



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, December 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

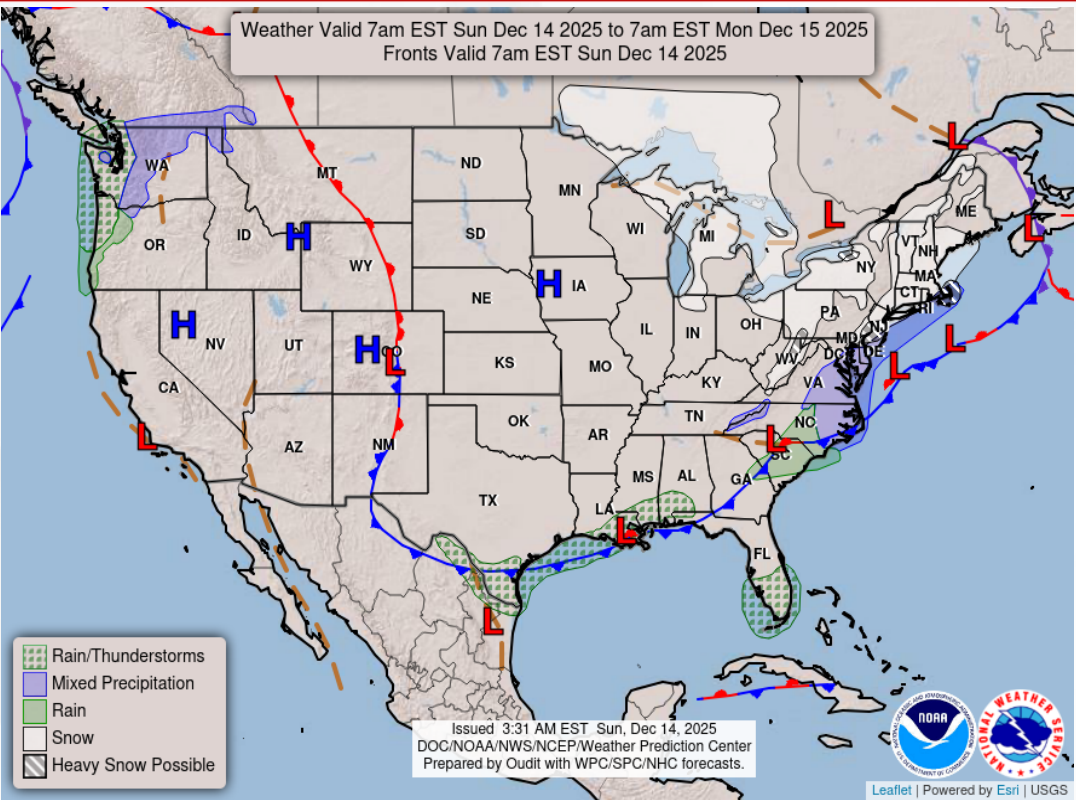
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick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

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2/4
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

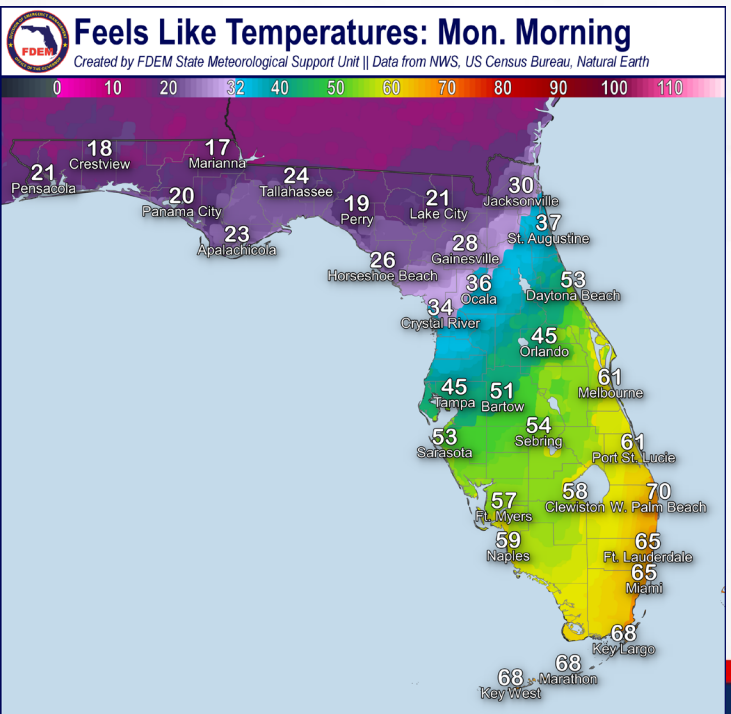
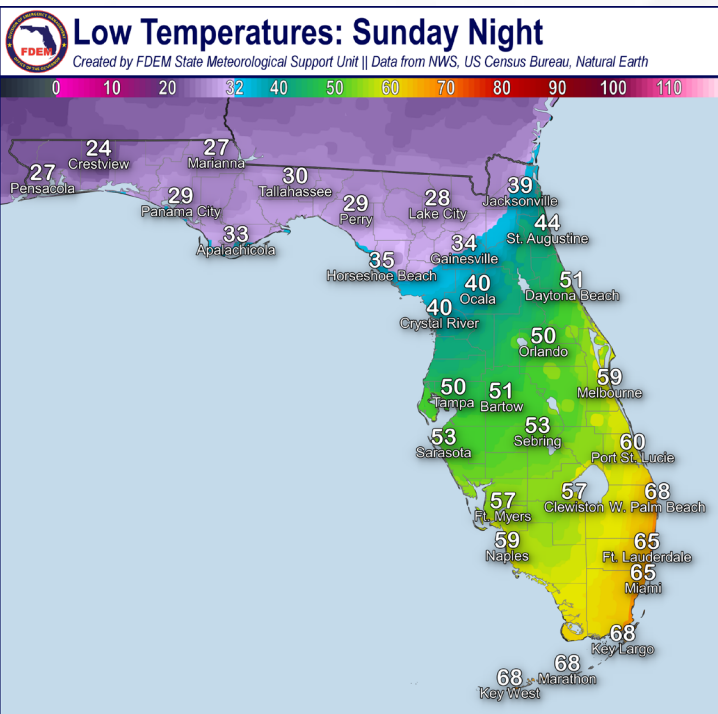


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning									L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										L
Freeze (Overnight)	H	H	H	M						
Wind Chill (Overnight)	H	H	H	H		L				
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L				
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	M		H	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.59 ft. (1.14 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	40 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





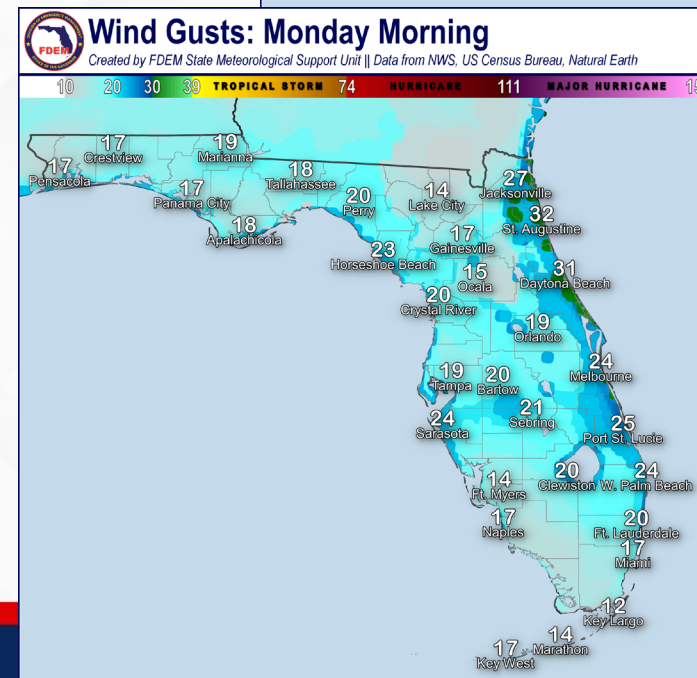
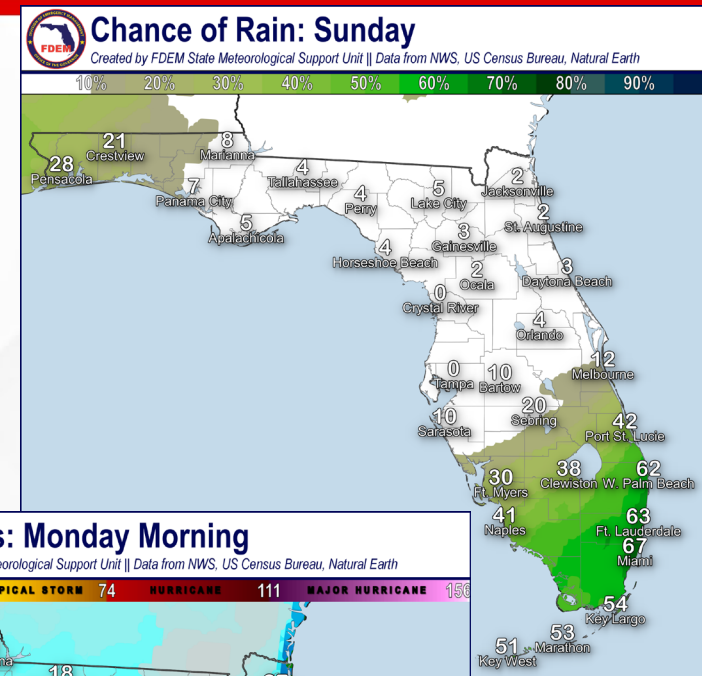
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Patchy fog this morning will gradually lift and dissipate throughout the morning hours. Isolated showers this morning are ongoing along the Panhandle as a cold front moves through the region this morning. This cold front will push through the state today and may bring a few brief sprinkles or light shower or two, but overall conditions are expected to remain dry as the front passes through (20-30% chance of rain). Further south, an upper-level disturbance to the south of the Peninsula will continue to bring light to moderate rainfall with a few embedded thunderstorms. The frontal boundary to the north may help to enhance shower and thunderstorm activity, but once the front reach the I-4 corridor this afternoon and evening it will start to usher drier air into South Florida and push shower and thunderstorm activity offshore (20-60% chance of rain). Organized flash flooding is not expected; however, any locally heavy rounds of shower or thunderstorm activity could lead to some **nuisance ponding of water or localized flash flooding** for urban and low-lying areas of the South Florida metro.

Behind the cold front, breezy and gusty winds will follow. Wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will develop by the late afternoon hours across North Florida, with stronger wind **gusts of 25-30 mph** closer towards the coastlines. Eventually, breezy winds will extend into the Peninsula with the strongest gusts remaining along the coastlines overnight. By the overnight hours, wind **gusts of 15-25 mph** can be expected statewide with **stronger wind gusts of 30-40 mph** along the coastlines. **Wind Advisories** will go into effect this evening and overnight for much of the First and Space Coasts for **winds of 20-25 mph** and **wind gusts upwards of 40 mph**. Dry conditions can be expected overnight as high pressure extends over the state behind the passing cold front.

The warmest part of the day across the Panhandle and western Big Bend will be near midday and the early afternoon hours reaching the upper 50s to lower 60s as the colder air moves in quickly behind the front. The rest of the state will see the warmest temperatures in the afternoon hours before the colder air races in near and after sunset. The rest of North Florida will see high temperatures in the 60s, Central Florida will see high temperatures in the 70s and South Florida will see high temperatures in the upper 70s to near 80-degrees. **Widespread freeze conditions** will be possible across North Florida tonight and into Monday morning as much colder air arrives and breezy conditions continue overnight. **Low temperatures** across North Florida will fall into the **middle to upper 20s** and **lower 30s** closer towards the coast. **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect overnight and through the early morning hours on Monday across the Emerald Coast as temperatures **as low as 27-degrees** are possible, and along interior Northeast Florida for temperatures **as low as 23-32-degrees**. **Cold Weather Advisories** (formerly *Wind Chill Advisories*) will also go into effect tonight due to cold temperatures and ongoing breezy winds across North Florida. **Wind chills or feels-like temperatures** will fall into the **teens and 20s** by early Monday morning. Elevated winds should keep frost formation minimal; however, instances of **patchy frost** in shaded areas cannot be ruled out. Low temperatures across Central Florida will fall into the **upper 30s** to lower 50s and low temperatures across South Florida will fall into the middle 50s to middle 60s. Portions of North-Central Florida and the Naure Coast will see **feels-like temperatures** in the **middle to upper 30s** by sunrise on Monday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected nearly statewide with breezy northerly to northwesterly winds and increasing ocean swells. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells of 1-3' can be expected across the state through the early afternoon hours before larger ocean swells **increase to 3-6'** this evening. Overnight ocean swells will peak **near 4-6'** along the Panhandle and Gulf Coast and **5-10'** along the Florida East Coast. **High Surf Advisories** will go into effect tonight along most of the East Coast through Monday evening for **large swells and dangerous beach conditions**.

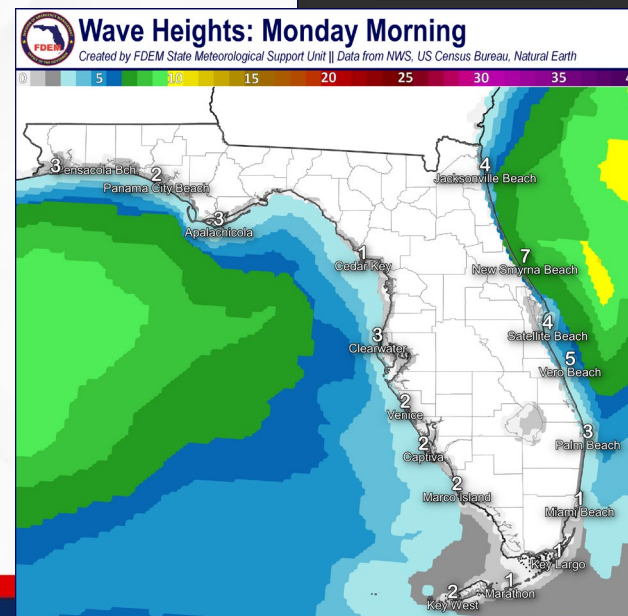
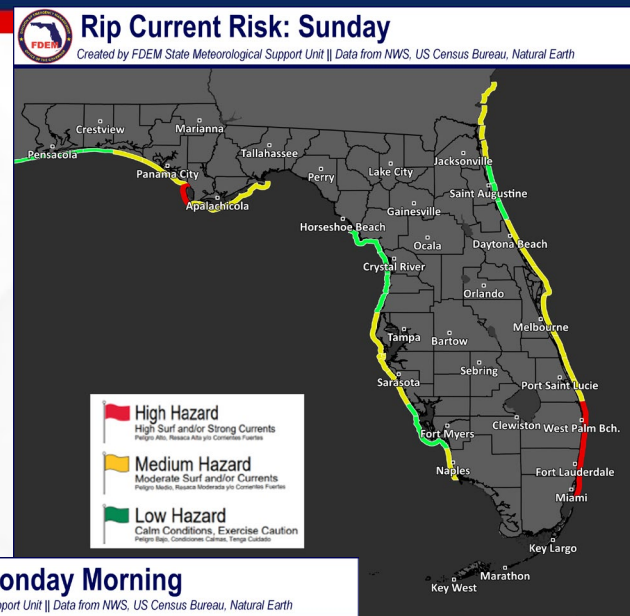
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in both Bay and Gulf counties and background to **low concentrations** in Franklin County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/12).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. An upper-level disturbance will bring scattered showers and a few embedded thunderstorms to South Florida today, along with an approaching frontal boundary from the north. Instances of locally heavy downpours cannot be ruled out throughout the day, especially within any thunderstorm activity or repeated rounds of shower activity. Rainfall totals of 0.5" are forecast, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 2-3" possible. **Nuisance and localized ponding of water or flash flooding** cannot be ruled out over urban corridors and low-lying areas along the South Florida metro.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns across Florida. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.59 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.14 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



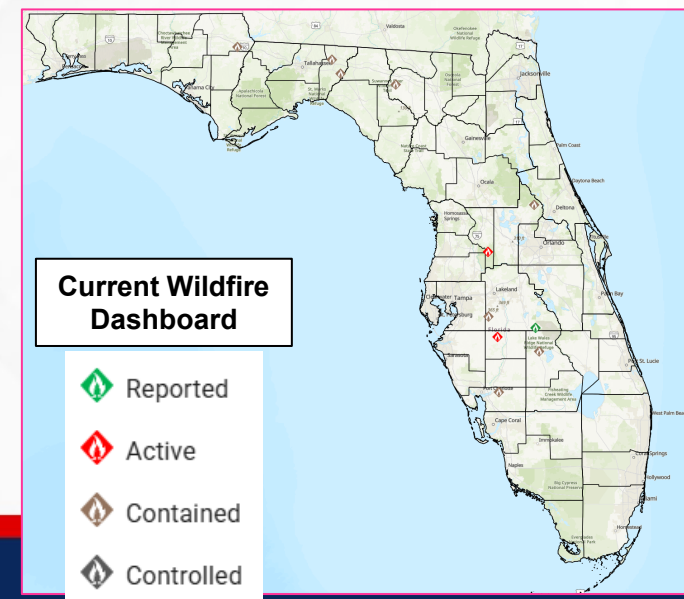
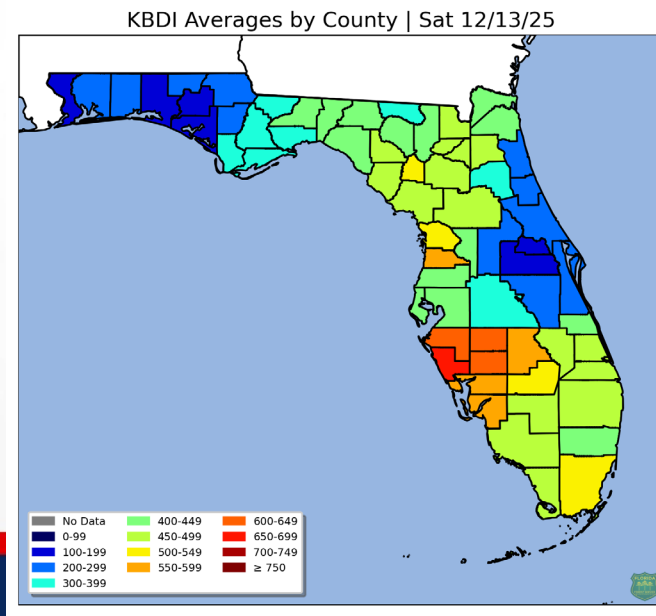
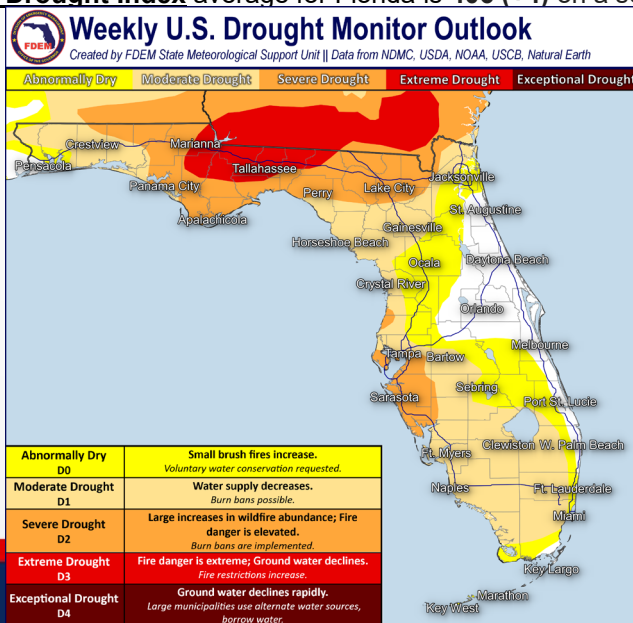


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A cold front will move across the state today and tonight bringing much cooler air behind it. Ahead of this front some showers will be possible along the Panhandle and Big Bend, but mostly dry conditions will persist across the state. Gusty winds will develop behind the cold front as cooler air rushes in, leading to **wind gusts of 15-20 mph** and stronger wind gusts closer towards the coasts **upwards of 25-30 mph**. Gusty winds will then extend into the Peninsula overnight. **Wind Advisories** have been issued along coastal portions of the First and Space Coast for stronger wind gusts **upwards of 40 mph** possible. **Locally sensitive wildfire conditions** remain possible throughout North and West-Central Florida due to ongoing drought conditions and drier conditions returning over the last few days. A disturbance south of the Peninsula and the approaching front will lead to a better chance for scattered shower activity and embedded thunderstorms across South Florida throughout the day. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 11 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 226 acres.

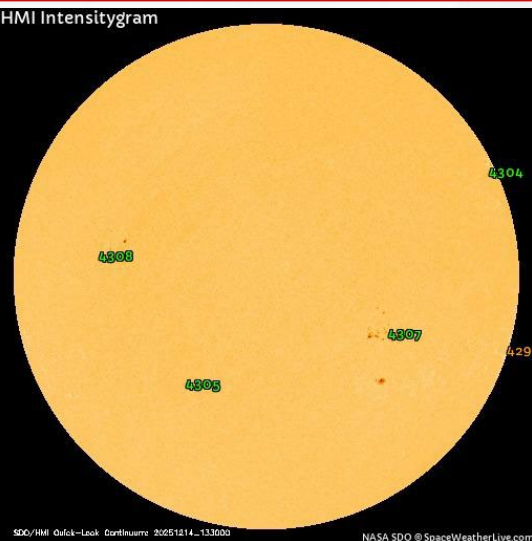
Drought (12/11): Widespread rainfall totals of 2-4 inches were observed across the Panhandle and North Florida over the past week as numerous rounds of showers and thunderstorms rolled through the area the last weekend and early last week. As a result, this week's Drought Monitor outlook features some reduction in drought categories across much of North Florida. Last week's Exceptional Drought has been downgraded to an **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** across portions of Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Madison counties. **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in place cross much of the I-10 corridor from Baker County to Holmes County in North Florida, with **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** across the rest of the western Panhandle and southward across the southern portions of the Suwannee River Valley. Some slight reduction in the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was seen over coastal West-Central Florida of northern Hillsborough and Pinellas County where some localized rainfall totals of 4-6 inches was observed in the past week. However, just south of that, expansion of the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was added over southern Sarasota and coastal Charlotte Counties where rainfall largely missed. A general couple of tenths of rain were observed over South Florida in the past week, not enough to curb the developing drought. Expansion of the **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was added to this week's outlook across much of interior South Florida, with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions expanding to the Southeast Florida coastline. Although shorter-term rainfall departures are above normal due to the recent rainfall, portions of North Florida are still under a long-term rainfall deficit (60-90 days) and drought conditions will persist. Additionally, rainfall chances will remain very low over the next week, or longer, which may lead to a resumption of deteriorating drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **406 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **12** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

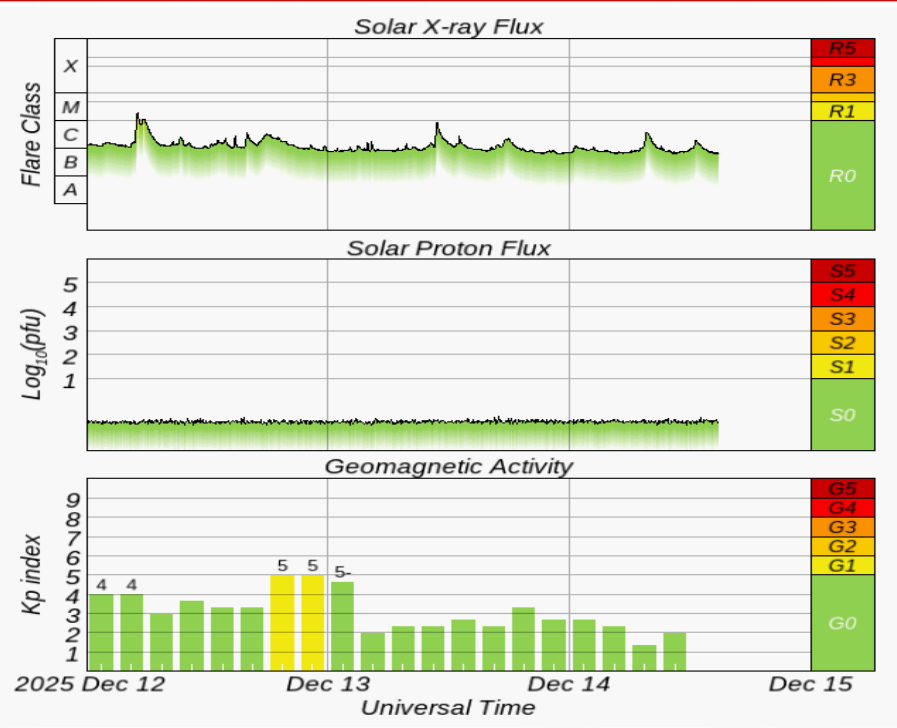
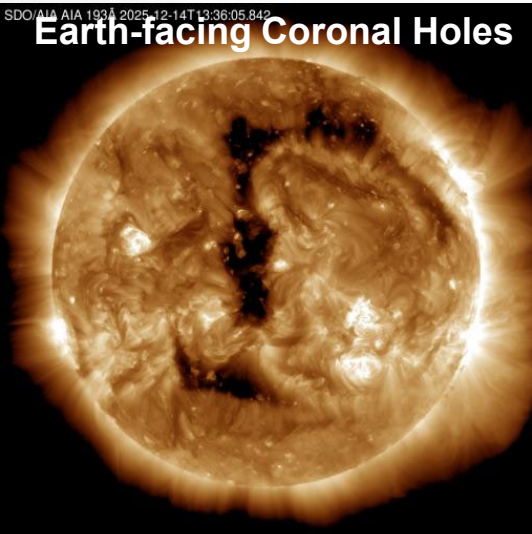




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/14	12/15
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity looks to remain at low levels as sunspot #4296 moves off the western limb of the sun; however, it does still contain a magnetic field capable of producing strong (M-class) solar flares. Any M-class solar flare that develops will also be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds will continue to diminish today but keep the solar wind environment mildly enhanced through early parts of next week. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to remain at mostly quiet to unsettled levels with ongoing CH HSS conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is 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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