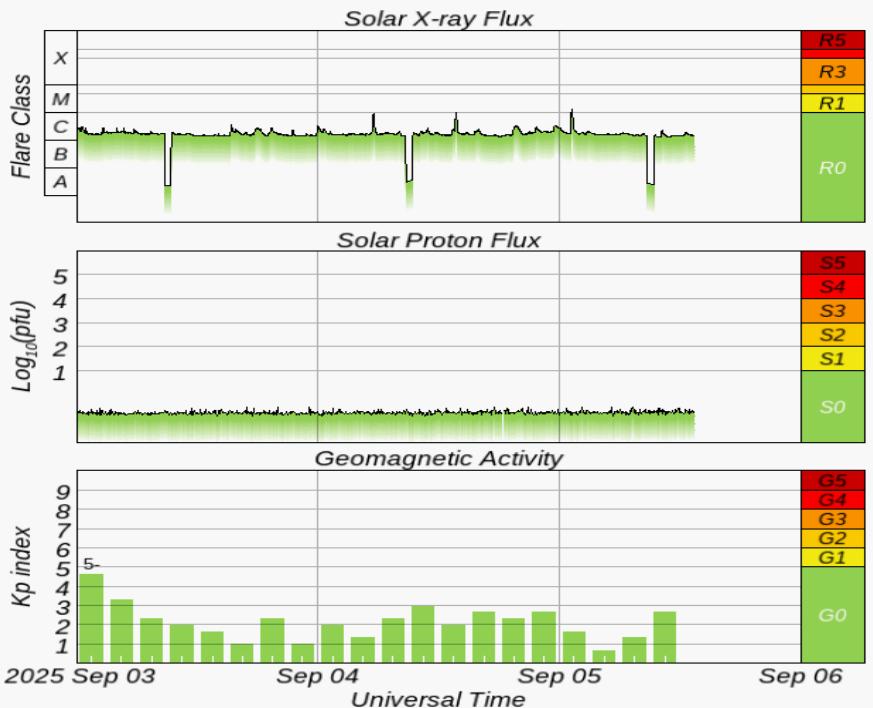
Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Space Weather: Solar activity will continue at moderate levels with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares and an isolated significant (X-class) solar flare as sunspots #4197 and #4207 remain active. 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. Enhanced solar winds will arrive late on Friday and persist through the weekend due to coronal hole winds. Mostly quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions are expected through much of Friday before coronal hole influences arrive. G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storming is likely late on Friday and early on Saturday. Unsettled to active geomagnetic levels will continue through Sunday before coronal hole winds slowly wane. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: G1 Watch – 9/6 to 9/7	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
9/5	9/6	
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)	
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%	



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	
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