



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, December 8, 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	Okaloosa	Region 1 DOH Meeting / FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting / HQ Visit
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor, Lafayette	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting / County EM Visits
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Quarterly Meeting Prep / FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	World Cup Exercise Planning / FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Okaloosa	County Partners Meeting / Team Call
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Statewide Directors Meeting / Team Call
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Charlotte	Instructing FL603 / Team Call
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Statewide Directors Meeting / Team Call
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pinellas	LEPC Meeting / Statewide Directors Mtg / Team Call
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Charlotte	Instructing FL603 / Team Call
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

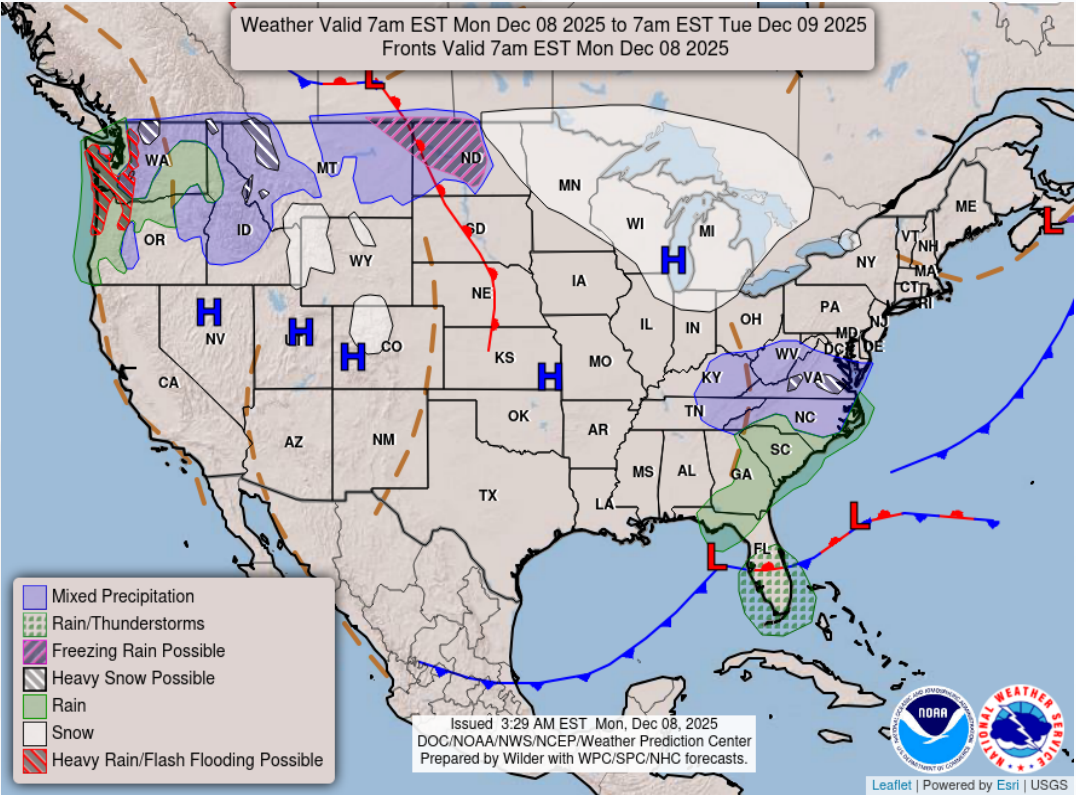
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

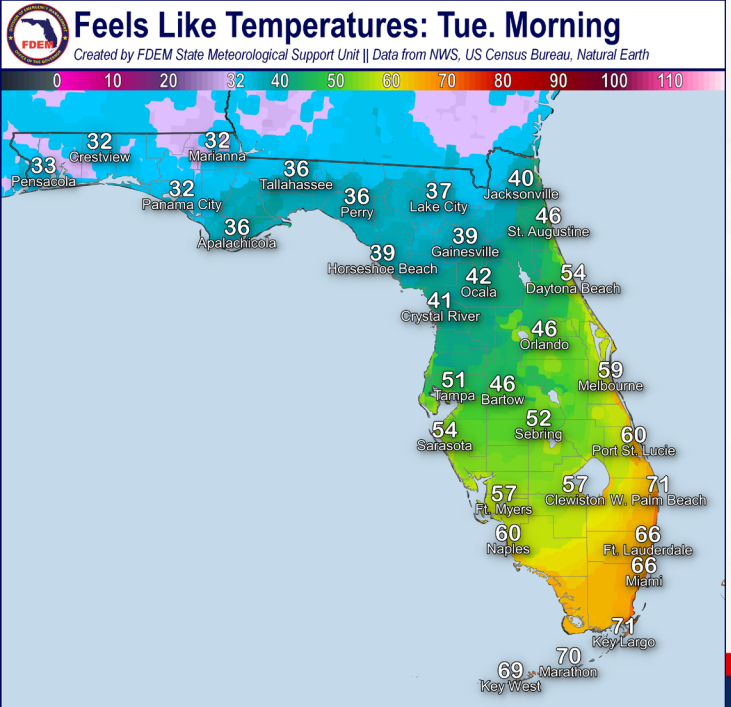
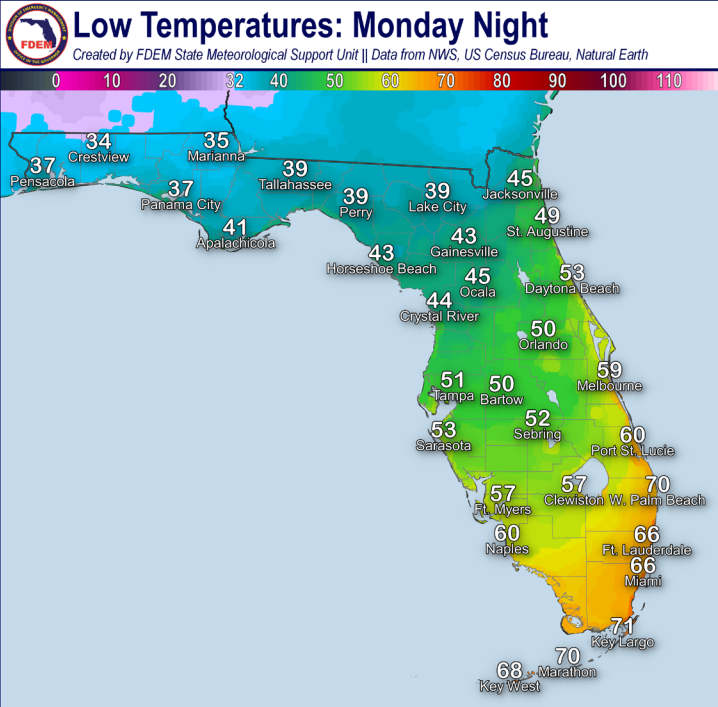


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning								L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L	L	L
Freeze (Overnight)	L	L								
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	M		M	M	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.63 ft. (1.14 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	470 (-24) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





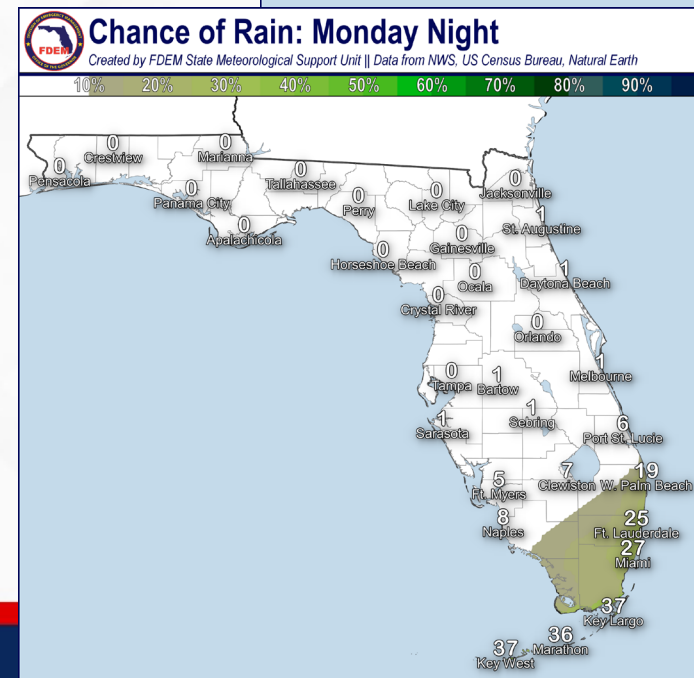
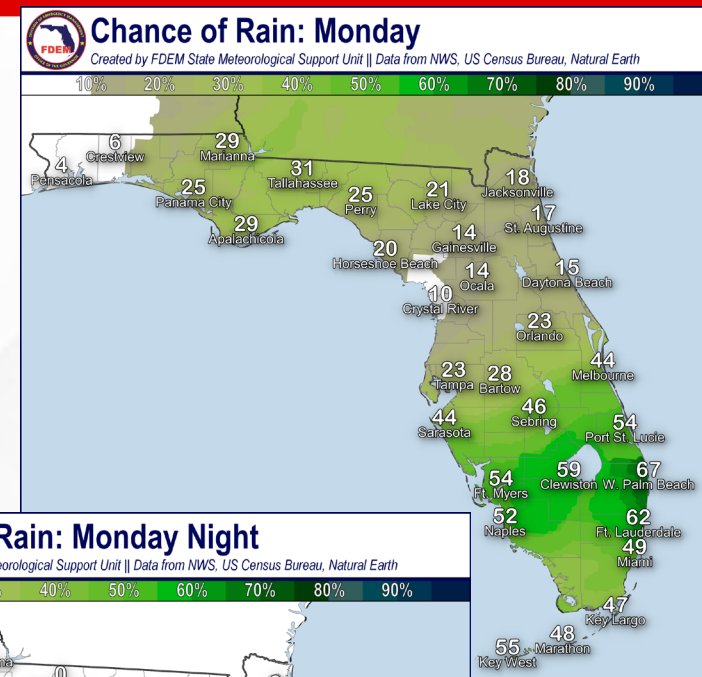
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Today will be the last day of the wet and active weather pattern across the state as the frontal system moves further away from the state and its accompanying cold front pushes through. Scattered showers this morning are ongoing across the Big Bend and will eventually move into Northeast Florida and through Central Florida as a final cold front pushes through. Behind the cold front, drier conditions will finally return as winds shift out of the north to northwest (20-35% chance of rain). This rainfall will remain light and brief as it moves North and Central Florida. Later this afternoon and evening the cold front will push through South Florida creating scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms (45-65% chance of rain). While organized severe weather is not expected, an **embedded strong thunderstorm or two** cannot be ruled out throughout the afternoon hours. Similarly, **nuisance ponding of water** may occur within heavier downpours or thunderstorm activity over urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas.

Shower and thunderstorm activity will continue into the evening hours across South Florida and the Keys as the final cold front pushes through before stalling near or south of the Keys. As the front stalls overnight, it may allow for some isolated lingering showers (20-35% chance of rain). Dry conditions can be expected throughout the rest of the state overnight behind the cold front.

High temperatures will be in the upper 50s to middle 60s across North Florida, upper 60s to middle 70s across Central Florida and upper 70s to middle 80s across South Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the **middle to upper 30s** for the Panhandle and Big Bend, lower to middle 40s across the Suwannee Valley and Northeast Florida, middle 40s to middle 50s across Central Florida and upper 50s to upper 60s across South Florida. With elevated northerly winds and clearing skies overnight, **feels-like temperatures** will fall **near or below freezing (30-33-degrees)** across the Panhandle and near portions of the I-10 corridor west of the Apalachicola River by sunrise Tuesday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is expected along the Panhandle and East Coast today with lingering ocean swells. Winds shifting out of the north to northwest will create onshore winds along the West Coast and lead to a **moderate risk for rip currents** for numerous beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells along beaches across the state will lead to **wave heights of 2-4'**. Beaches along the First and Space Coast will reach **upwards of 5'** this afternoon.

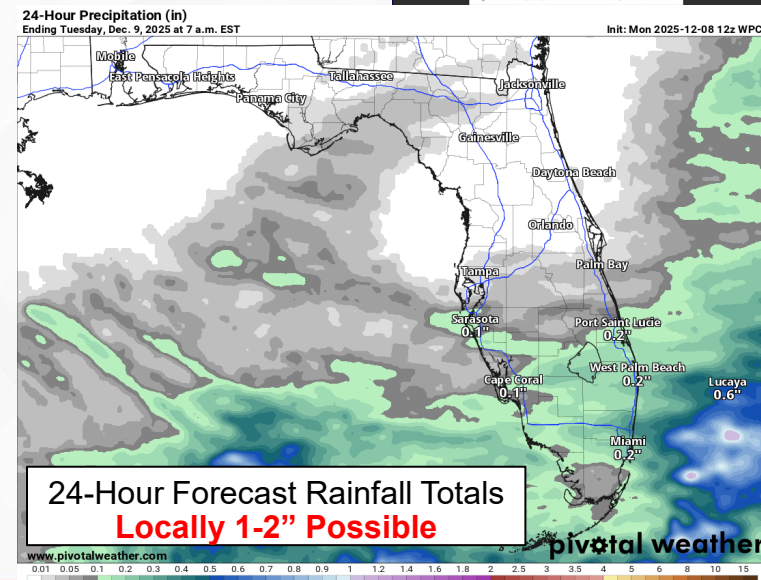
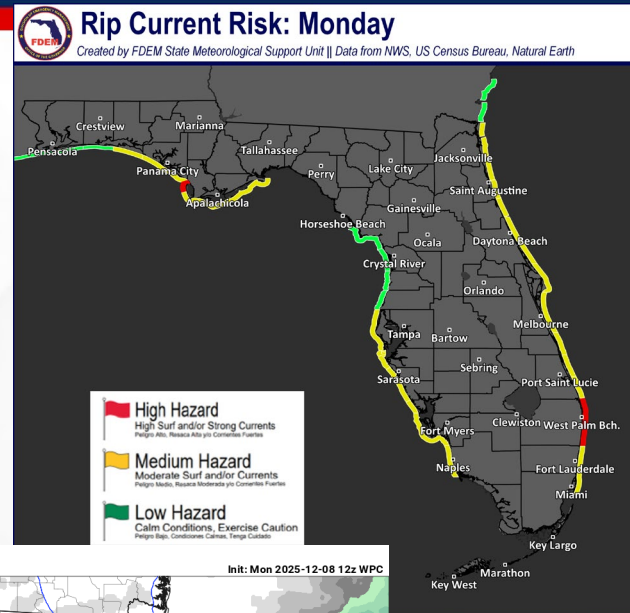
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along the Bay County coastline and background to **low concentrations** offshore Franklin and Gulf County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the East Coast (valid 12/5).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing across South Florida later this afternoon and evening may lead to locally heavy downpours that create nuisance ponding of water for urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas. Rainfall totals are forecast to remain below an inch; however, **locally heavy rainfall** could quickly produce 1-2" across South Florida within repeated downpours or thunderstorm activity.

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 13.63 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.14 feet below normal for this time of year.



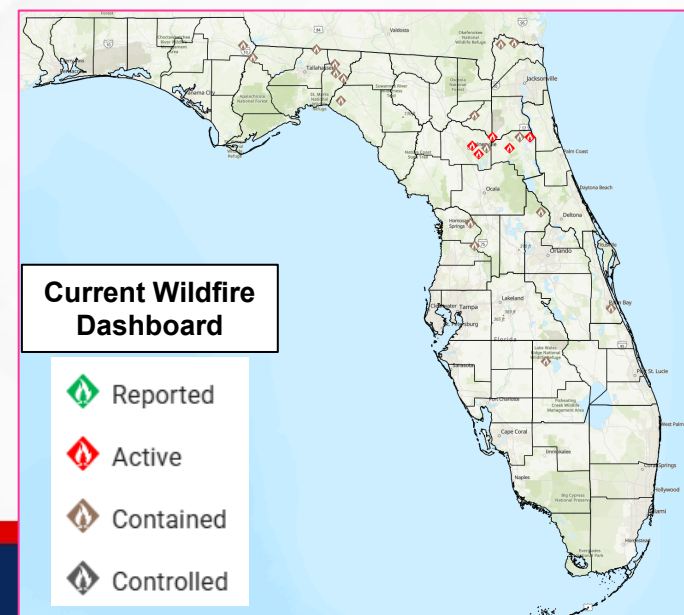
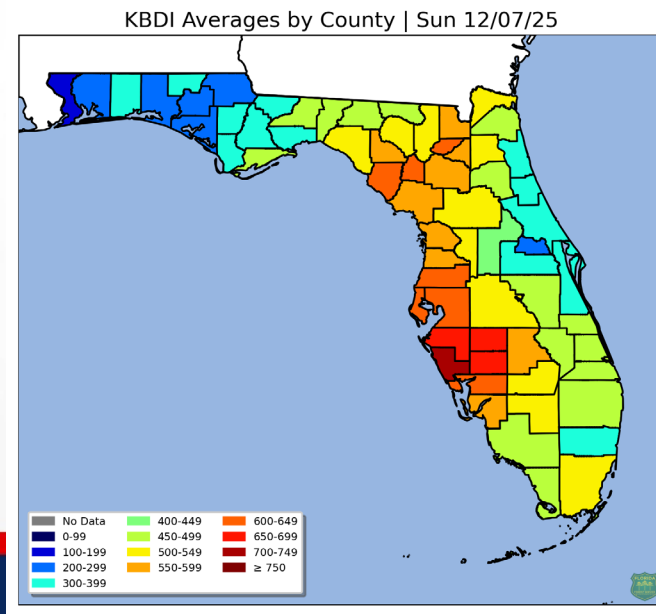
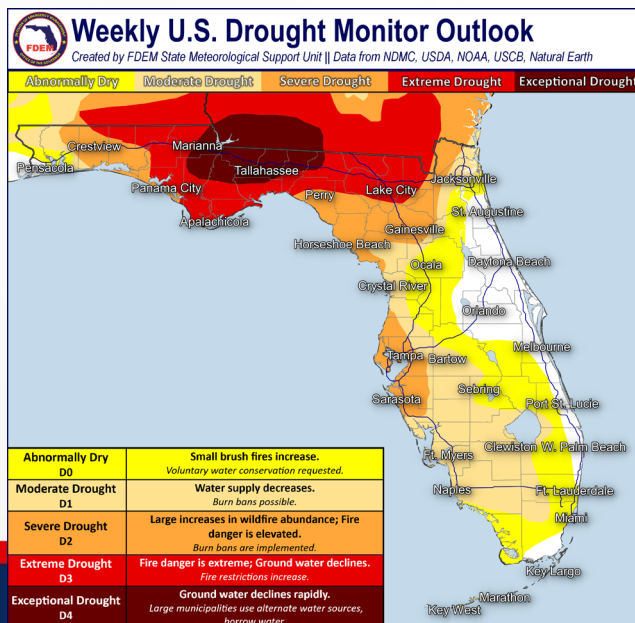


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Scattered showers will move across the I-10 corridor this morning and into the early afternoon hours as a final cold front pushes through. Beneficial rainfall from the last couple of days should help to keep topsoil wet and keep the wildfire risk low. Additional scattered showers will move through Central and mostly South Florida this afternoon as the cold front moves through. Embedded thunderstorms across South Florida may be capable of producing gusty winds and lightning. Beneficial rainfall from the last couple of days will help to keep the overall wildfire threat low. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 23 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 416 acres.

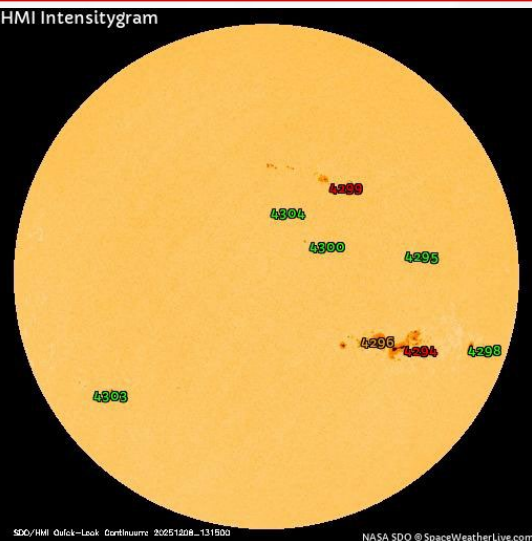
Drought (12/4): Some beneficial rainfall fell across the western Panhandle towards the beginning of this week, which may be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor outlook, however for this week's outlook mostly dry conditions prevailed prompting an expansion of most drought categories across the state. 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 **470 (-24)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **31** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger). Sarasota County has a KBDI value over 700.

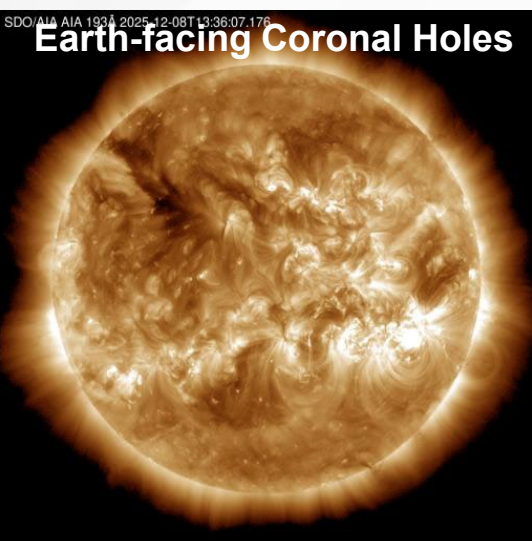




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Space Weather: Solar activity will reach low to moderate levels today due to several active sunspots, especially the sunspot complex #4294-4296, as strong to significant (M-class to X-class) are possible. Sunspot #4298 produced a large X-class solar flare last night that also produced strong (R3) radio blackouts. Additional M-class to X-class solar flares may be possible, and accompanying those will also be minor to strong (R1-R3) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced through tonight due to glancing effects from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the sun on 12/4. Another enhancement that left the sun on 12/6 will also create enhanced solar wind conditions beginning late tonight and into Tuesday (12/9). The Earth's geomagnetic field is likely to reach minor (G1) geomagnetic storm conditions from the 12/4 CME. Strong (G3) geomagnetic storming conditions are possible tomorrow (12/9) due to another CME that is forecast to reach the Earth, and a G3 Watch is in place. The overall space threat to Florida is low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: G3 Watch – 12/9	X1 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/8	12/9
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 7 (G3)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 20%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 50%



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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	
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