



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Saturday, November 29, 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2  
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6  
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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	On-Call Coverage for R2
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R5
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 R10
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

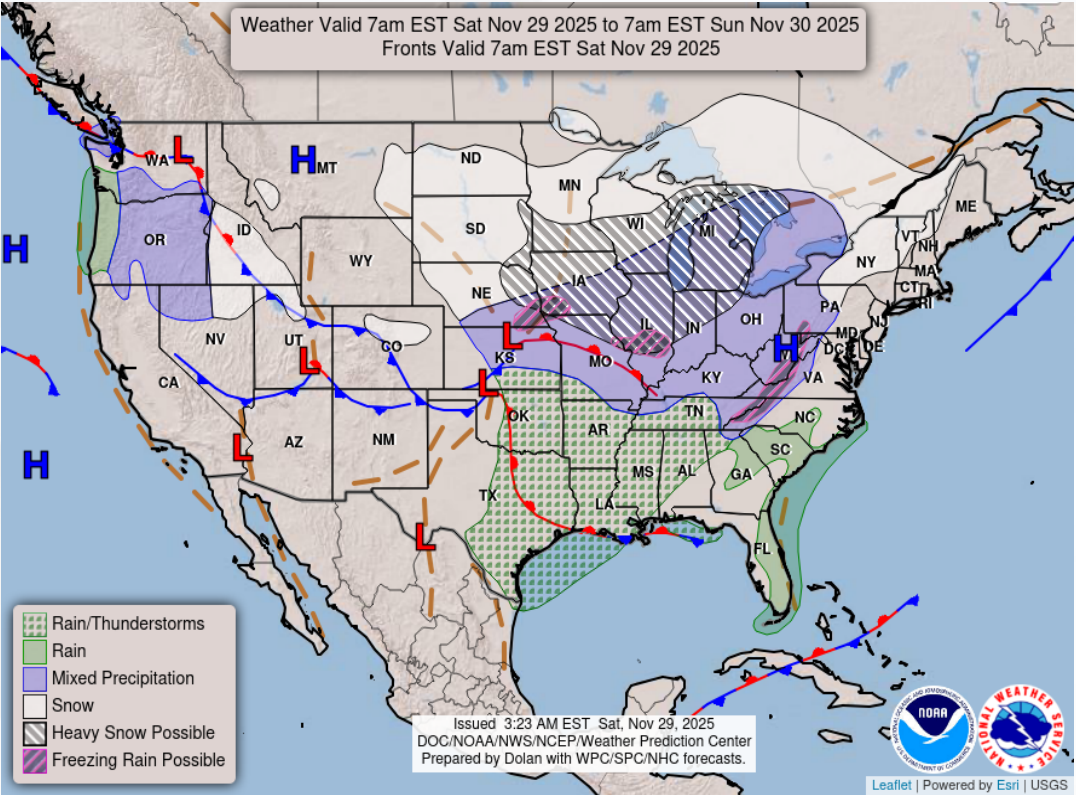
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

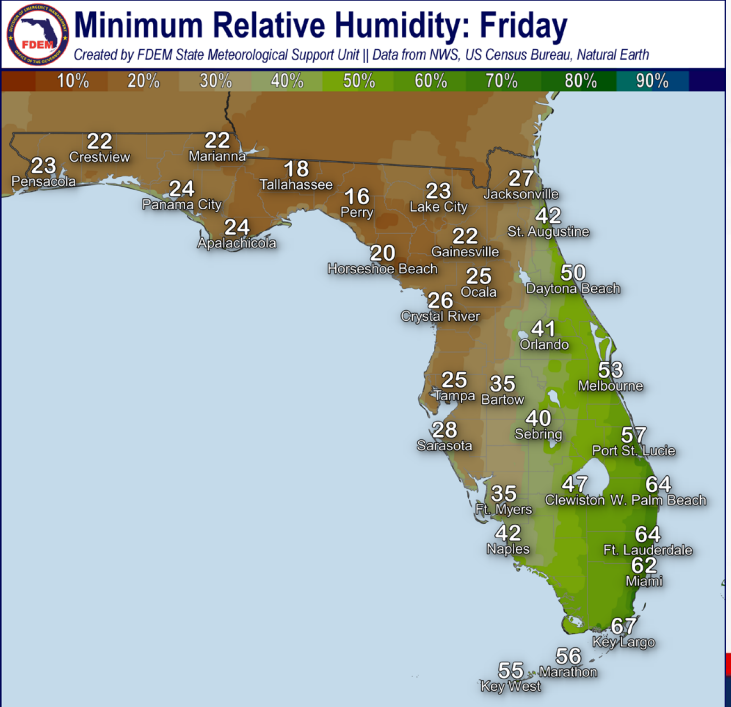
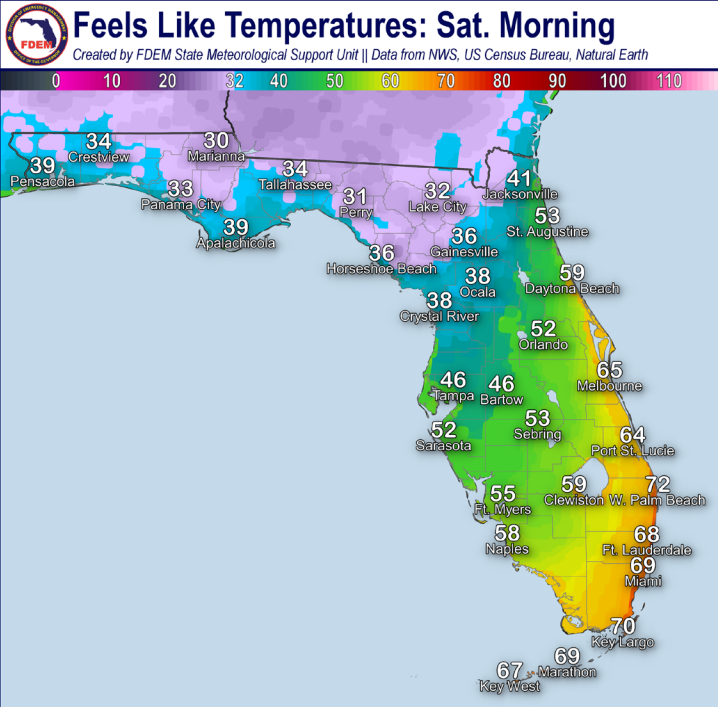


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	M	M						
Wildfire	M	M	M	M						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.65 ft. (1.21 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	523 (+/-0) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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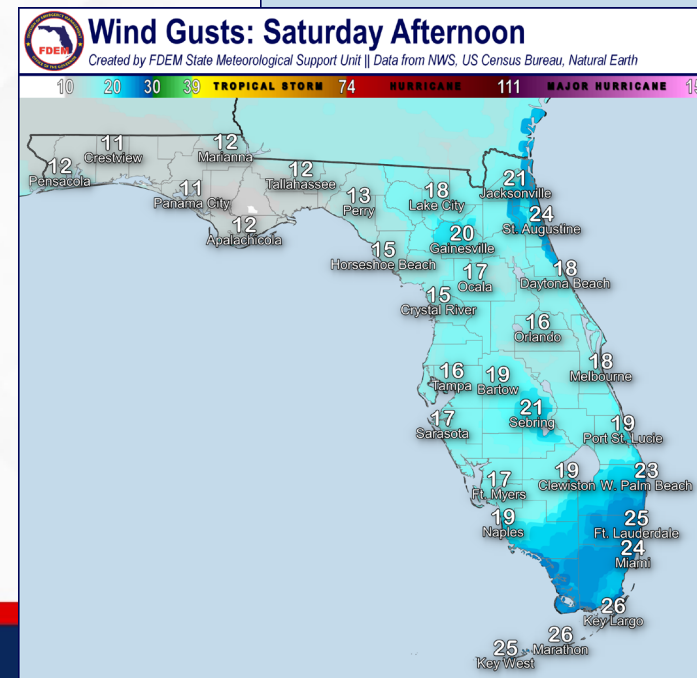
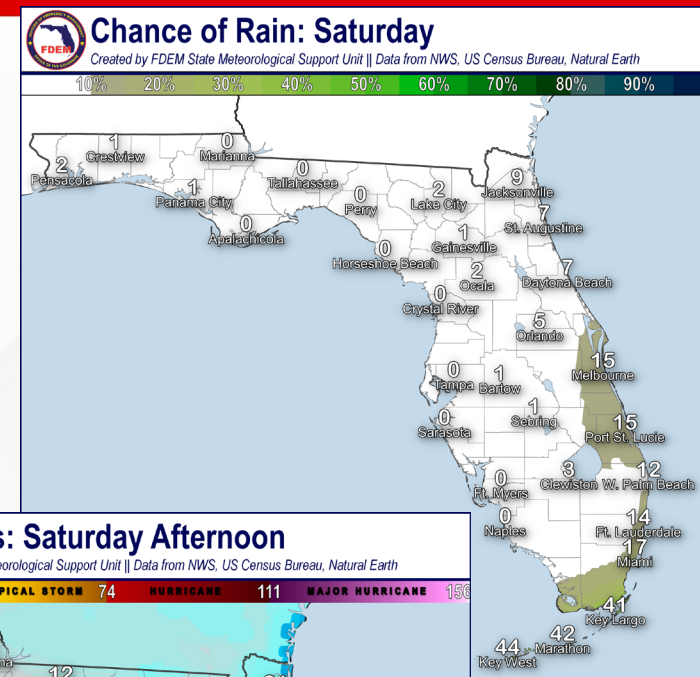
## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A pleasant day can be expected for the Sunshine State as conditions begin to warm up from the last couple of days. Plenty of sunshine can be expected with dry conditions statewide, with a chance for isolated showers returning to the southernmost Peninsula and Keys later this afternoon (15-30% chance of rain). Winds will be shifting out of the east to southeast today helping to bring moisture back northward and allow for relative humidity values to recover, especially for northern Florida. The northwestern Panhandle may still see relative humidity values dip **near critical thresholds** this afternoon (**25-35%**). Regardless, **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** will persist across North Florida given the worsening drought conditions. Breezy wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will develop throughout the day extending from the Suwannee Valley and Northeast Florida and southward through the Keys. **Stronger wind gusts of 25-30 mph** will develop across South Florida and the Keys this afternoon.

High temperatures will return to the 60s across North Florida, lower to middle 70s across Central Florida and upper 70s to lower 80s across South Florida and the Keys this afternoon.

As moisture continues to recover and flow northward, a chance for isolated showers will be possible overnight and into early Sunday morning along the coastlines as the next frontal system approaches, but the greatest chances will remain along South Florida and the Keys (15-35% chance of rain). Calmer winds and enough moisture will give way to **patchy fog** developing early Sunday morning throughout the Suwannee River Valley.

Low temperatures will fall into the upper 40s to middle 50s across North Florida, middle 50s to lower 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to lower 70s across South Florida.

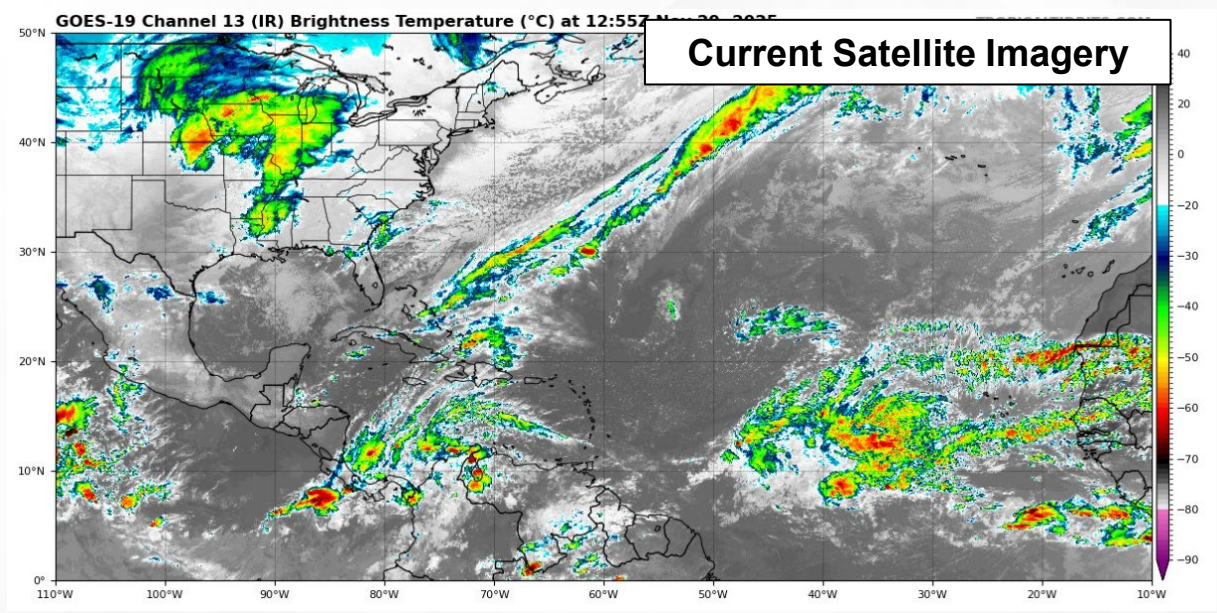
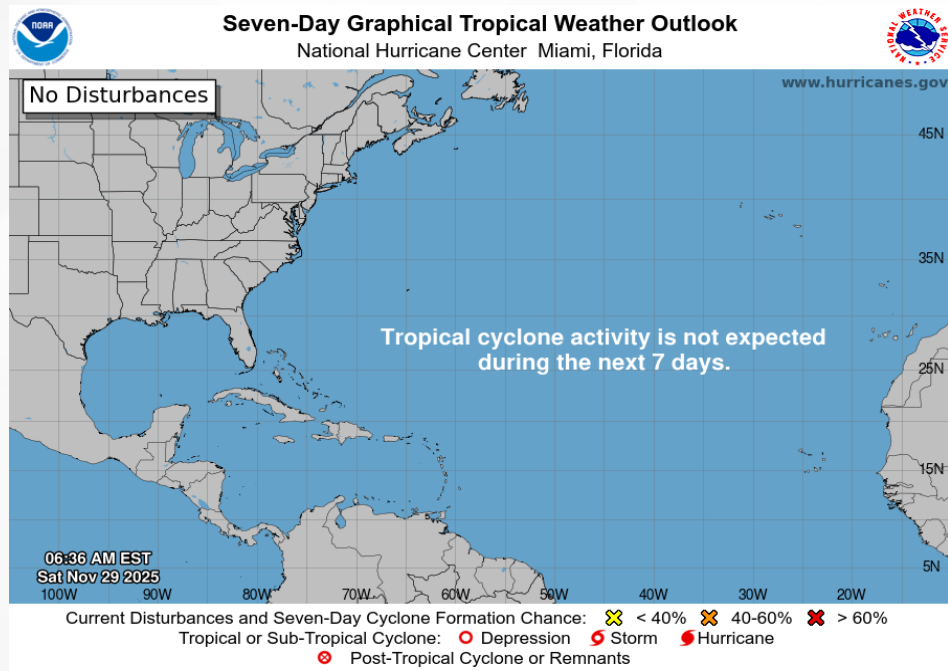




# Tropical Weather

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

Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic basin.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **high risk for rip currents** will extend along the entire Florida East Coast today. A **moderate risk** returns to the Panhandle and Southwest Florida. All other beaches will see a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Atlantic Coast beaches, including Atlantic-facing Key beaches, will see **wave heights of 4-7'** this afternoon. Larger **waves of 8-9'** will develop along Southeast Florida beaches and the Atlantic-Key beaches, and a **High Surf Advisory** is in effect for through Sunday evening. Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see wave heights increase to **2-4'** by the later afternoon for all beaches today.

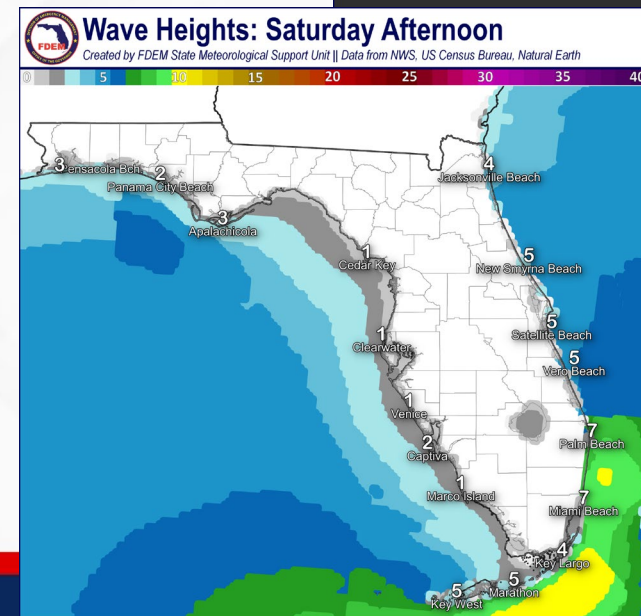
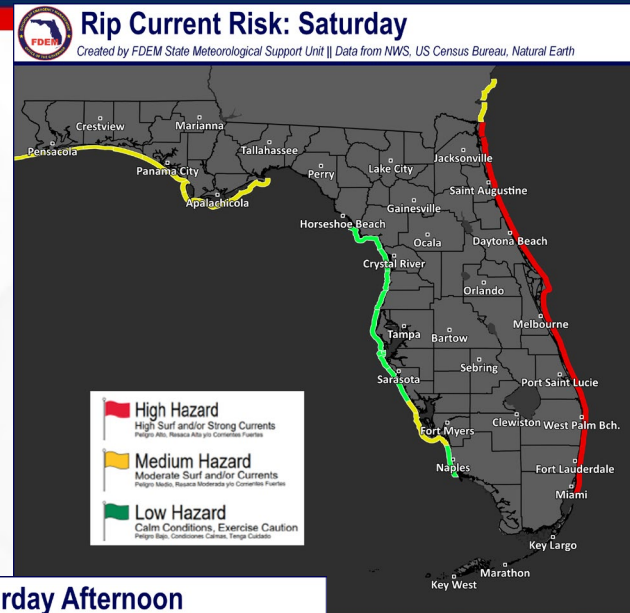
**Red Tide** was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along Bay and Gulf counties along the coastlines. **Low concentrations** were observed offshore from Franklin county. Background conditions will were observed along coastal Pinellas and Lee County.

**Coastal Flooding:** There is no risk for coastal flooding across Florida.

**Flash Flooding:** Flash flooding is not expected across Florida.

**Riverine Flooding:** Water levels at the headwaters of the St. Johns above [Lake Harney](#) remain at Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning, though continue to slowly discharge. Water levels are forecast to fall below Action Stage near midweek next week. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 13.65 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.21 feet below normal for this time of year.



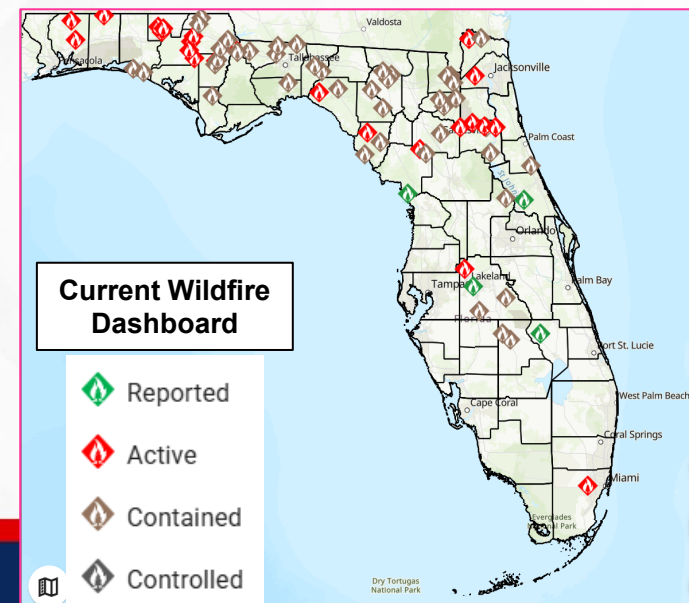
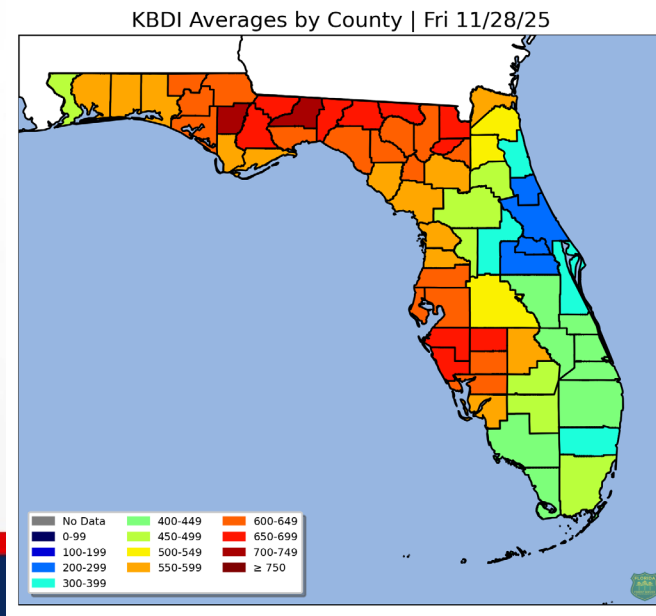
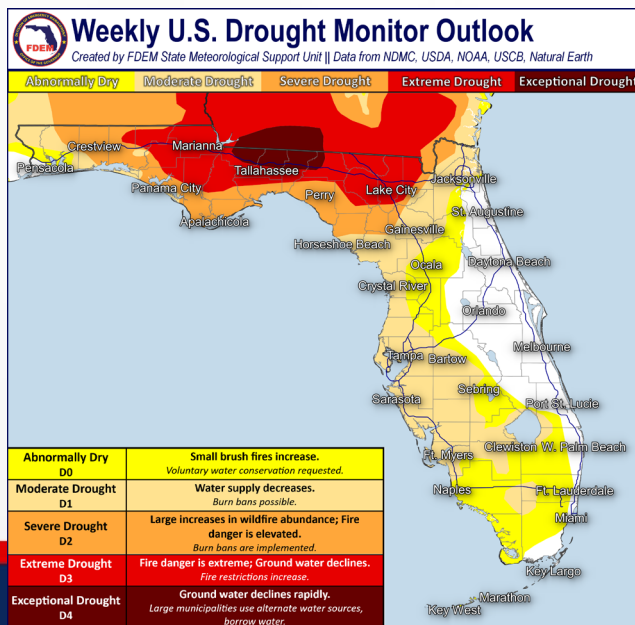


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Relative humidity values across the state will recover from the dry spell the last day or so, especially for over northern Florida. Isolated portions of the northwestern Panhandle could see relative humidity values dip **near critical thresholds (%) with lingering dry air**. Regardless, **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** will continue across North Florida given the worsening and expanding drought conditions north of the I-10 corridor. Breezy wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will continue today from the Suwannee Valley and southward through the Keys, **with stronger wind gusts of 25-30 mph** expected across South Florida and the Keys by the late afternoon hours. Calm conditions overnight may allow for **patchy fog** to develop early Sunday morning within the Suwannee River Valley. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 70 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 589 acres.

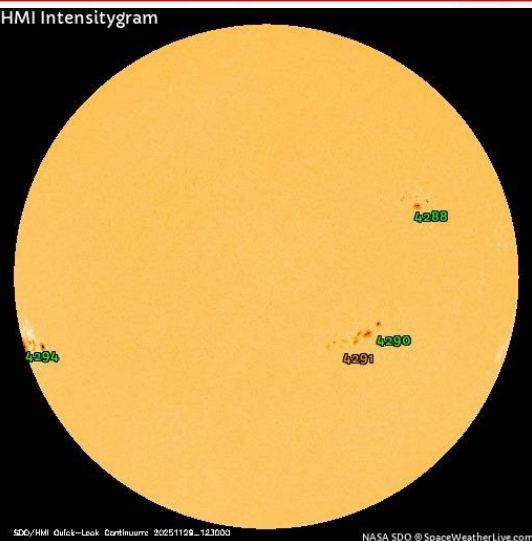
**Drought (11/20):** The past week was almost entirely dry across the entire Sunshine State as temperatures warmed to above seasonable levels. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor and further degradation was seen. Across South Florida, **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was introduced across interior Collier, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties with expansion of Abnormally Dry (*emerging drought*) towards the Southeast coastline. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was also introduced across Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades county, as well as around Lake Okeechobee where rainfall departures from the past month have neared 2-3 inches. **Moderate Drought** remains in place across much of West-Central Florida with further expansion into Polk county and northward along the entire Nature Coast. Rainfall departures from the past 60 days have grown to 4-6 inches across West-Central Florida. Across North Florida, **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme (level 3 of 4)** have remained in place, with expansion southeastward of the **Extreme Drought** into much of Suwannee, Columbia, and western Baker County. **Severe Drought** was also added to much of the Forgotten Coast along Taylor and Dixie counties. An **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** was introduced to northern Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson counties where streamflows have reached very low levels, vegetation has become very dry, and agricultural impacts have worsened. This is the first **Exceptional Drought** seen in the state of Florida since February 2012. Long-term rainfall departures continue to decline across the Panhandle, and significant rainfall is not expected over the next week as temperatures remain above seasonable levels. As such, worsening drought conditions are expected over the next week across much of the state.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **523 (+/-0)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **44** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger). Calhoun and Leon counties both have KBDI values over 700.

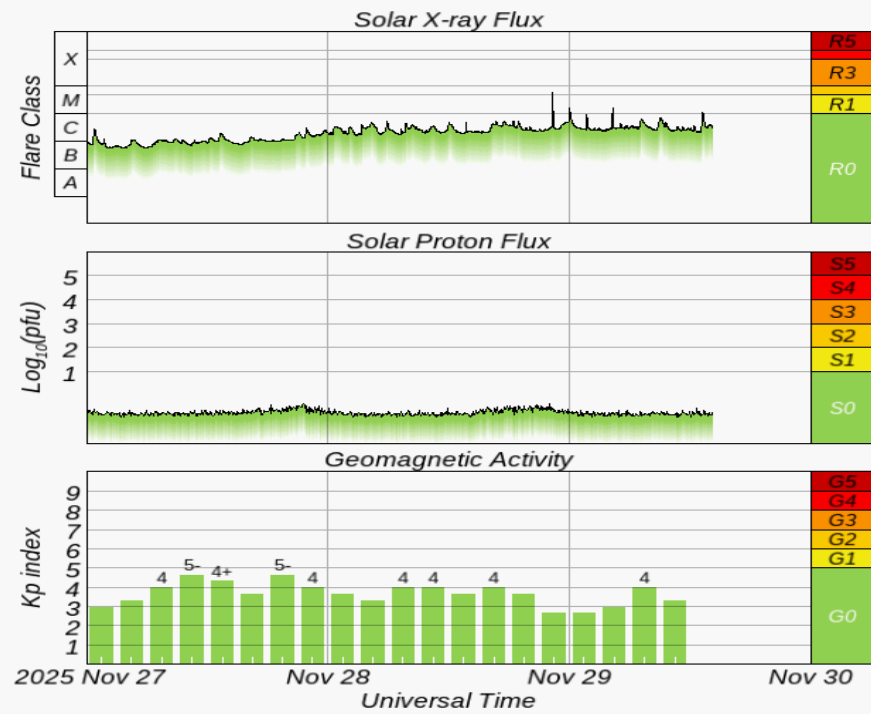
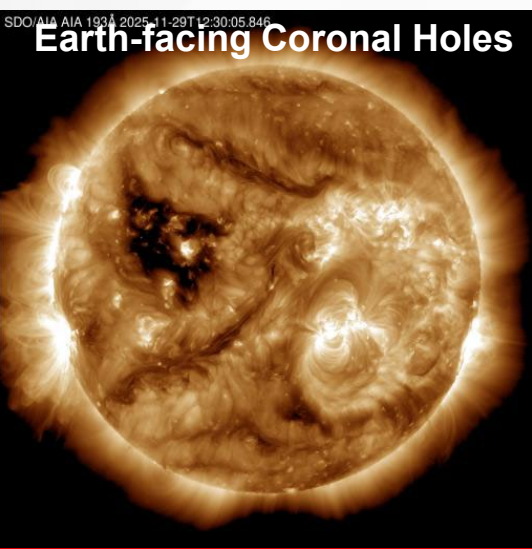




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M6 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/29	11/30
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** A new sunspot emerging off the southeastern limb of the sun sparked an M-class solar flare yesterday. Sunspots #4294 magnetic field may possess energy for an isolated significant (X-class) solar flare going forward. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany any X-class solar flares. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) wind conditions will continue to wane through the weekend before returning to ambient levels early next week. The Earth's geomagnetic field will reach unsettled to active levels today as CH HSS conditions wane. 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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