



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, December 6, 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	Leon, Hillsborough	Return to Region 6 Travel
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Leon, Lee	Return to Region 9 Travel
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 10

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In State	Return Travel to Region
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Off	See Coverage
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In State	Return Travel to Region
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In State	Return Travel to Region
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In State	Return Travel to Region
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

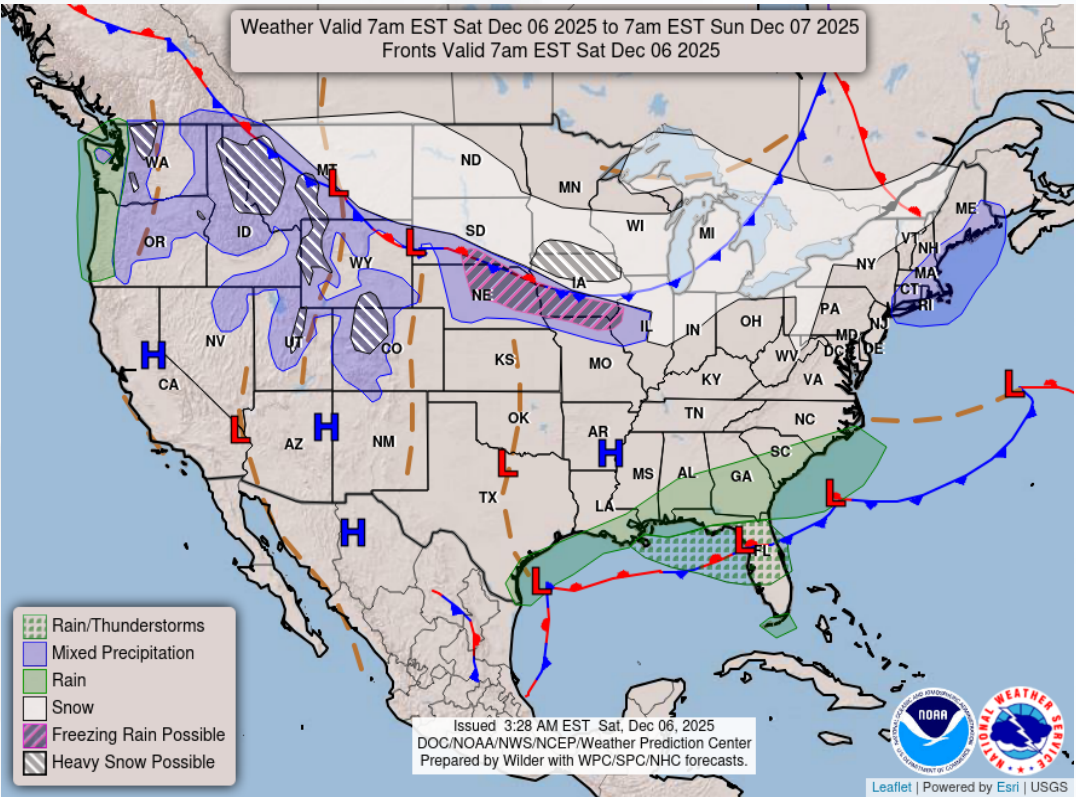
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

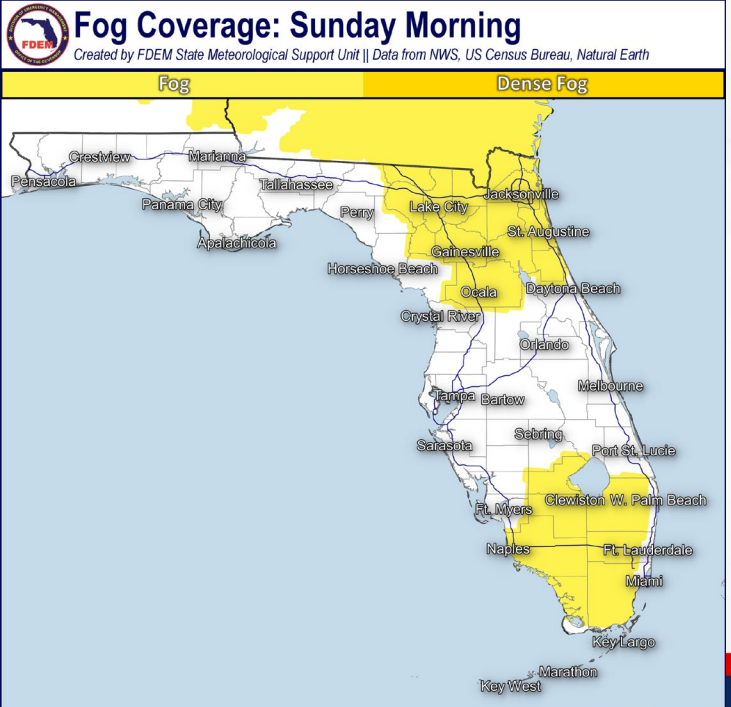
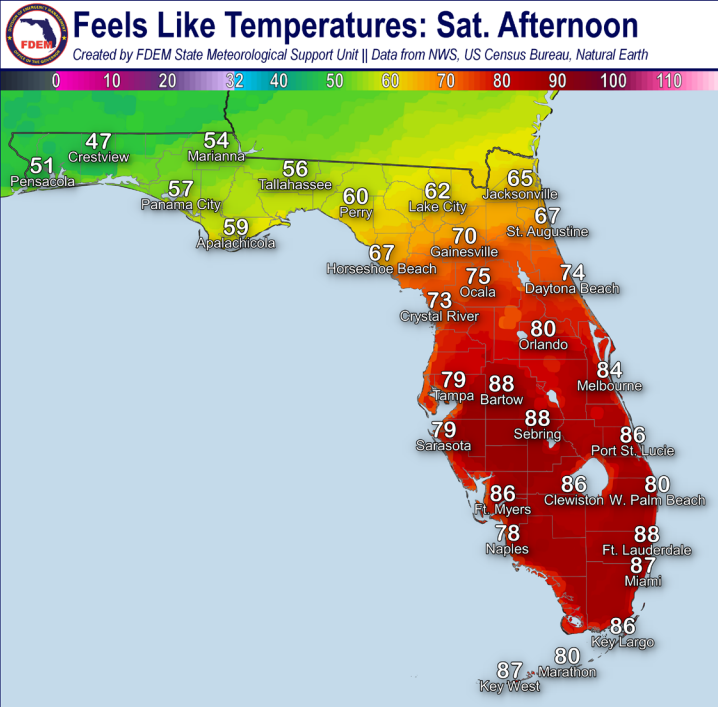


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	L	L				
Tornado										
Damaging Wind				L	L	L				
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L							
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)		L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire				L	L	L	L	L	L	
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.65 ft. (1.13 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	502 (-11) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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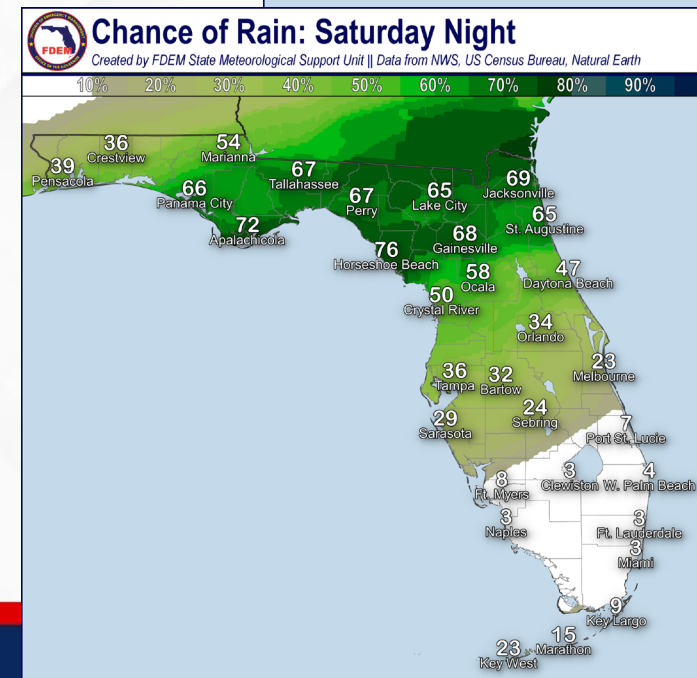
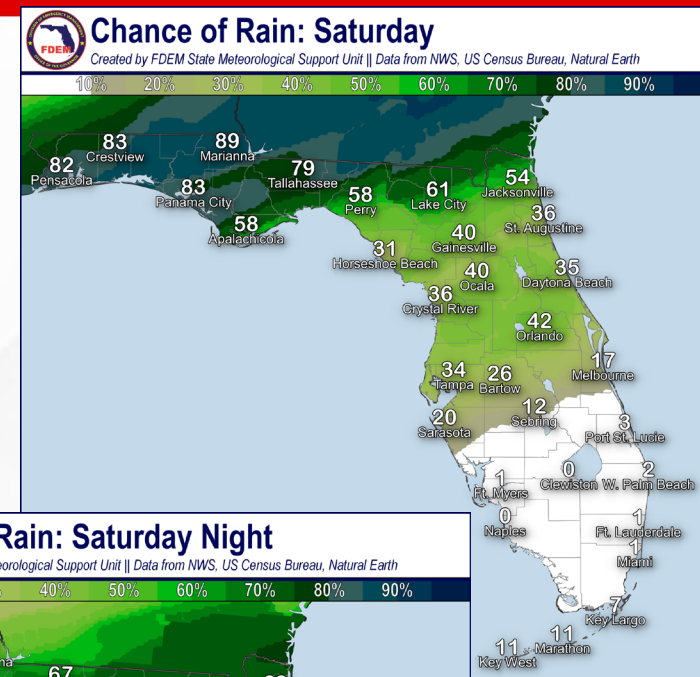
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Widespread showers have spread across much of the Panhandle this morning as the nearly stationary frontal system remains draped along the northern gulf waters. The system will be slow to progress eastward today with another day of scattered to widespread showers and embedded thunderstorms across the Panhandle (75-85% chance of rain). Isolated to widely scattered showers or a **locally strong thunderstorm** may develop across Central Florida this afternoon ahead of the main activity, mainly north of the I-4 corridor (25-40% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for flash flooding today, **nuisance ponding of water or localized flooding** cannot be ruled out, especially across the Panhandle where repeated rounds of heavy downpours are possible. However, given the ongoing severe drought, the rainfall will be beneficial to much of the northern tier of the state. Dry conditions will persist throughout South Florida as the frontal system remains displaced too far north for any meaningful activity.

High temperatures will reach the upper 50s along the Panhandle and middle 60s to lower 70s across the rest of North Florida. Central and South Florida will see high temperatures in the lower to middle 80s. **Feels like temperatures** will reach into the **upper 80s to near 90** across South Florida as **warmer and muggier conditions** persist.

The frontal system will continue to progress eastward overnight with scattered showers continuing over the Eastern Panhandle and Northeast Florida where a rumble of thunder or two cannot be ruled out (50-70% chance of rain). A few isolated showers may linger along and near the I-4 corridor as well (25-40% chance of rain). **Patchy fog** will be possible overnight and early Sunday morning throughout much of the Peninsula, with **instances of dense fog** possible throughout West-Central and South Florida by sunrise.

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





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all Panhandle and most East Coast beaches today where breezy onshore winds will persist. Southeast Florida and West Coast beaches can expect a low risk for rip currents. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected across all statewide beaches today. A few breakers upwards of 3' are possible along the First and Space Coast.

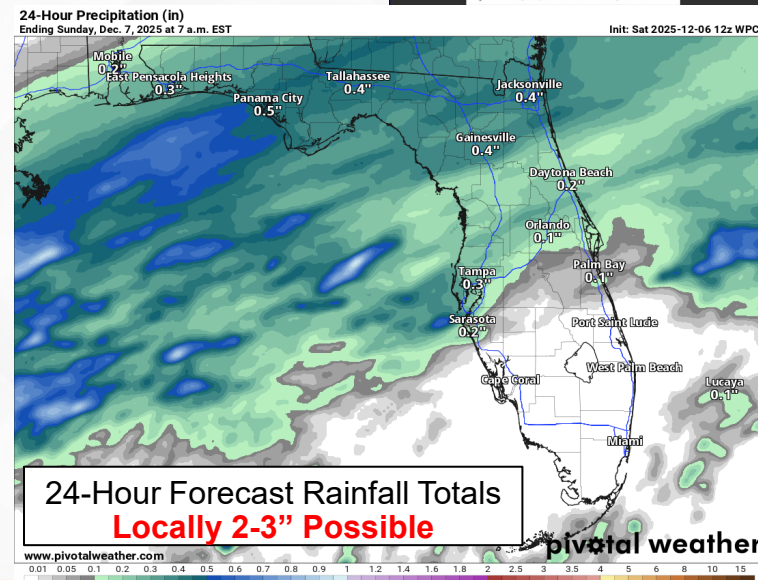
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along the Bay County coastline and background to **low concentrations** offshore Franklin and Gulf County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the East Coast (valid 12/5).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Another round of scattered to widespread showers and embedded thunderstorms will lead to beneficial rainfall for the Panhandle today. The heaviest rainfall is expected over the Emerald Coast, which could lead to some larger accumulations. Overall rainfall totals near 1" can be expected across much of the Panhandle, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 2-3" for any training or multiple showers over the same coastal areas.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns. Additional rainfall today will continue to benefit dry rivers, creeks and streams with below normal streamflow. 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 1.13 feet below normal for this time of year.



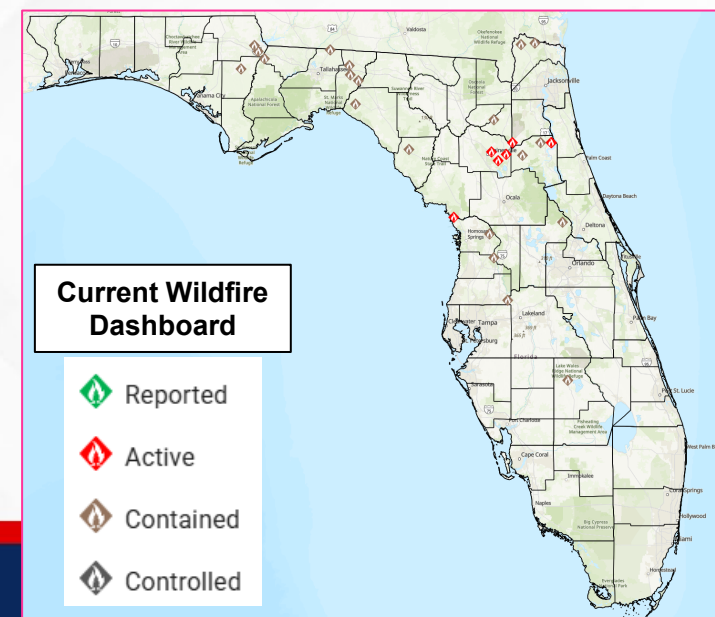
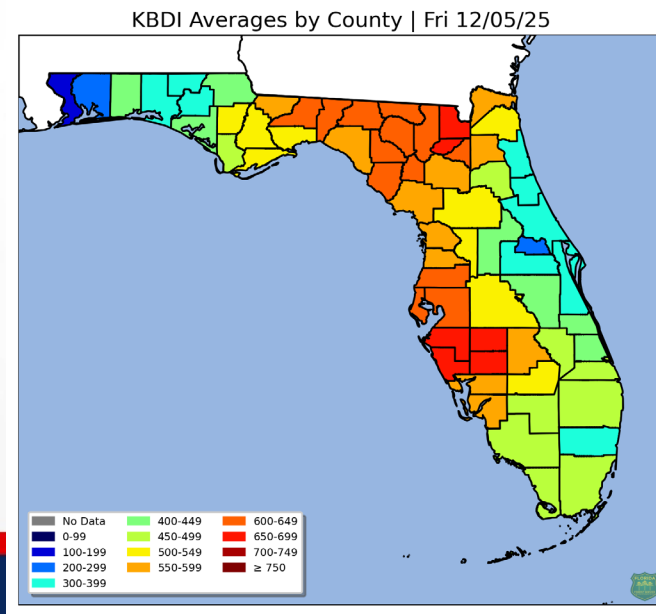
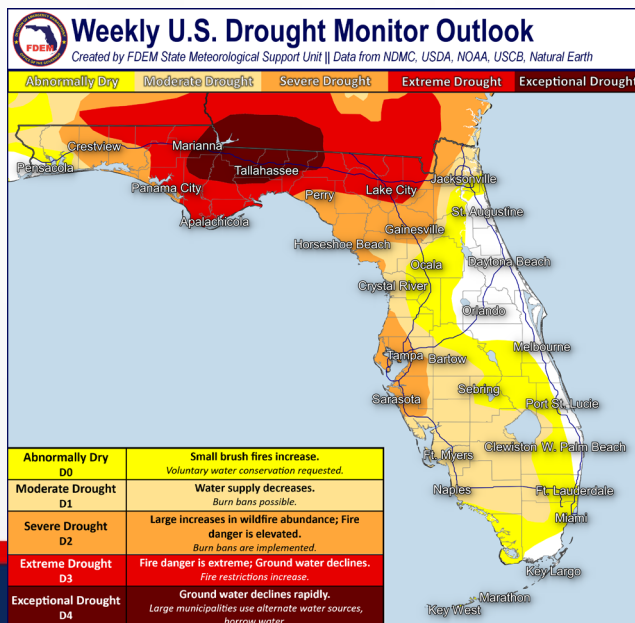


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A frontal system draped along the northern gulf waters and southwesterly winds will help to keep relative humidity values well above critical thresholds across the state. This frontal system will continue to bring scattered to widespread rainfall across the Panhandle at times, leading to beneficial rainfall for the ongoing drought conditions. Since yesterday morning, the Panhandle has seen between 0.5-1.5" of rainfall, with locally higher amounts, which should continue to seep into the topsoil. Regardless, **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** will persist given the expanding and ongoing drought conditions, especially across West-Central Florida where drier conditions are expected today. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 27 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 450 acres.

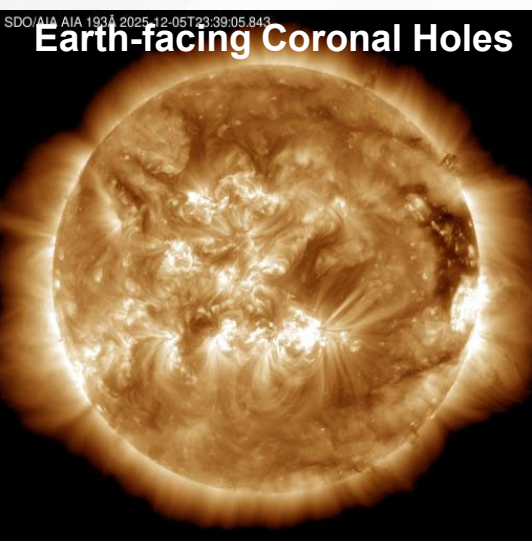
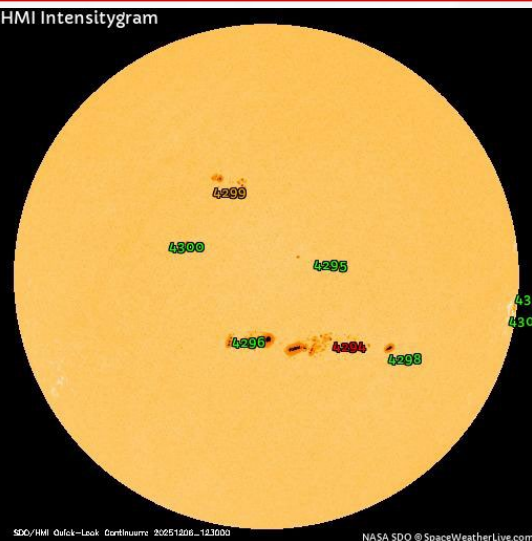
Drought (12/4): Some beneficial rainfall fell across the western Panhandle towards the beginning of this week, which may be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor outlook, however for this week's outlook mostly dry conditions prevailed prompting an expansion of most drought categories across the state. An introduction of **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was added to coastal West-Central Florida around the Tampa Bay metropolitan area where 60-day rainfall departures remain near 3-5 inches below normal. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was expanded southeastward across much of interior South Florida with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) continuing to stretch towards the Southeast Florida coastline. Across North Florida where the worst drought in 14 years is occurring, **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** remains in place across Leon, Gadsden, western Calhoun and Jackson, and northern Jefferson, Wakulla, and Liberty counties. **Severe (level 2 of 4) to Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** also remains in place across much of the I-10 corridor and southward along the Forgotten and Nature Coast. Long-term rainfall departures, despite the recent rainfall, remain well below average and streamflows across the northern tier of the state are very low. Additional rainfall this week and weekend will hopefully provide some reduction of the drought for next week's outlook. However, Central and South Florida may continue to see persistence of the drought conditions moving forward where cold fronts will struggle to reach.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **502 (-11)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **41** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

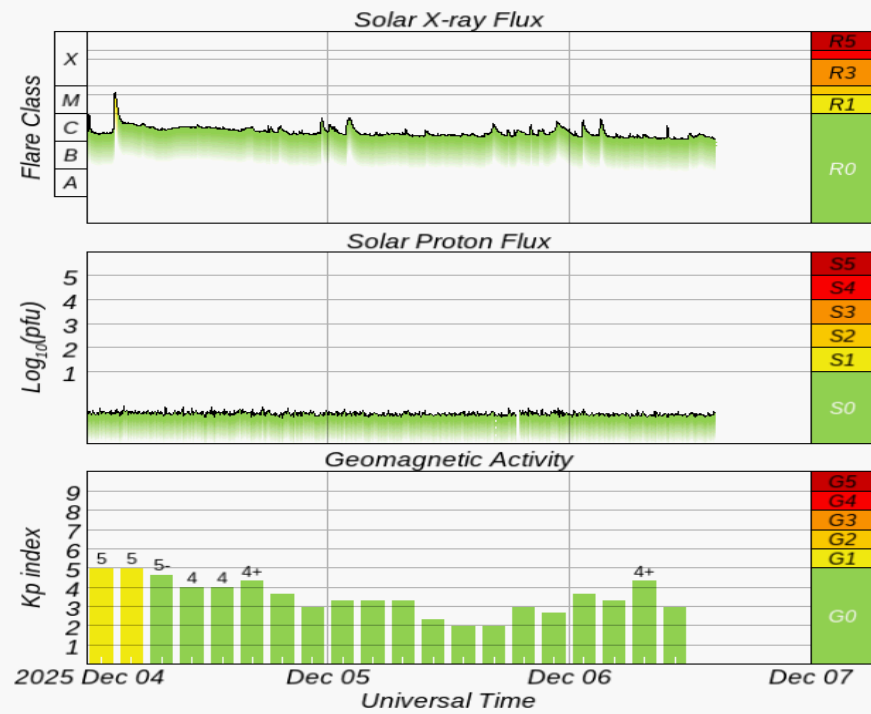




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 70%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/6	12/7
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: The giant sunspot complex, #4294-4296, still contains a magnetic field capable of producing strong (M-class) to significant (X-class) solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany the M-class flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany any X-class solar flares should they occur. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds will continue to create an enhanced solar wind field environment through the weekend, and there may be some additional enhancements with possible Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) that left the sun on Thursday. The Earth's geomagnetic field will reach active levels, with a chance for minor (G1) geomagnetic storming through the weekend due to CH HSS conditions and the glancing CME effects. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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