



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, December 7, 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: Amber Durden	Taylor, Indian River	Return to Region 8 Travel
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
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	Off & Monitoring
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	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In State	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In State	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 5

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

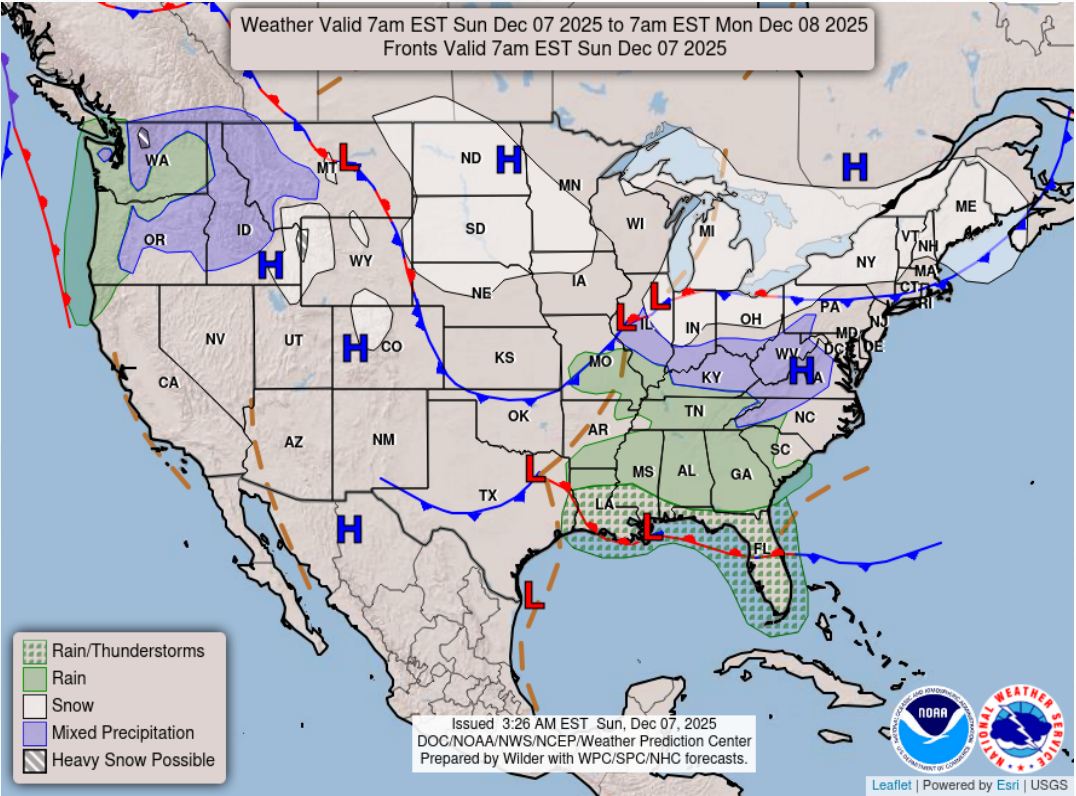
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

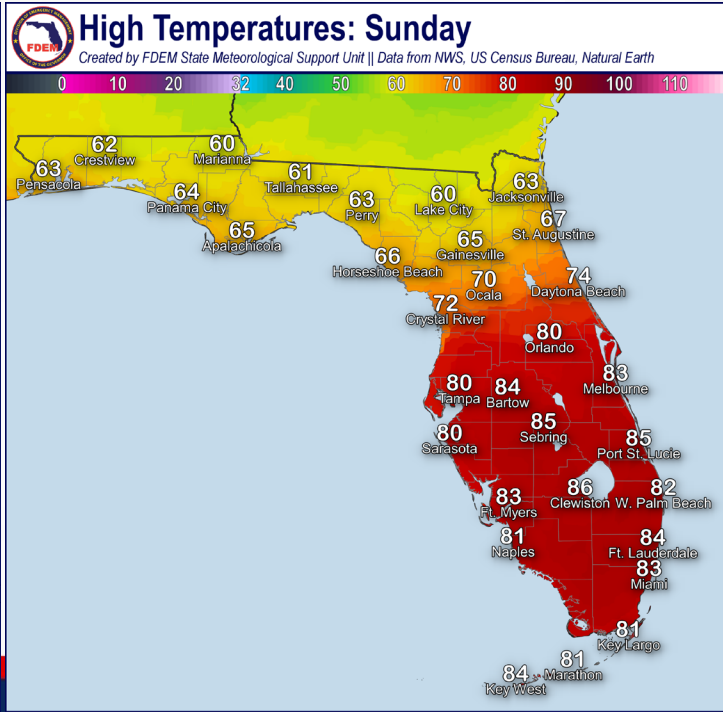
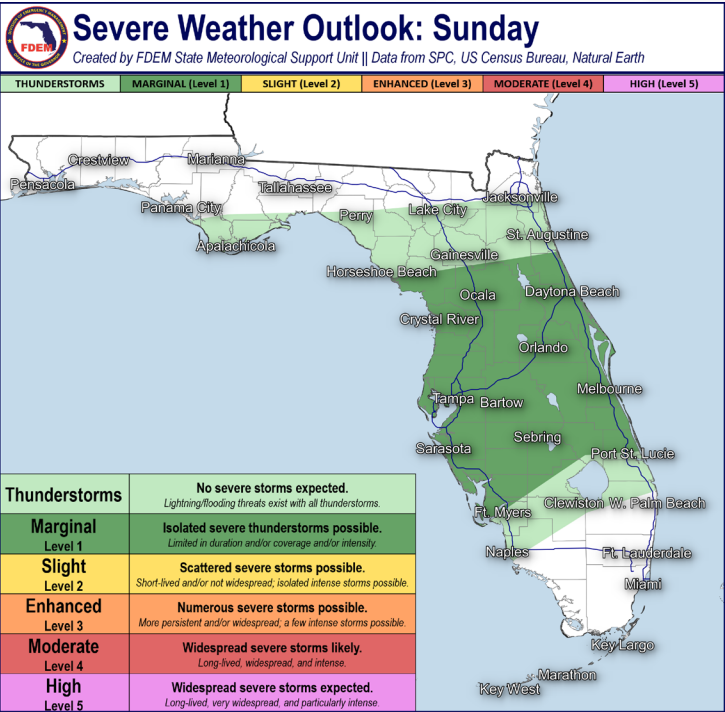


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	
Tornado					L	L	L			
Damaging Wind					L	L	L			
Hail										
Flash Flooding		L	L	L	L	L				
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	L	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.64 ft. (1.13 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	494 (-8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





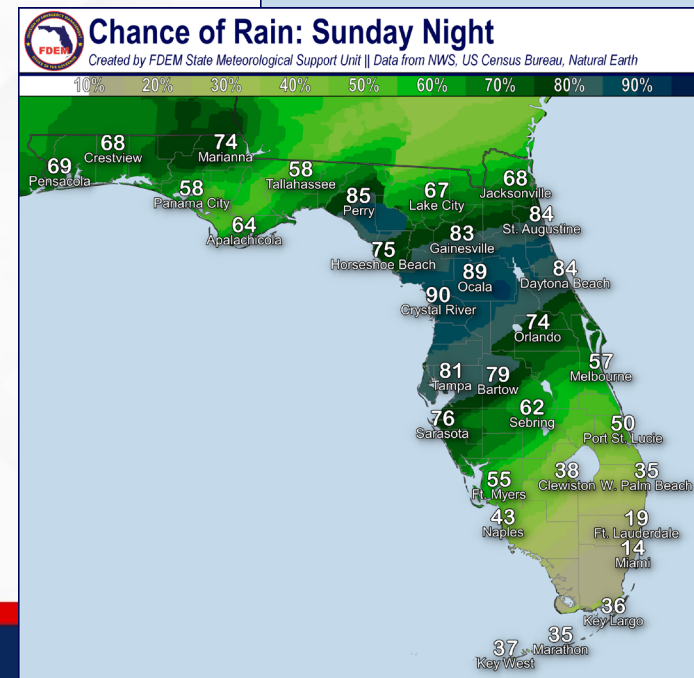
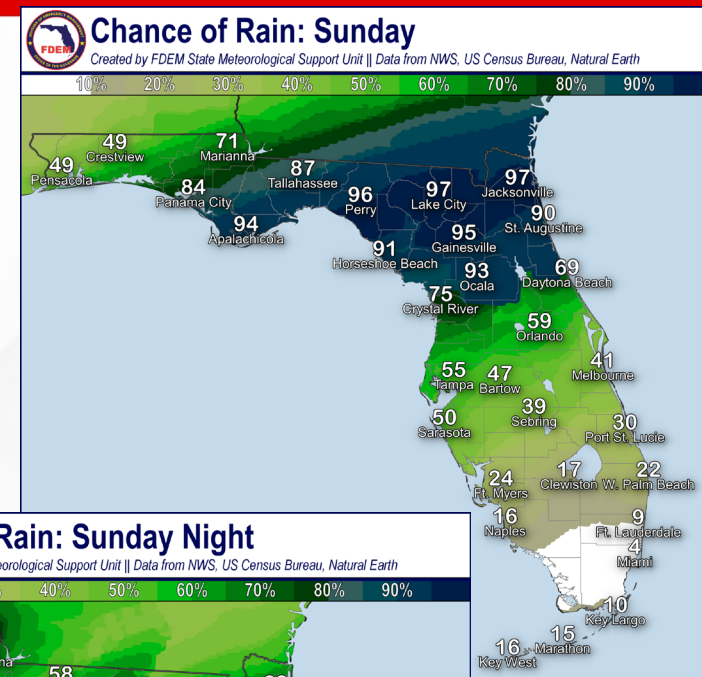
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another day of widespread shower and embedded thunderstorm activity can be expected across North Florida and will extend into Central Florida today helping to bring beneficial rainfall southward. Already this morning widespread shower activity extends across North Florida, with the heaviest rainfall along the Panhandle coast (80-near 100% chance of rain). As the frontal system meanders along the gulf coast and northern gulf waters today, its accompanying warm front will help to bring scattered to numerous showers and embedded thunderstorms southward into Central Florida later this afternoon and evening (50-75% chance of rain). There is a chance for some **stronger embedded thunderstorm** activity this morning along coastal portions of the Big Bend, but the greater chance for strong to severe weather will extend along Central Florida this afternoon and evening. The Storm Prediction center (SPC) is outlooking **a Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** as strong to severe thunderstorms will be capable of producing lightning, damaging wind gusts (45-60 mph), an embedded tornado or two and locally heavy rainfall as a cold front moves through the state.

As the center of the low pressure system pushes eastward towards the Nature Coast and northern Peninsula later this afternoon and evening, it will take the rainfall eastward with it allowing for drier conditions to briefly return across the Panhandle then eventually the Big Bend late this evening and into the overnight hours. One more round of scattered showers looks to move into the Panhandle early in the morning hours on Monday behind the main frontal system (55-70% chance of rain). As the low pressure system crosses the Peninsula, and its cold front pushes through the I-4 corridor, additional scattered to widespread showers will continue to push southward into the Peninsula throughout the overnight hours (55-80% chance of rain). Instances of **patchy fog** will likely develop throughout the state early Monday morning with areas of **locally dense fog possible** at times.

High temperatures will be in the upper 50s to middle 60s across North Florida 70s to lower 80s across Central Florida and lower to middle 80s across South Florida. These temperatures across South Florida will approach record level for this time of year. Overnight low temperatures will fall into the lower to middle 60s across North Florida, middle to upper 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to middle 70s across South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is expected along the Panhandle and East Coast today as a frontal system remains draped along the state. West Coast beaches will continue to see a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-3' can be expected across all statewide beaches today. Eastern Panhandle and Treasure Coast beaches may see breaking **waves upwards of 4-5'** in the surf zone later this afternoon.

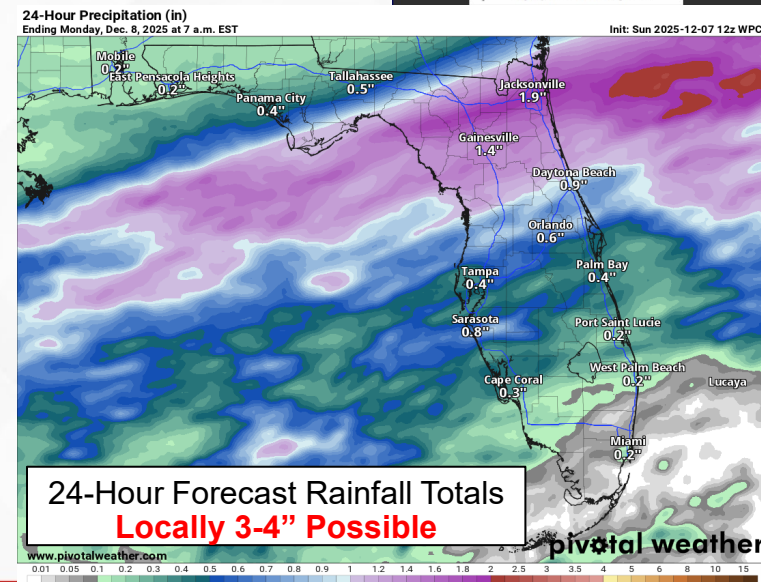
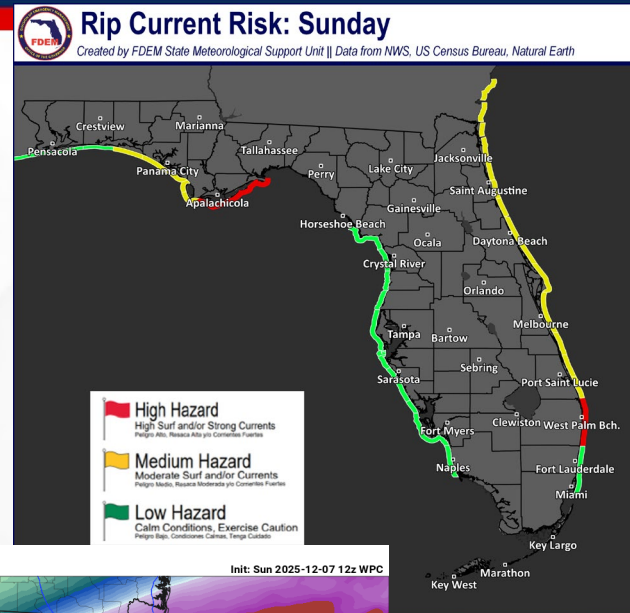
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along the Bay County coastline and background to **low concentrations** offshore Franklin and Gulf County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the East Coast (valid 12/5).

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, then also extend into Central Florida today. The heaviest rainfall is expected along the Big Bend, Northeast Florida and extending southward towards the I-4 corridor with totals of 1-2" forecast. **Locally higher totals** upwards of 3-4" possible within thunderstorm activity or training cells. Any heavier rainfall that occurs over urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas could lead to **nuisance ponding of water** at times.

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 13.64 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.13 feet below normal for this time of year.



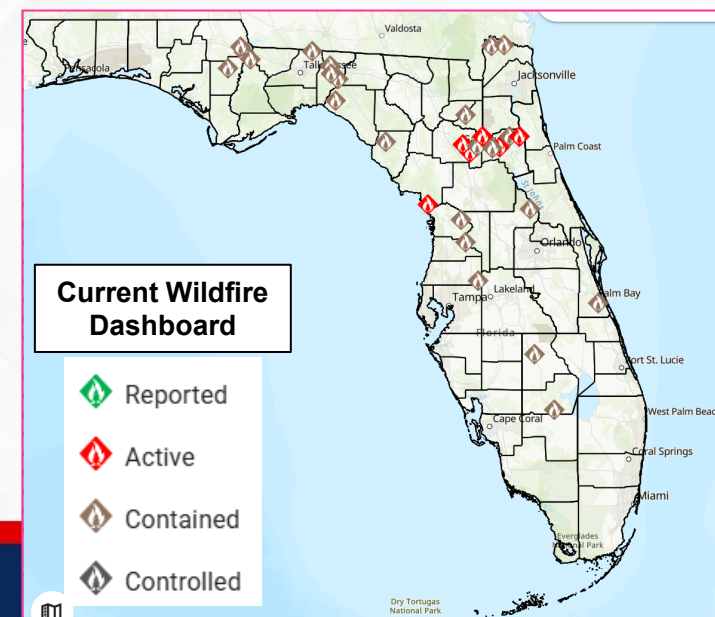
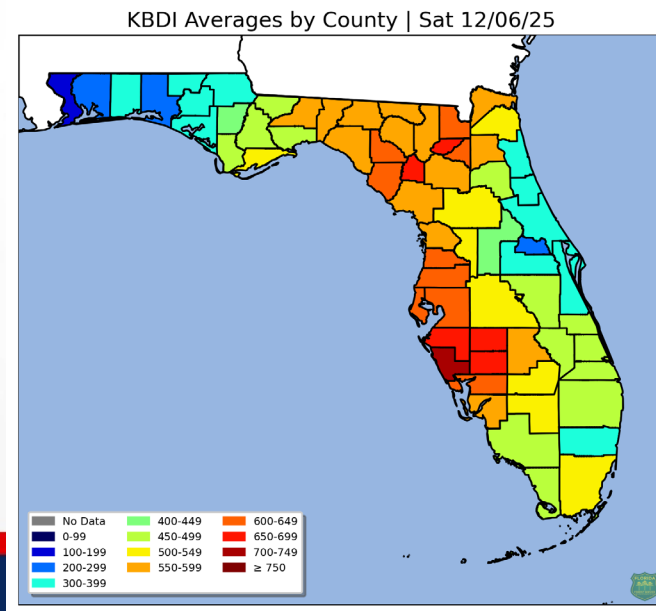
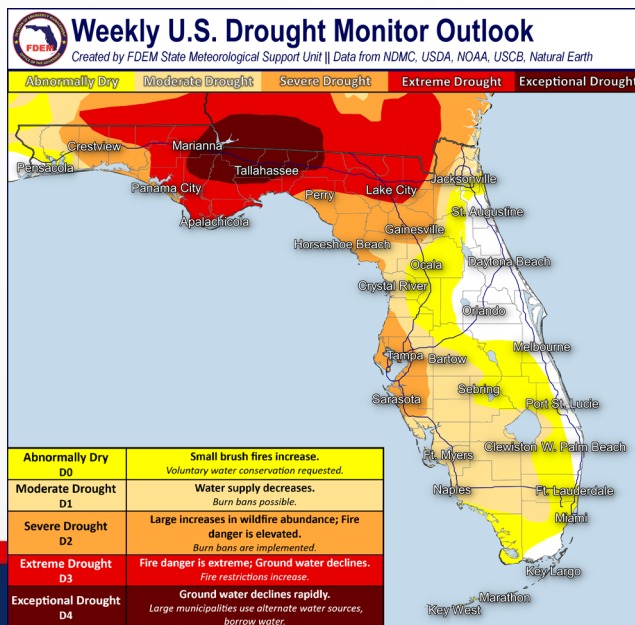


Drought & Fire Weather

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. Over the last 72 hours, much of the Panhandle has received between 1-3", with locally higher totals upwards of 4-5", which will continue to seep into the soils and help drought conditions. Rainfall will shift southward today into the Peninsula today helping to bring back soil moisture.. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 30 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 463 acres.

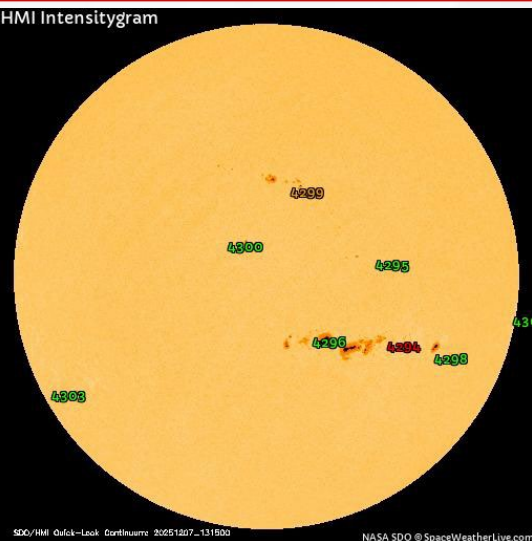
Drought (12/4): Some beneficial rainfall fell across the western Panhandle towards the beginning of this week, which may be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor outlook, however for this week's outlook mostly dry conditions prevailed prompting an expansion of most drought categories across the state. 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 **494 (-8)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **37** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger). Sarasota County has a KBDI value over 700.

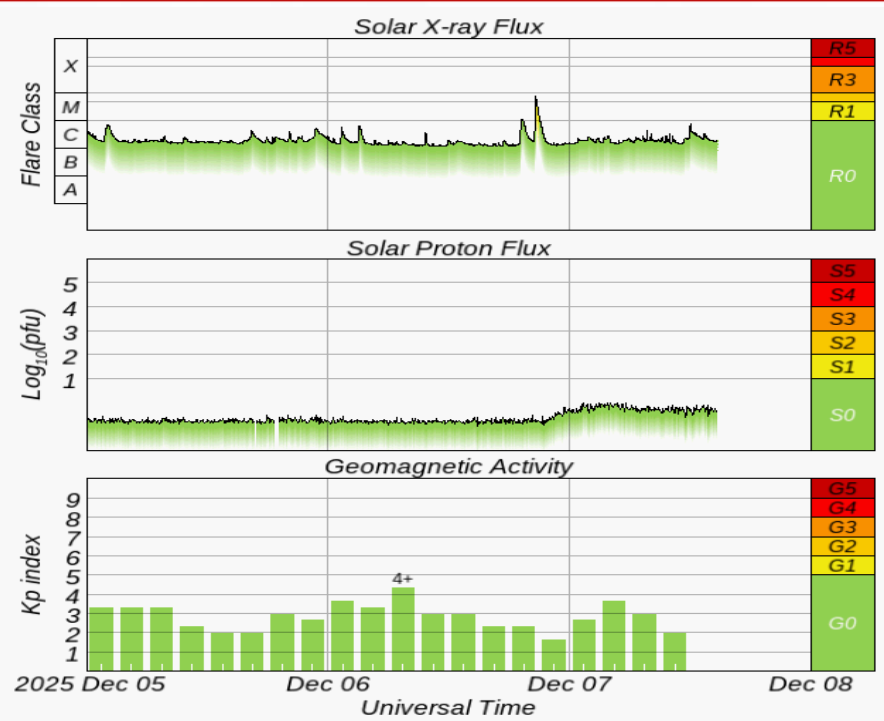
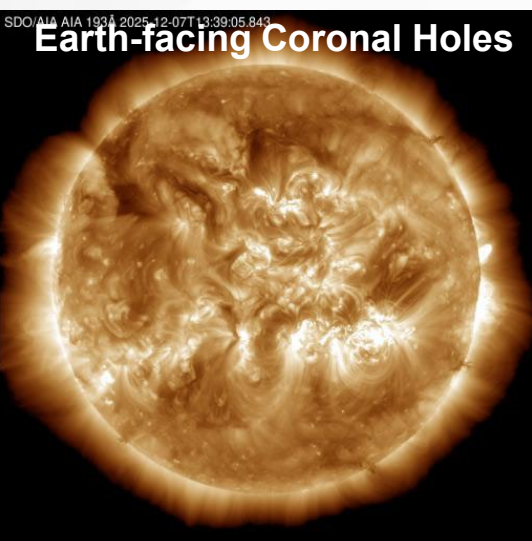




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: G3 Watch – 12/9	M8 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/7	12/8
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: While sunspot complex #4294-4296 has recently been responsible for solar activity, a different sunspot (#4299) was actually responsible for the M-class solar flare yesterday. Both this sunspot and the large sunspot complex will be capable of producing moderate solar activity with additional M-class solar flare and possibly X-class solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany and M-class flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany any X-class solar flares. The solar wind environment will remain enhanced due to ongoing Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) wind conditions. Another enhancement is possible due to effects from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the sun of 12/4. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to reach minor (G1) geomagnetic storming levels today due to CH HSS conditions and the possible CME effects. The overall space threat to Florida remains low.



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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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