



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Sunday, September 14, 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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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

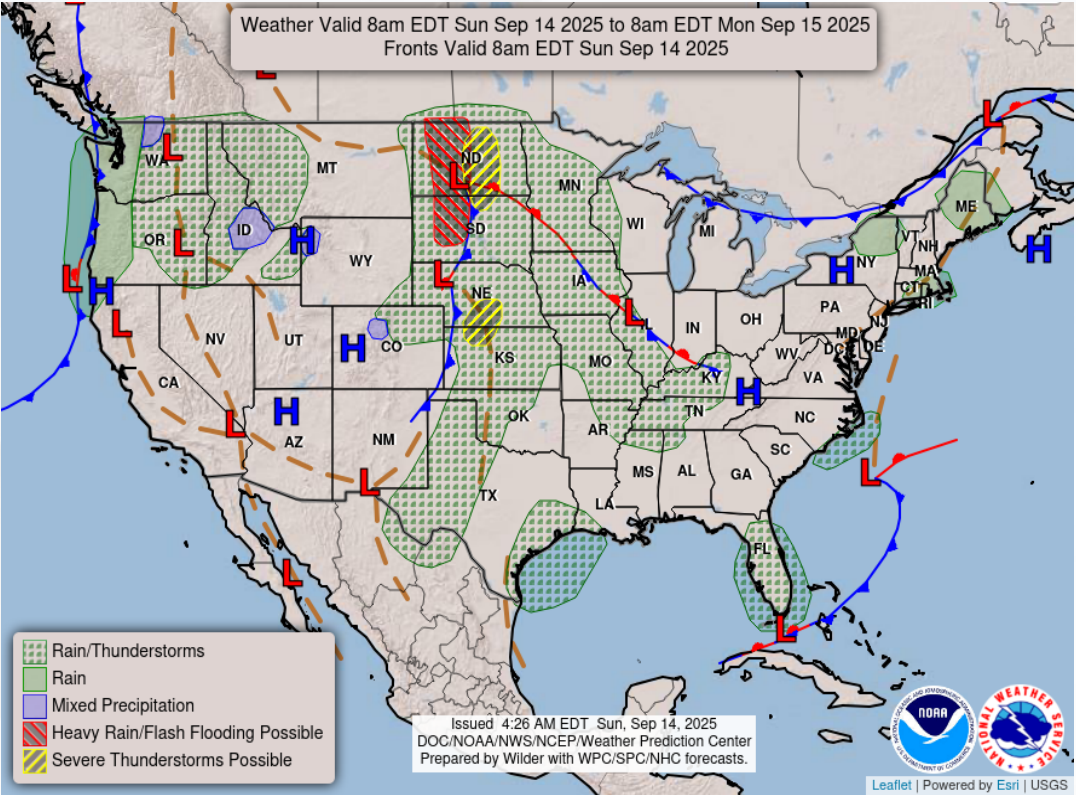
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



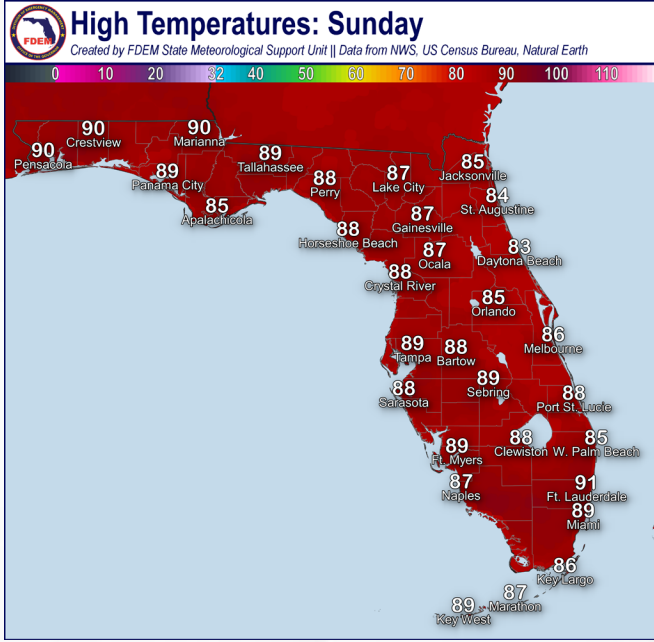
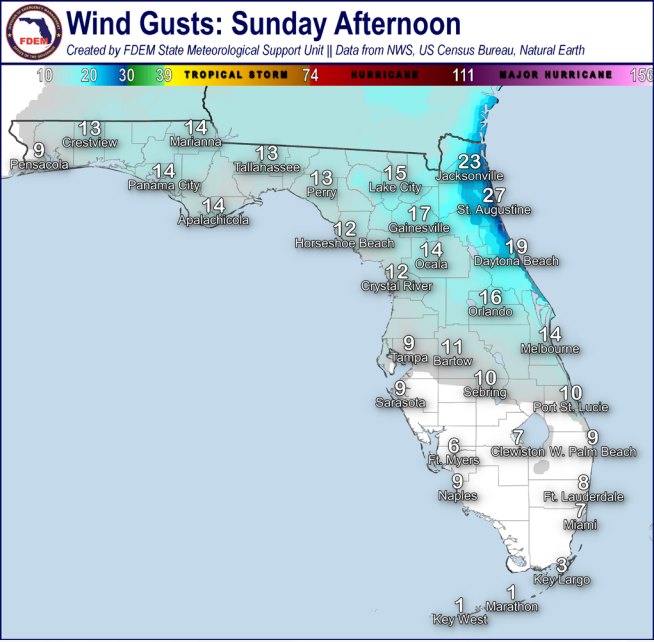


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	M	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind					L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding					L			L	L	L
Excessive Heat								L	L	L
Wildfire	L	L								
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.94 ft. (1.58 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	266 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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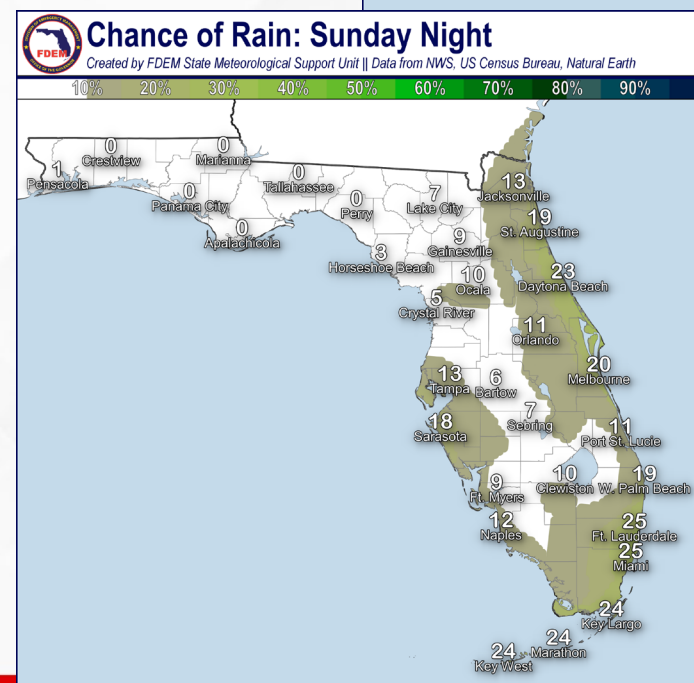
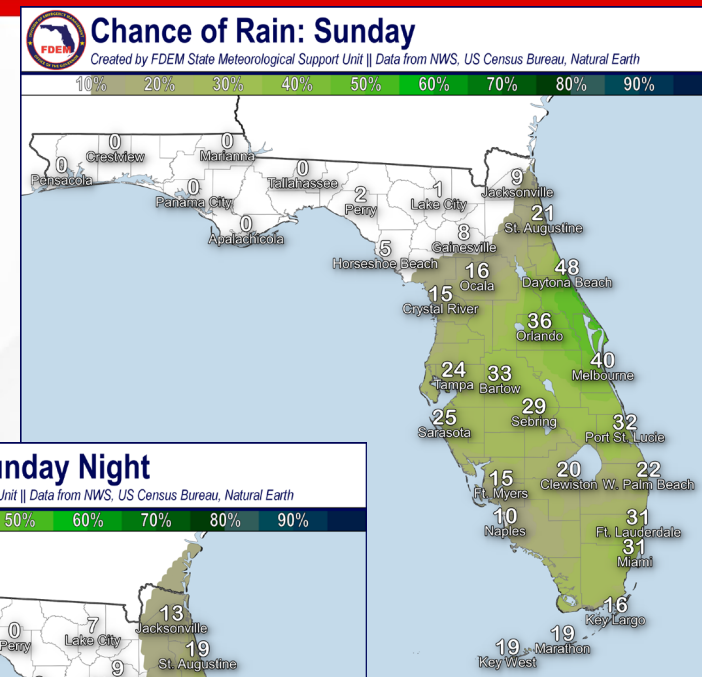
## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Drier conditions will infiltrate the Peninsula today as the recent frontal boundary has finally pushed offshore from South Florida. While the frontal boundary remains nearby, and moisture associated with the front lingering, additional rounds of isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue along portions of Central and South Florida, mostly along the East-Central coast, this afternoon and evening (25-45% chance of rain). There is no organized risk for flash flooding today; however, areas might be sensitive to additional rainfall today and could lead to **localized ponding of water** in urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas. Throughout the rest of the state, pleasant and mostly sunny conditions can be expected as northeasterly winds continue to usher drier air southward. Breezy northeasterly winds along the Northeast and East-Central Florida coasts will reach **upwards of 15-25 mph** this afternoon, with **stronger gusts upwards of 30-35 mph** just offshore or along the immediate coastline.

High temperatures will remain in the middle 80s to lower 90s statewide this afternoon. Dry air mixing into the state will keep heat index values below critical thresholds this afternoon. Portions of South Florida will see **heat index values** reach the **middle 90s** this afternoon before any shower or thunderstorm activity develops.

Showers and thunderstorms will gradually dissipate throughout the evening and overnight hours, with a chance for a lingering shower or two overnight along the I-95 corridor (15-25% chance of rain). Otherwise, mostly dry and pleasant conditions can be expected overnight courtesy of drier conditions. Breezy winds look to calm down mostly overnight but northern portions of the First Coast could see still **wind gusts upwards of 15-20 mph** overnight.

Low temperatures will fall into the upper 50s to upper 60s across North Florida, upper 60s to lower 70s across Central Florida and middle to upper 70s across South Florida.







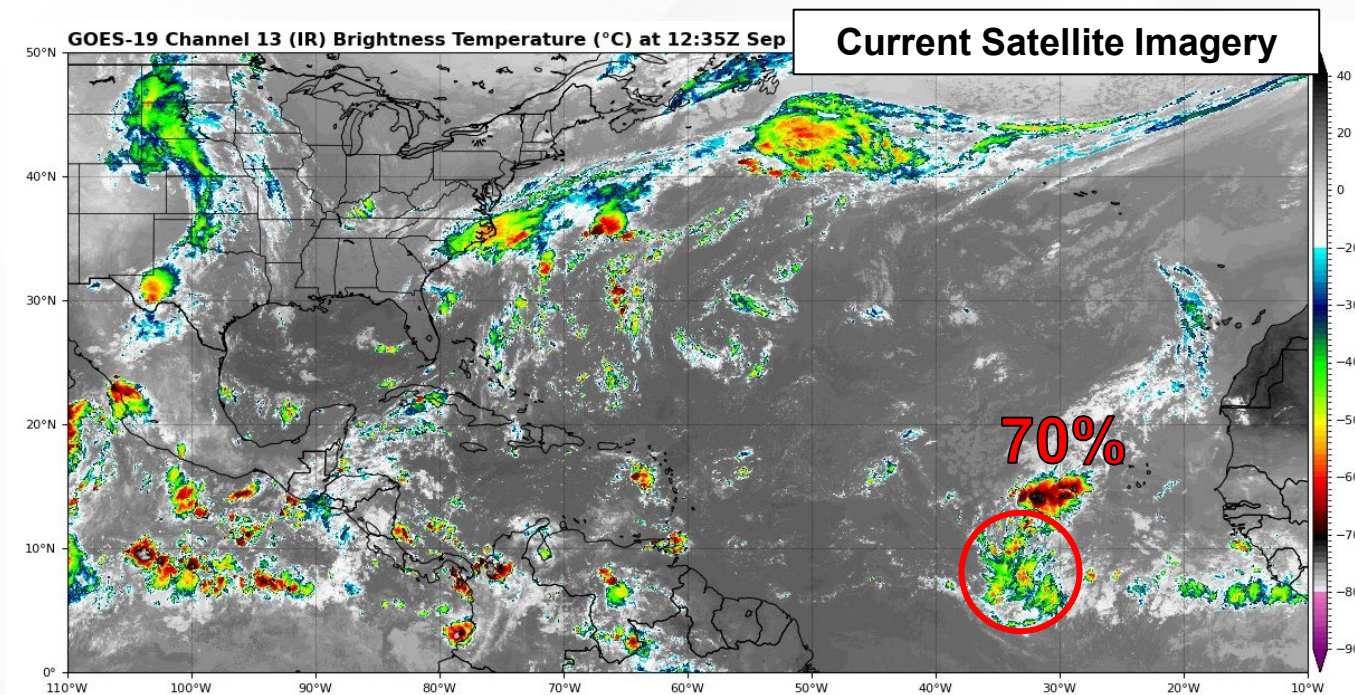
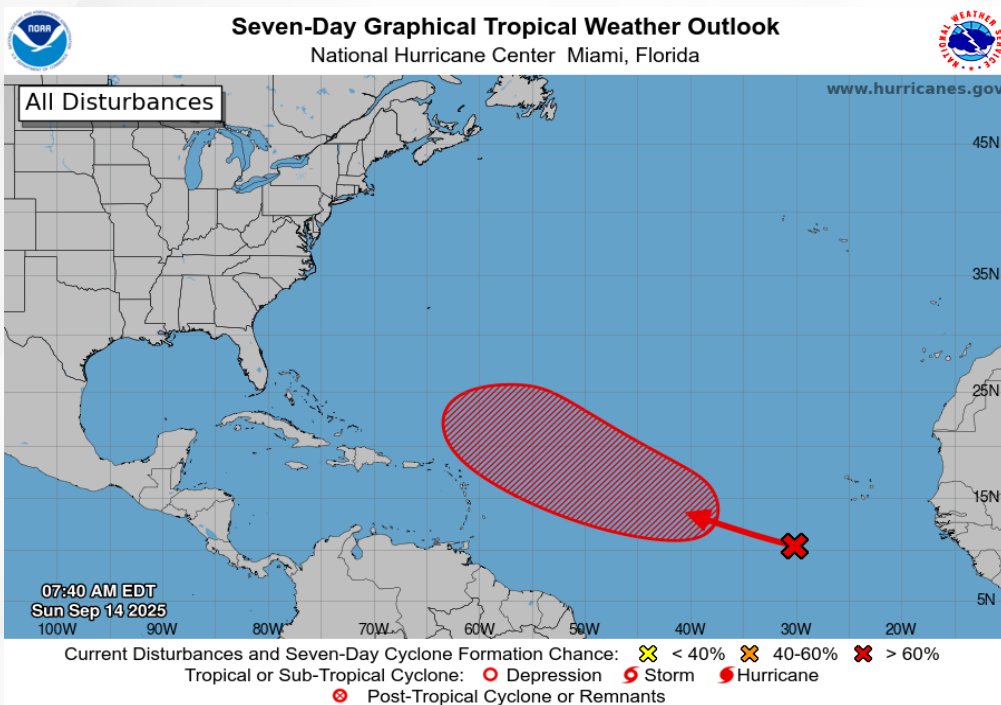
# Tropical Weather

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

**Eastern and Central Tropical Atlantic:** A tropical wave over the eastern tropical Atlantic is producing a large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Although dry and stable air is expected to limit development during the next couple of days, gradual development is anticipated thereafter. A tropical depression is likely to form during the middle to latter part of this week as the system moves west-northwestward at 10-15 mph over the central tropical Atlantic. *This system poses no threat to Florida at this time.*

\*Formation chance through 48 hours...**low...10%**.

\*Formation chance through 7 days...**high...70%**.







# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected for nearly all East Coast beaches today, with several Panhandle beaches seeing a **moderate risk**. 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 persist across most East Coast beaches today with persistent breezy onshore winds creating **wave heights of 4-7'**. Southeast Florida beaches will see **wave heights of 2-4'**. Swells will slowly build again across Panhandle beaches today, with wave heights returning to 1-2'. West Coast beaches will see surf of around 1'.

**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations offshore Bay County in Northwest Florida and offshore Flagler County along the East Coast. It was not observed in any samples collected across Southwest Florida or the East Coast (9/12).

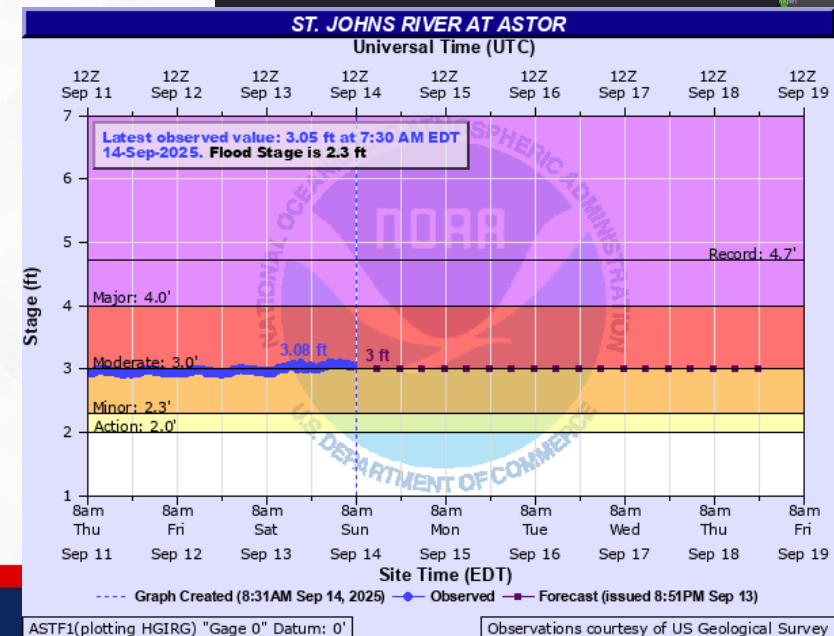
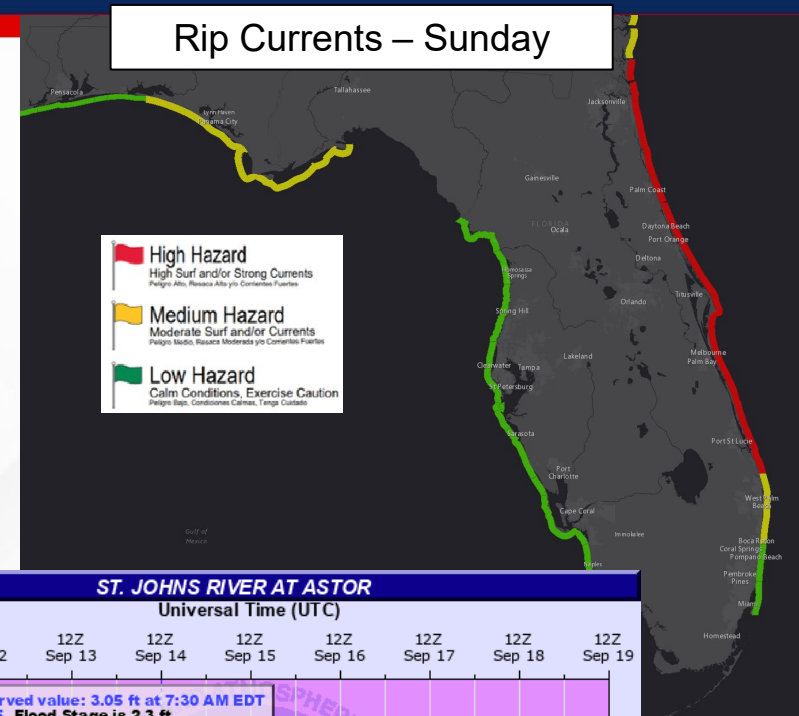
**Coastal Flooding:** Elevated high tides and elevated surf will continue to produce **minor coastal and tidal flooding** for portions of the Upper Florida Keys and coastal Southeast Florida near and during times of high tide, and **Coastal Flood Statements** remain in effect. Growing ocean swells and 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 localized instances of **moderate coastal flooding** possible. **Coastal Flood Advisories** remain in effect along the upper St. Johns River and along the Northeast and Space Coasts for water levels reaching **1.5-2' above normally dry ground** during high tide.

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Instances of **localized flash flooding and ponding of water** cannot be ruled out within shower and thunderstorm activity today, especially along portions of the East Coast and South Florida. Repeated rounds of heavy rainfall over the last week have left grounds saturated in areas, which could lead to an earlier onset of possible flash flooding within additional rainfall today. Rainfall totals of 1-2" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 2-4" possible in heavy downpours from thunderstorm activity.

**Riverine Flooding:** A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the [St. Johns River at Astor](#) as water levels have risen into **moderate flood stage**. The upstream gauge at the [St. Johns River near Deland](#) is currently below flood stage but is forecast to rise into Action Stage (bank-full) later this weekend as tides continue to backfill the St. Johns River. The [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) is also at Action Stage (bank-full) and is expected to remain so through the end of the week with some 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](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.94 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.58 feet below normal for this time of year.

## Rip Currents – Sunday



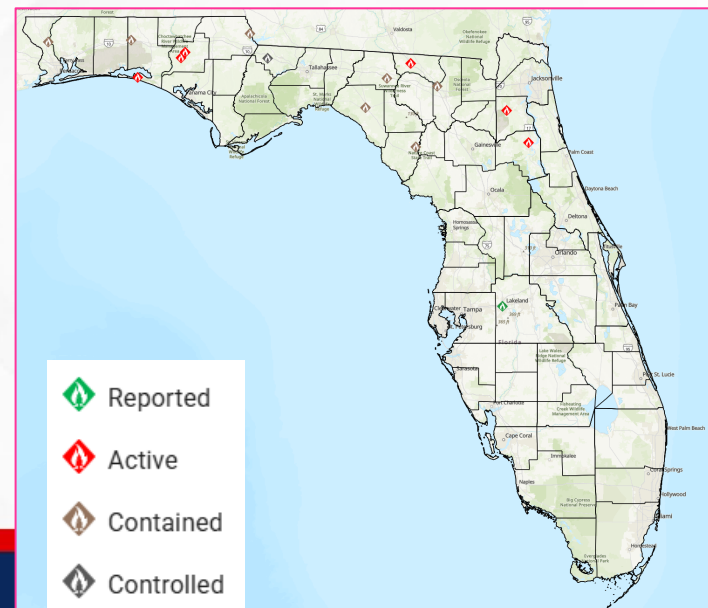
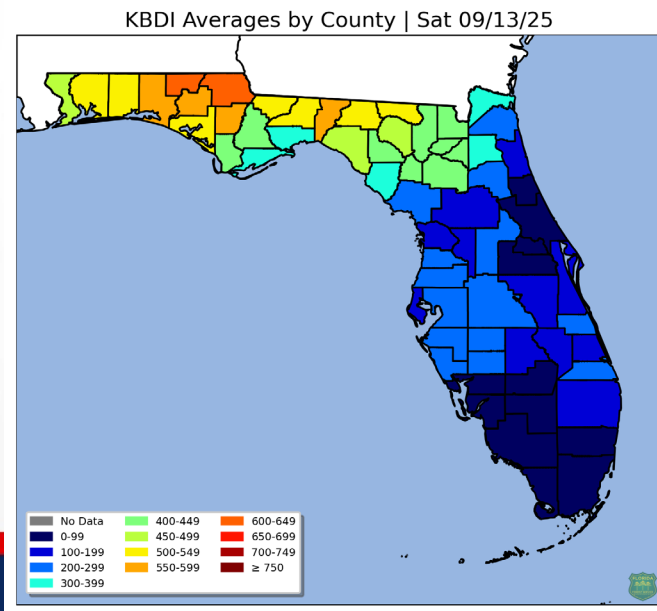
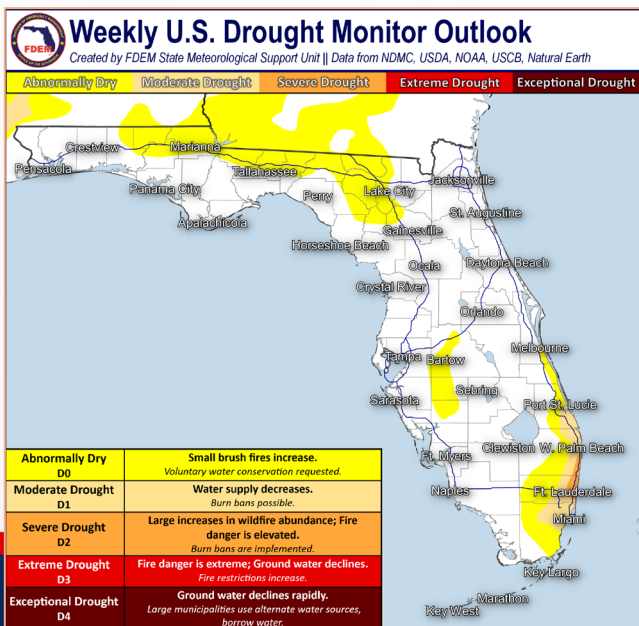


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Relative humidity values will continue to remain well above critical thresholds throughout much of the state courtesy of tropical moisture across Central and South Florida. However, ample dry air will remain in place across the Panhandle and much of North Florida and relative humidity values will dip near critical thresholds this afternoon (30-45%), leading to a localized wildfire risk, especially given the lack of rainfall over the last week or two. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop later today throughout Central and South Florida, keeping the wildfire threat low. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 15 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 93 acres.

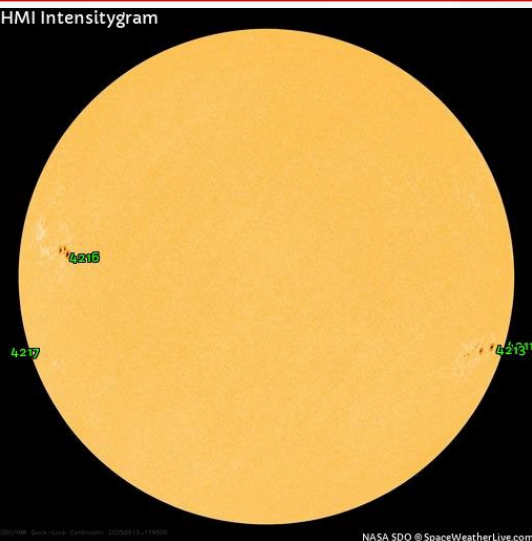
**Drought:** Much of the drought across Southeast Florida continues to diminish with recent heavy rainfall and as reflected in the most recent drought outlook. The extreme drought across coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties has been reduced to a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)**, while much of the 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 **266 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **13** Florida counties in the Florida Panhandle (Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington County) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

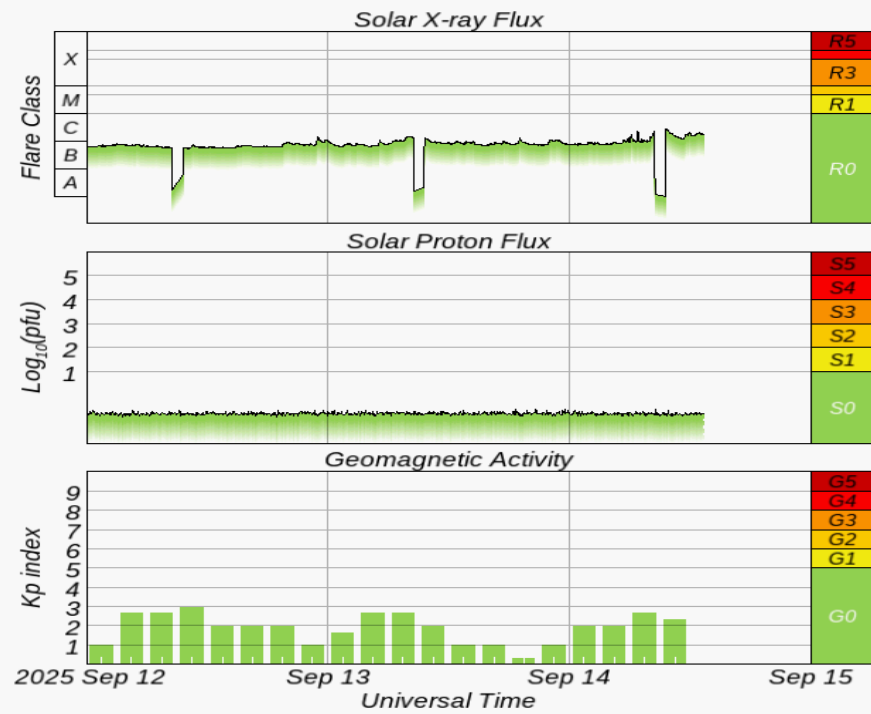
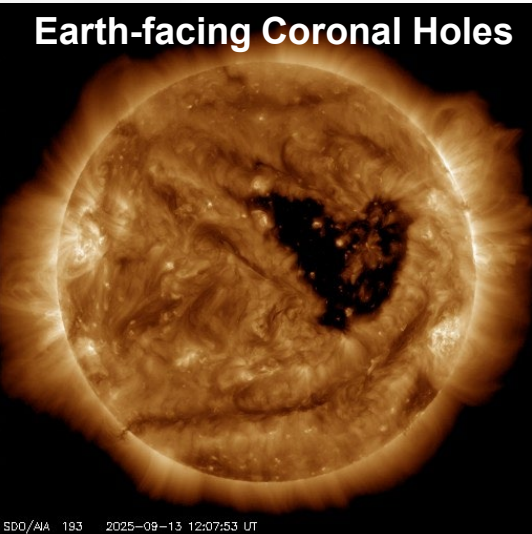




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
9/14	9/15
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to be low through the rest of the weekend and into early next week as all current sunspots remain stable. An isolated strong (M-class) solar flare or two cannot be ruled. Any M-class solar flares that develops will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Enhanced solar wind conditions will continue through today following coronal hole wind influences persist. These conditions will also keep the Earth's magnetic field within active levels, likely reaching minor (G1) geomagnetic storm conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is low.





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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	
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