



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Friday, September 12, 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, Leon	Everbridge-IPAWS Mtg (V) / Outreach Materials Pick-up
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Office Admin
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	St Lucie	POD Training Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Hernando	Logistics Meeting / EM Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	St Lucie	POD Training Co-Instruction
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	Quarterly Meeting / REP Exercise IPM

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 4  
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	Leon	Outreach Event Material Pickup
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon / Jefferson	806 Assistance / LTRG Planning Mtg
Region 3: Amber Durden	Taylor	External Stateholders Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	External Stateholders Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Broward	R10 Quarterly Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In State	Vehicle & Equipment Admin / Return Travel to Region
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	EPAC Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	St Lucie	SERT POD Training
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Lee	FROC Assistance
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

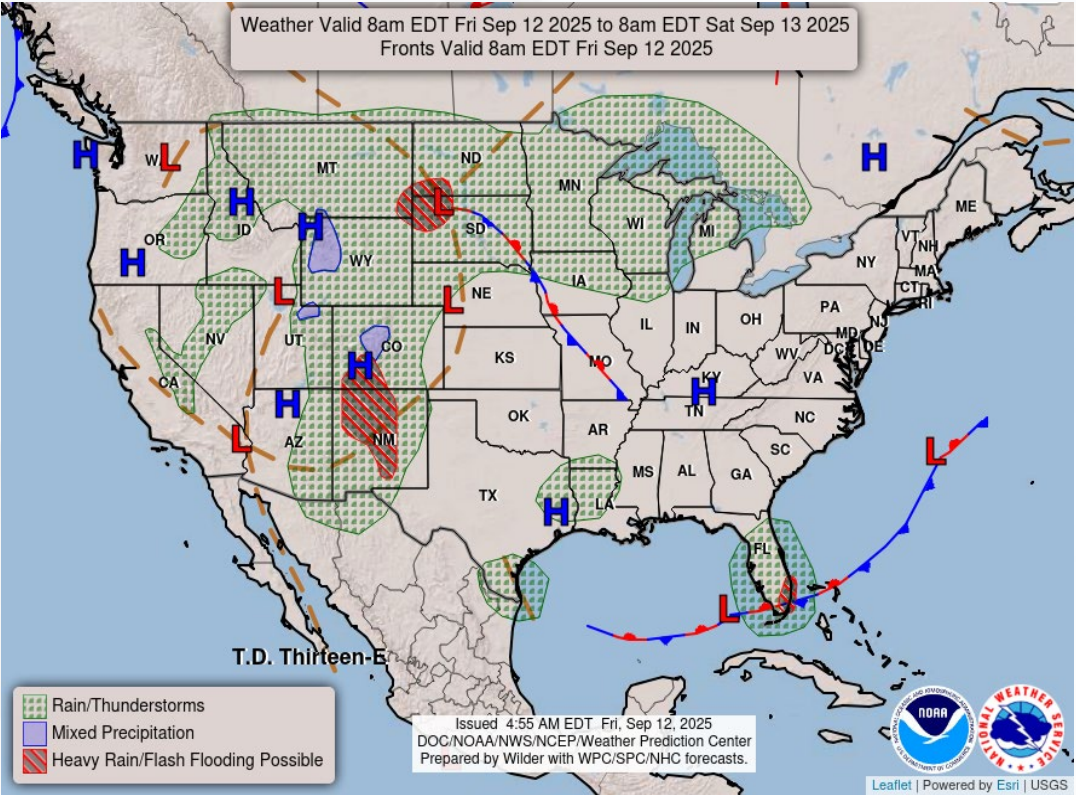
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



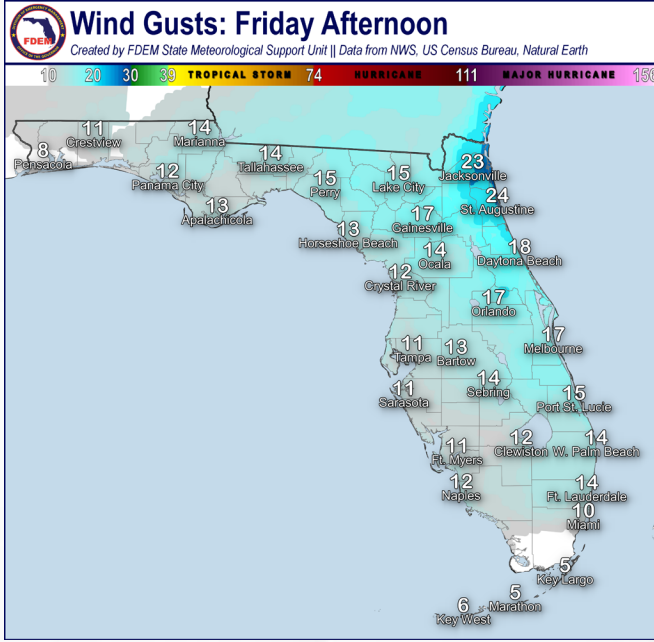
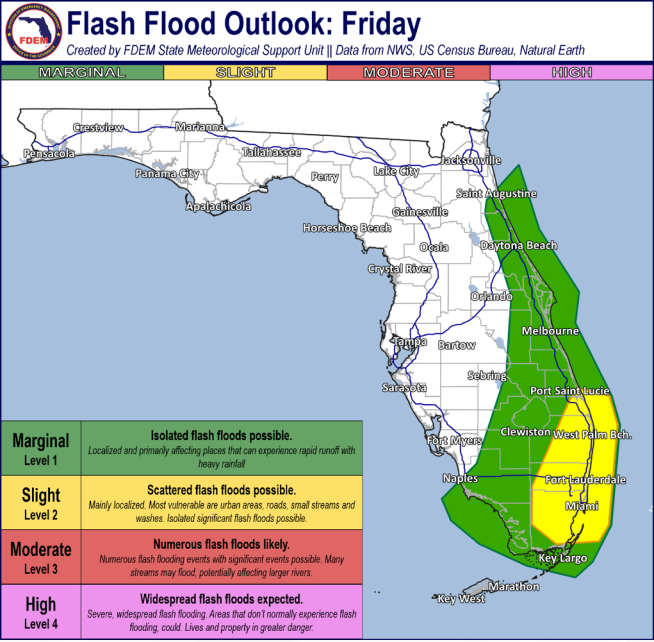


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Treat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning					M	L	M	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind					L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding					L		L	M	L	M
Excessive Heat									L	L
Wildfire	L	L								
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.85 ft. (1.63 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	254 (+7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A stalled frontal boundary will remain draped over the southern Peninsula today promoting another wet and active day across Southeast Florida. Showers and embedded thunderstorms are already moving onshore across Southwest Florida this morning and additional activity will develop along the sea breeze boundaries this afternoon (60-80% chance of rain). Across the I-4 corridor and Central Florida, isolated to scattered activity is expected this afternoon with a bit more drier air filtering into the region (30-50% chance of rain), with even drier conditions across the Panhandle and the Suwannee Valley (0-20% chance of rain). A slowly developing low-pressure system off the Northeast coast will enhance onshore winds along the First and Space Coasts, with **wind gusts of 15-25 mph** and some isolated gusts **upward of 35 mph**. A *wind advisory may be issued for coastal areas if conditions warrant later today*. With these onshore winds, a few showers and thunderstorms may develop along the coastlines and move inland across interior Northeast Florida (20-45% chance of rain). The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking another **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across much of South Florida and the East Coast today with a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** across Southeast Florida and the Miami metropolitan area. Repeated rounds of rainfall could lead to **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**, and saturated soils and grounds may lead to an **earlier onset to flooding** especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. Some **locally strong** thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and heavy downpours.

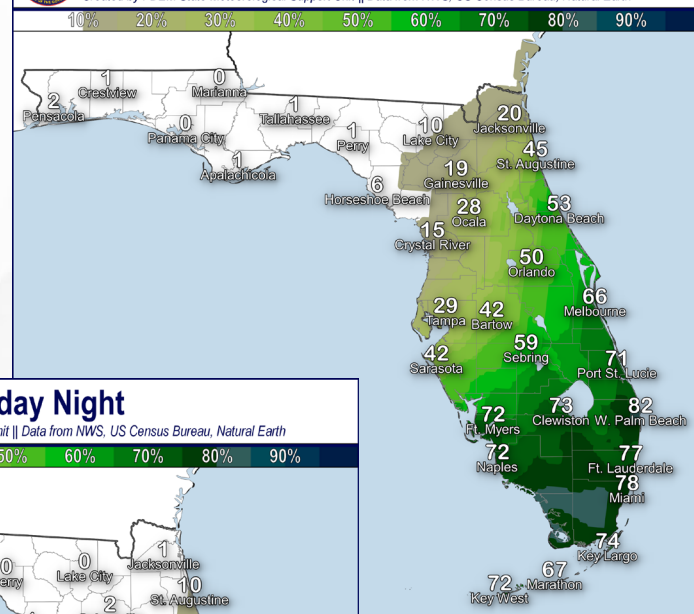
High temperatures will remain in the middle 80s to lower 90s statewide this afternoon. **Warm and muggy conditions** will persist across far South Florida and the Keys where heat index values will reach the **middle to upper 90s**, while drier air across North and Central Florida will keep heat index values in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

Showers and thunderstorms will linger throughout the evening and into the overnight hours along portions of the East Coast (50-60% chance of rain). Elsewhere across the state, mostly dry conditions can be expected. Low temperatures will fall into the middle to upper 60s across North Florida, middle 70s across Central Florida and upper 70s to lower 80s across South Florida and the Keys.



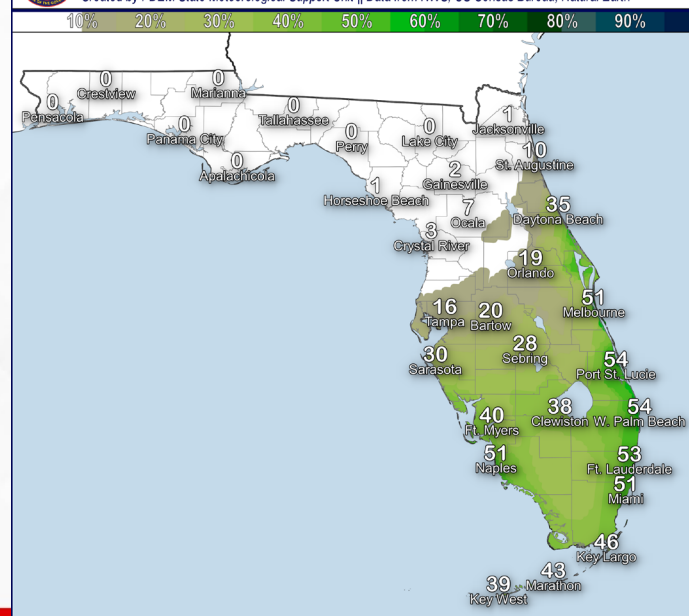
### Chance of Rain: Friday

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### Chance of Rain: Friday Night

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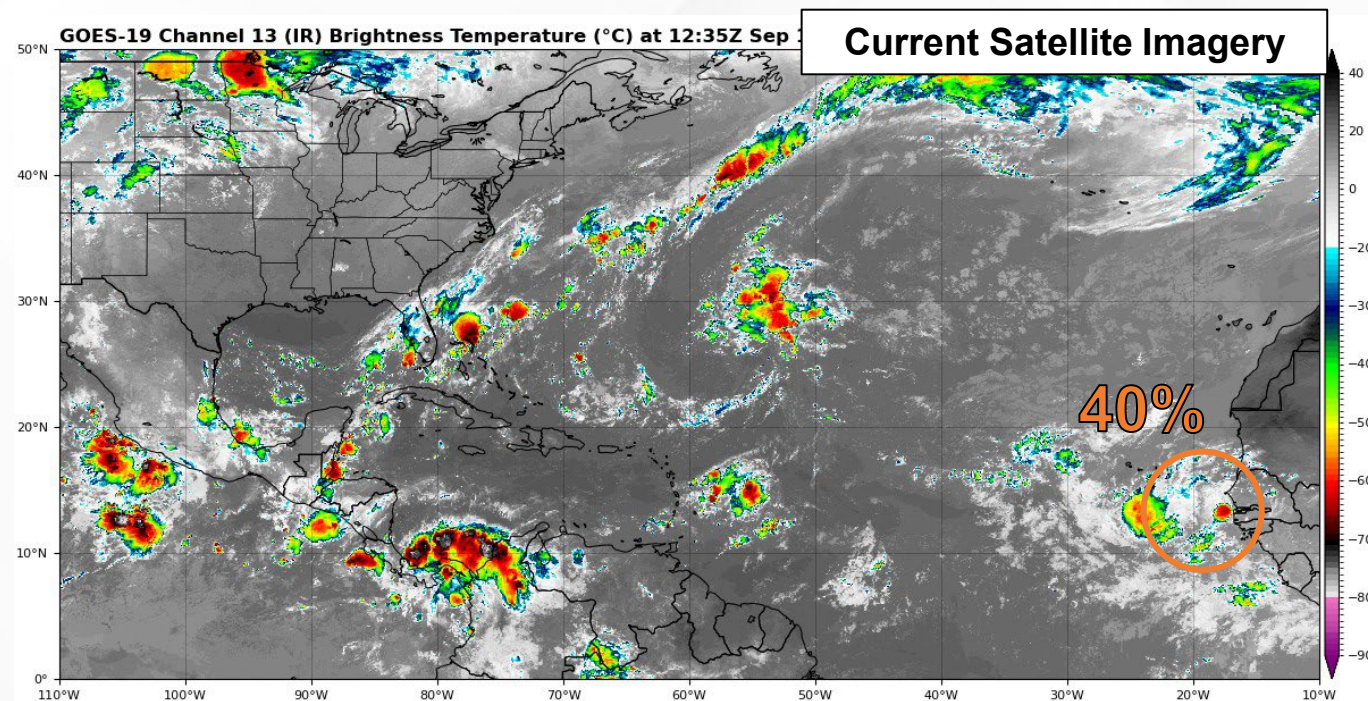
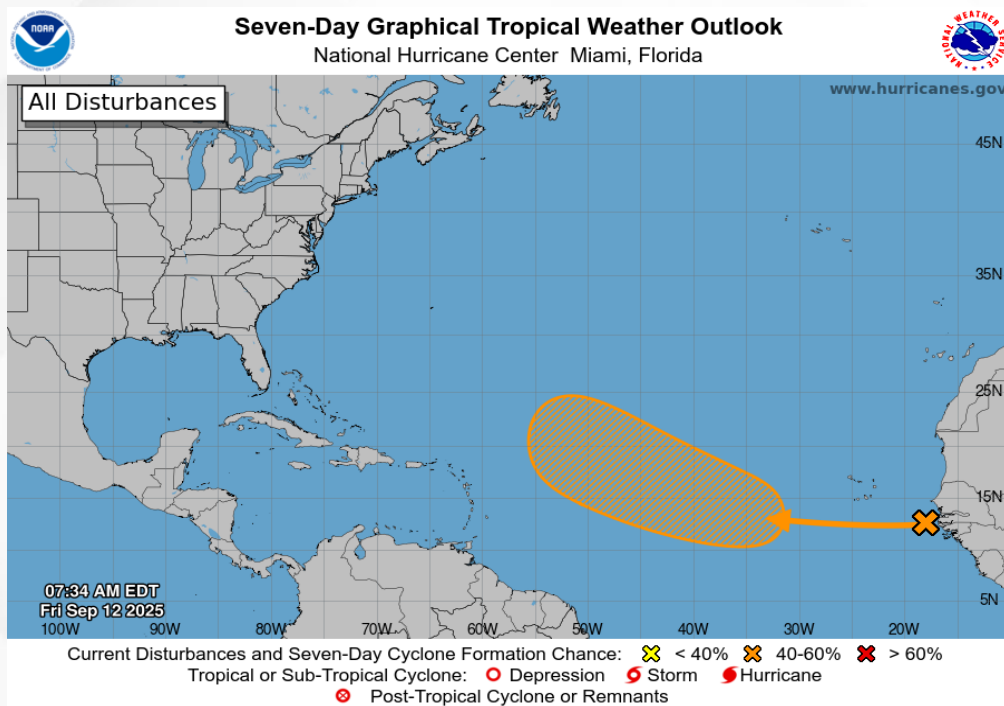
# Tropical Weather

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

**Eastern and Central Tropical Atlantic:** A tropical wave located near the west coast of Africa is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms over the far eastern Atlantic. Environmental conditions appear favorable for some gradual development of this system as it moves westward over the eastern and central tropical Atlantic, and a tropical depression could form by the middle part of next week.

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

\*Formation chance through 7 days...**medium...40%.**

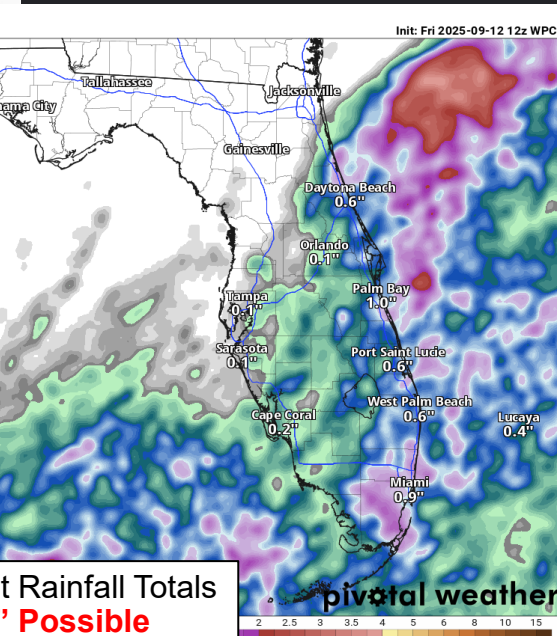
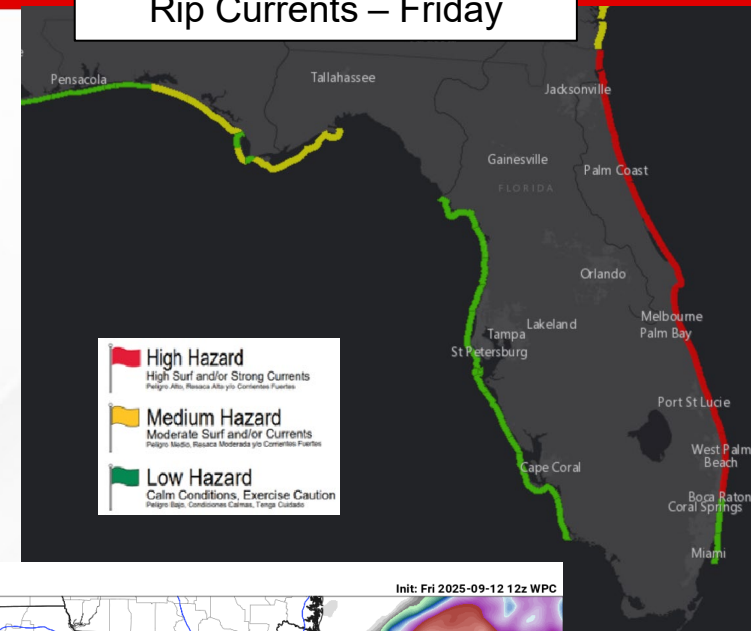






# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

## Rip Currents – Friday



**Rip Currents:** A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected nearly statewide today. A low risk for rip currents can be expected for West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Large ocean swells will continue to grow across most East Coast beaches today with persistent breezy onshore winds. East Coast beaches can expect **wave heights of 3-5'**, with some **wave heights upwards of 6'** in the surf zone across the First Coast. Southeast Florida beaches will see **wave heights of 2-3'**. Swells will relax across Panhandle beaches today, bringing wave heights back down to **1-2'**, similar to West Coast beaches.

**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations offshore Escambia County in Northwest Florida and offshore Brevard County along the East Coast. It was not observed in any samples collected across Southwest Florida or the East Coast (9/5).

**Coastal Flooding:** Elevated high tides will continue to produce **minor coastal and tidal flooding** for portions of the Upper Florida Keys and coastal Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties near and during times of high tide. **Coastal Flood Statements** remain in effect through the afternoon for mainland areas and through the evening for the Florida Keys. Growing ocean swells and onshore winds will trap elevated tides within tidal portions of the St. Johns River, leading to instances of **minor coastal and tidal flooding** near and during times of high tide, with a few isolated instances of **moderate coastal flooding** possible. **Coastal Flood Advisories** remain in effect along the upper St. Johns River as well as along the Northeast Florida coast.

**Flash Flooding:** The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across South Florida and the East Coast today as a stationary front remains draped across the Peninsula from the northeast to the southwest. Showers and thunderstorms will develop this afternoon and evening ahead of the front bringing locally heavy rainfall and intense downpours, leading to instances of **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**. There is another **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along the Southeast Florida coast and Miami metro where recent heavy rainfall over the last couple days, and additional rainfall expected, could lead to localized flash flooding and ponding of water. Rainfall totals of 1-3" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-4" possible with any repeating downpours across South Florida.

**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**. Conditions will remain in **minor flood stage** through the weekend, with a chance for short-term rises into **moderate flood stage**. The **Fisheating Creek at Palmdale** is at Action Stage (bank-full) this morning and is expected to remain so through the end of the week with additional heavy rainfall. There are no other riverine concerns, though localized heavy rainfall across basins may lead to some quick-response rivers seeing water levels rise, especially across South Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://River Forecast Center).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.85 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.63 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

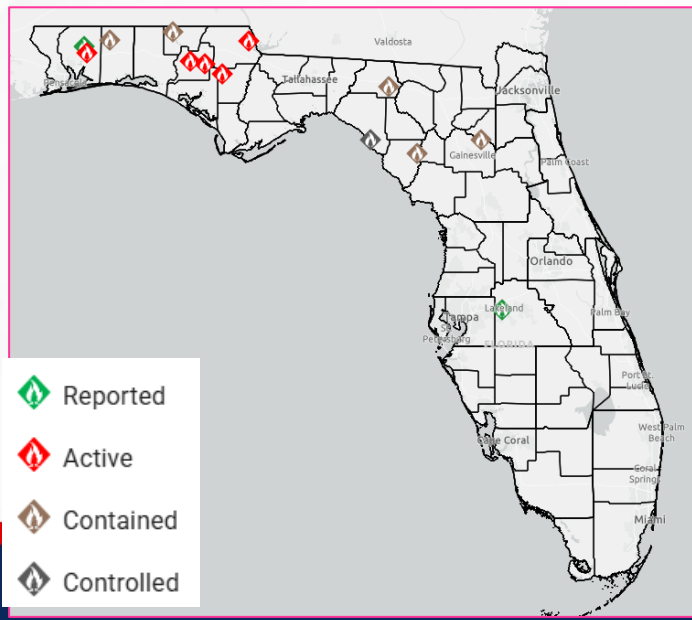
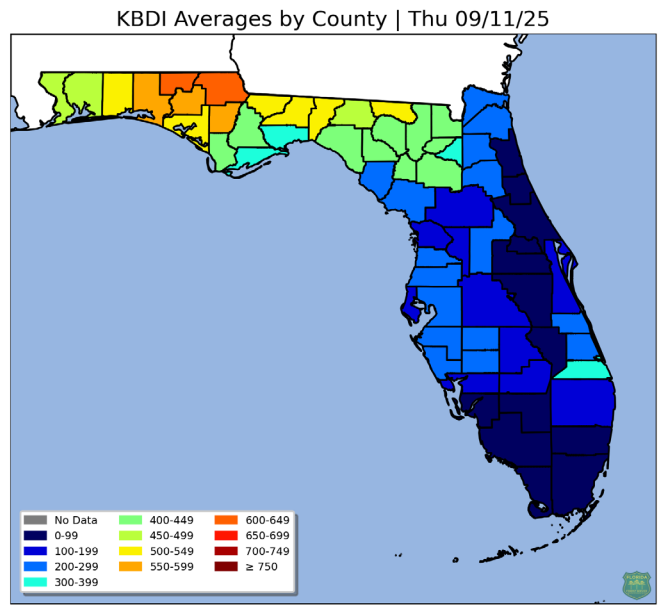
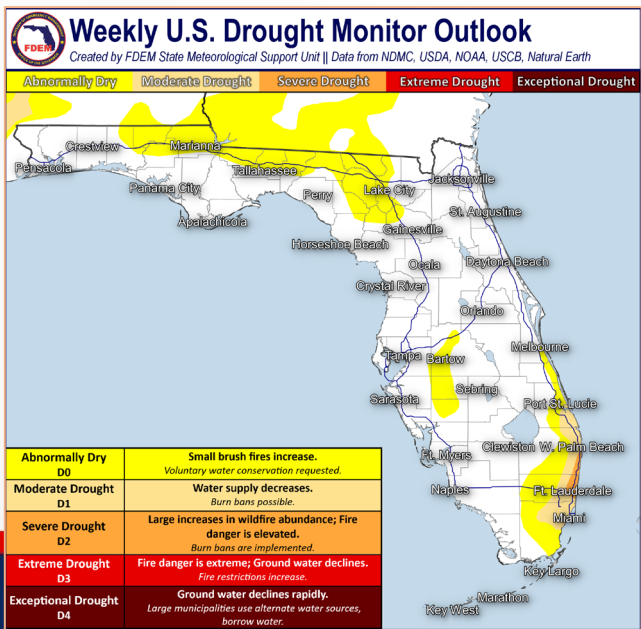


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Relative humidity values will continue to remain well above critical thresholds throughout much of the state courtesy of tropical moisture and a stalled frontal boundary in South Florida. However, dry air will remain across the Panhandle and much of North Florida where we've seen a few small spot fires develop across the Northwest Panhandle. Relative humidity values will dip near critical thresholds this afternoon (34-45%), leading to some increase in fire risk. Numerous to widespread showers and thunderstorms will develop later today throughout Central and South Florida, keeping the wildfire threat very low. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 13 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 43 acres.

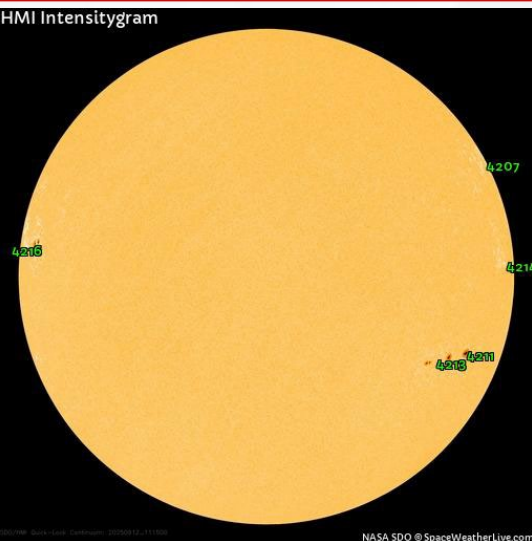
**Drought:** Much of the drought across Southeast Florida continues to diminish with recent heavy rainfall and as reflected in the most recent drought outlook. The extreme drought across coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties has been reduced to a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)**, while much of the previous severe drought area was reduced to **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)**. In general, a one category reduction was made in all locations in Southeast Florida where most locations have seen rainfall departures 2" to upwards of 8" above normal in the past two weeks. Portions of coastal Martin County remain in a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where most heavy rainfall has missed. While wet conditions persisted across South Florida, very dry conditions were found across the Panhandle. Much of the northern Panhandle saw additional introduction to the abnormally dry (emerging drought) category where rainfall deficits have neared 2-3" over the last two weeks. These dry conditions will likely persist through the next week, leading to a possible categorical increase in the drought outlook next week. Elsewhere across the state, no additional changes were made. Abnormally dry (emerging drought) remains across inland Polk, Hardee, and DeSoto counties.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **254 (+7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **11** Florida counties (Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington County) in the Panhandle that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

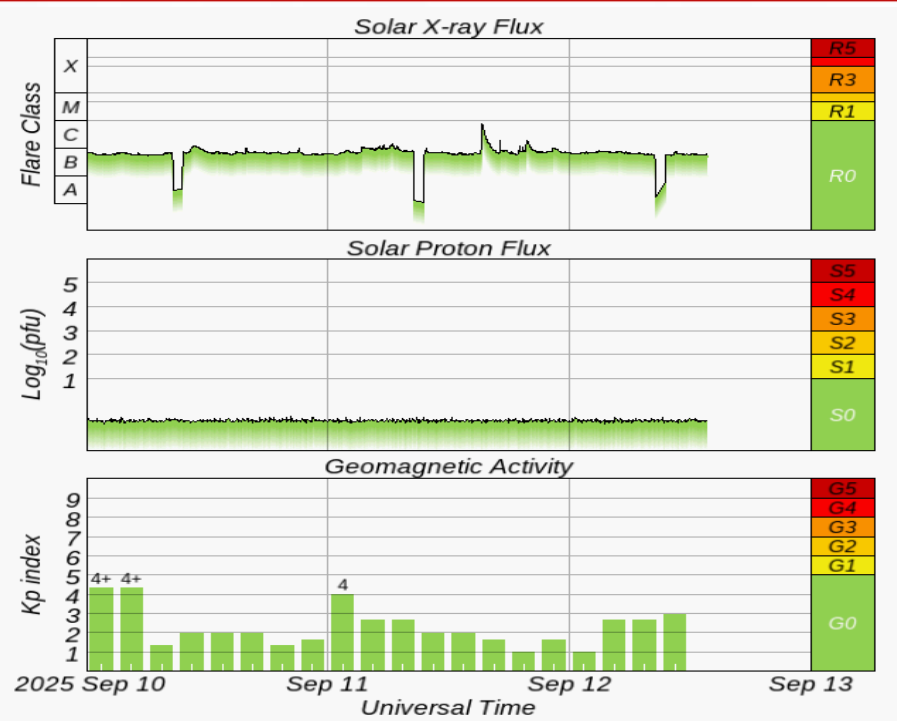
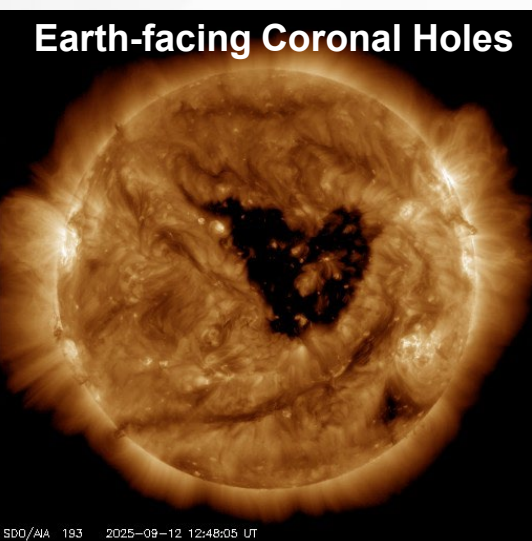




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C7 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
9/12	9/13
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for isolated strong (M-class) solar flares through the end of the weekend as a few active sunspots remain Earth-facing. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class solar flares that develop. Mildly enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to continue through today due to ongoing coronal hole winds. Influences will wane on Saturday (9/13) leading to decreasing solar wind conditions this weekend. The Earth's geomagnetic field will remain at quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active periods possible, with a return of G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storming on Sunday due to a return of fast coronal hole winds. The overall space threat to Florida remains 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	
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