



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Thursday, December 25, 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 (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status (State & Christmas Holiday)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2  
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5  
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	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R10
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2/4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

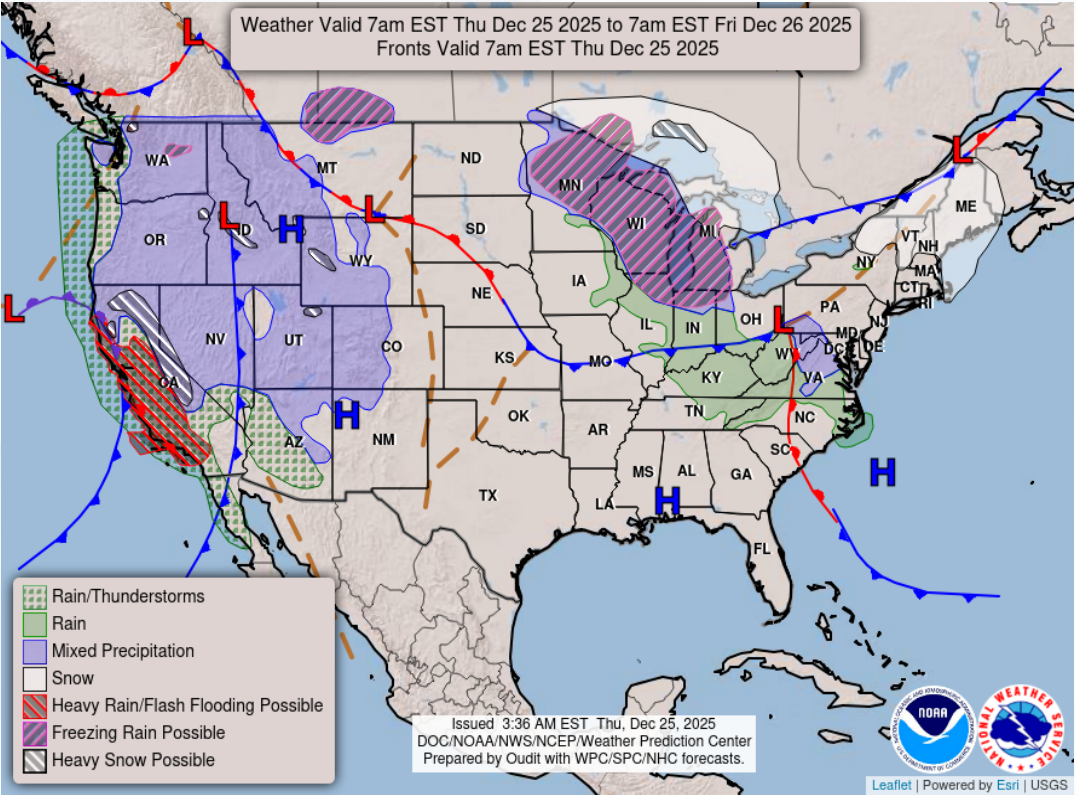
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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



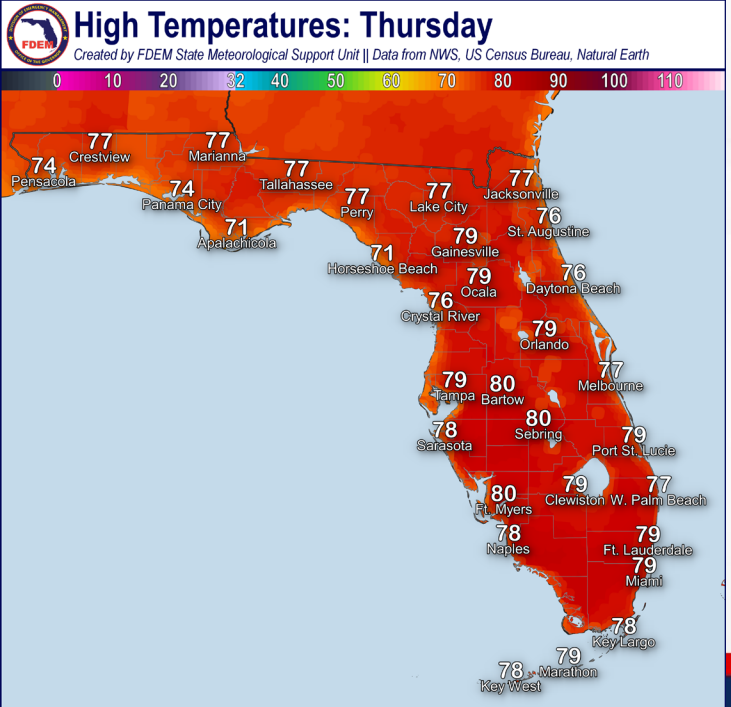
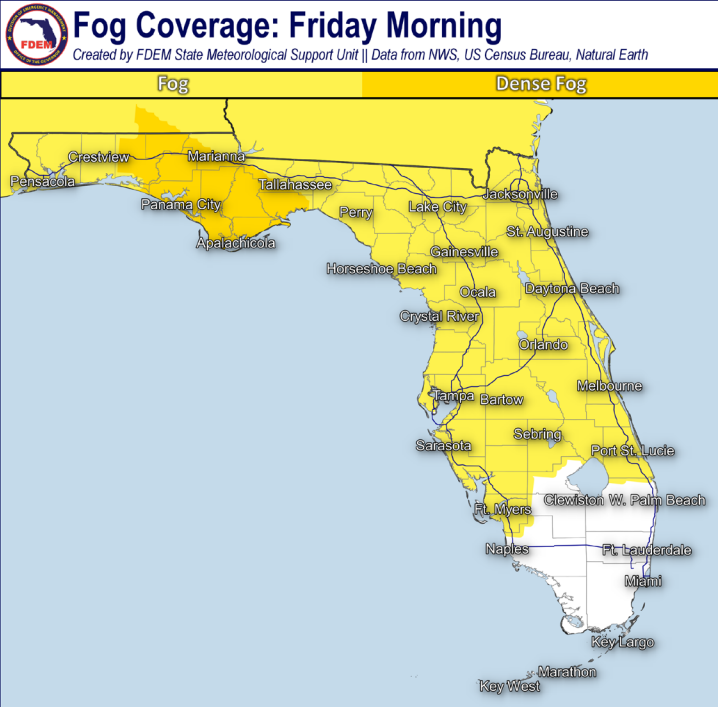


# Meteorology Summary



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)	H	H	H	M	M	M	M	L	L	
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.48 ft. (1.19 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	441 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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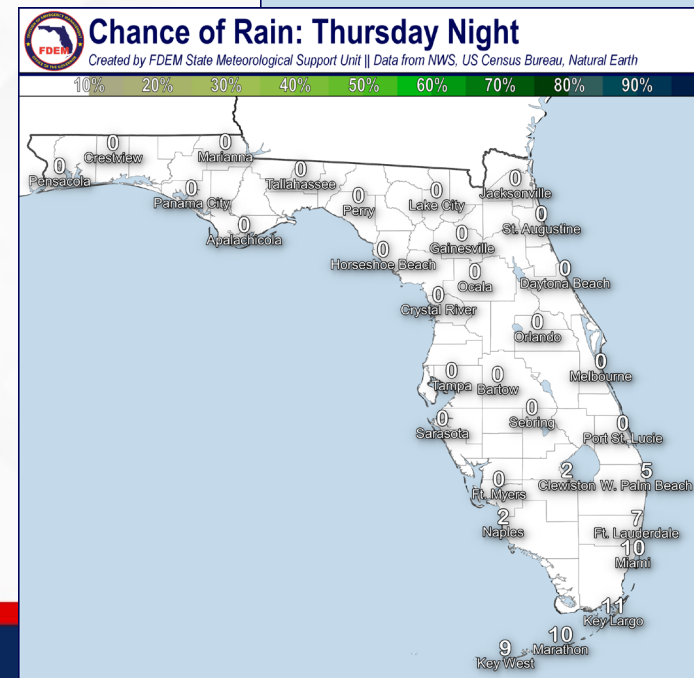
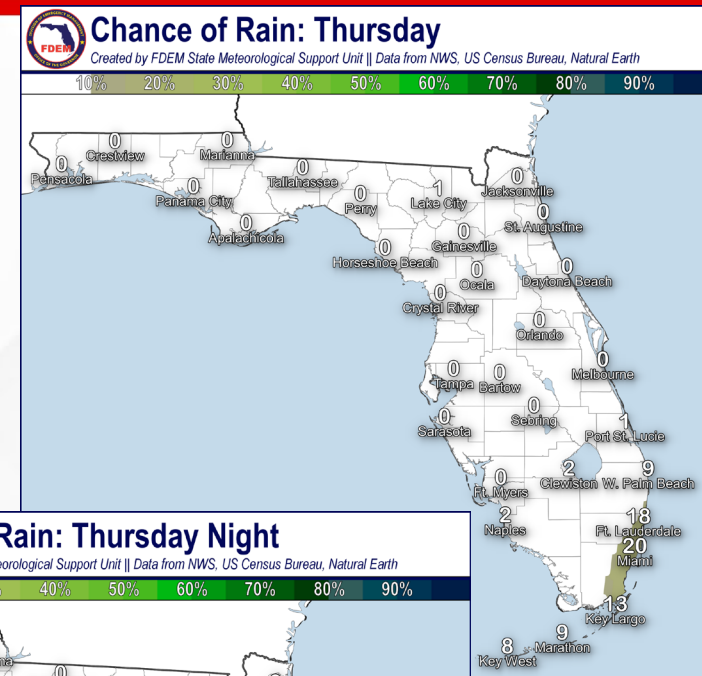
## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A rinse and repeat day today as high pressure continues to dominate the local pattern, keeping quiet, sunny, and dry conditions in place. **Dense fog** has developed across much of the Panhandle this morning and will linger through the mid-morning hours before dissipating. **Dense Fog Advisories** will remain in effect until mid to late this morning for land areas, with some **sea fog** persisting along the local Panhandle waters until noon. A slight chance of an isolated shower or brief sprinkle exists across coastal Southeast Florida this afternoon (15-20% chance of rain), however any of this activity will be very limited in coverage. Warm and dry conditions will continue to worsen drought conditions which may lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** across much of the state today, despite relative humidities remaining above critical thresholds.

High temperatures will climb into the middle to upper 70s across North Florida this afternoon, with a few lower 80s possible. Upper 70s to lower 80s can be expected in Central and South Florida.

Clear and calm conditions will prevail overnight. Lingering low-level moisture and warmer temperatures will promote another night of **low cloud and patchy fog** development overnight and towards daybreak Friday morning. **Locally dense fog** is likely to develop again across the Panhandle and Big Bend and **Dense Fog Advisories** will be issued as conditions warrant tonight. Please exercise caution if traveling overnight in areas of dense fog, which can reduce visibilities to less than a quarter of a mile.

Low temperatures will dip into the lower to middle 50s across much of the state tonight, as far south as interior South Florida. Lows will only reach the middle to upper 60s across coastal Southeast Florida and the Florida Keys.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected for Panhandle beaches today where an onshore component to the wind is expected. A **moderate risk** is also expected for Space and Treasure Coast beaches along the East Coast, however a low risk is outlooked for Northeast and Southeast Florida. A low risk for rip currents can be expected for West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Surf of **2-3'** can be expected for all East Coast beaches today, with a few waves **upwards of 4'** in the surf zone along the Treasure Coast. Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see waves of around 1'.

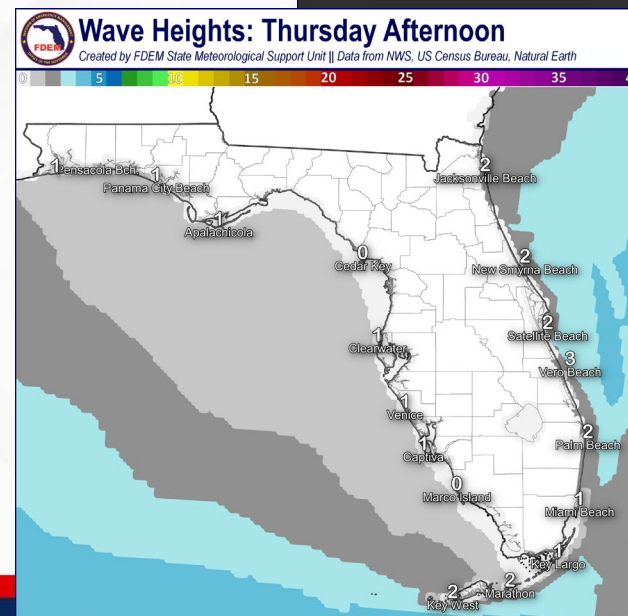
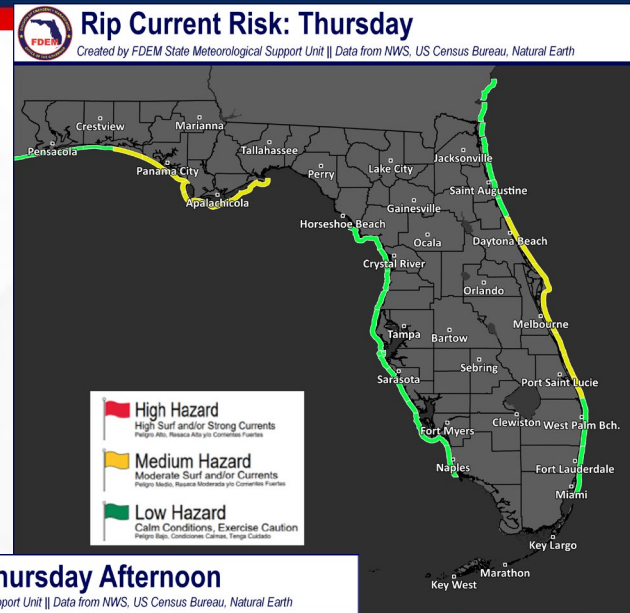
**Red Tide** was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay County, very low to **low concentrations** in Gulf County, and background to very low concentrations in Franklin County. Across Southwest Florida, it was also observed at background concentrations offshore Hillsborough, Manatee, and Monroe counties. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/19).

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

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today.

**Riverine Flooding:** There are no riverine concerns across Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://River Forecast Center).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 13.48 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.19 feet **below** normal for this time of year.





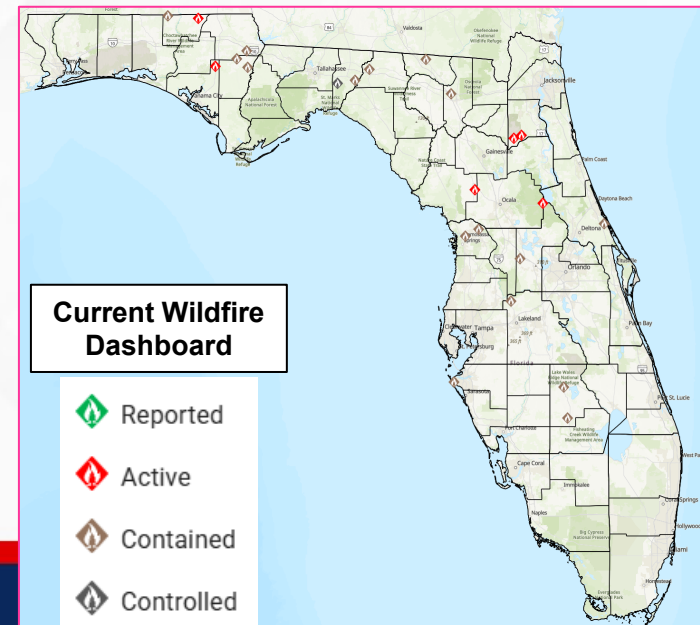
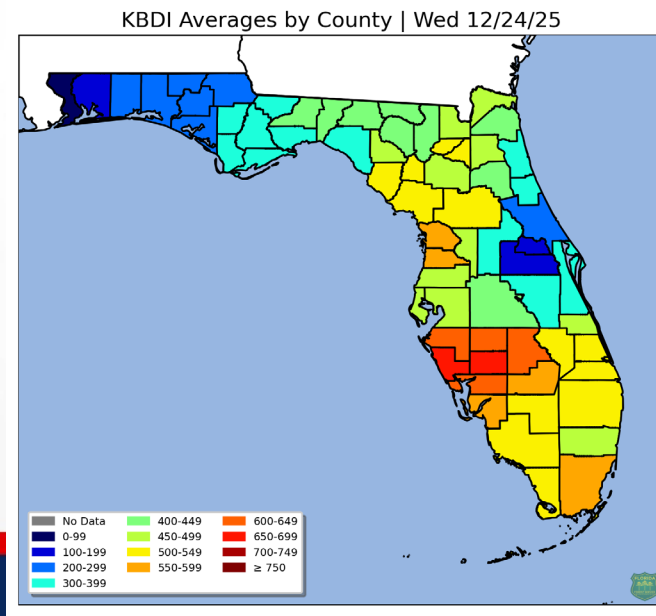
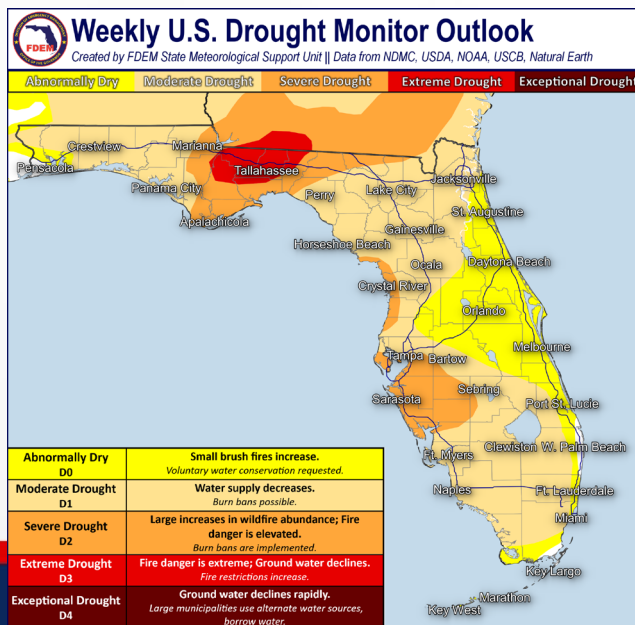


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Another dry day is on tap for the Sunshine State outside of coastal Southeast Florida where a brief sprinkle or coastal shower is possible. Despite relative humidities remaining above critical thresholds, warm and dry conditions will continue to promote **locally sensitive wildfire conditions**, especially in areas experiencing the worst long-term drought. Additionally, **patchy fog and low clouds**, which could be **locally dense**, may develop across the Panhandle and Big Bend tonight which can reduce visibilities further in any active fire regions. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 20 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 189 acres.

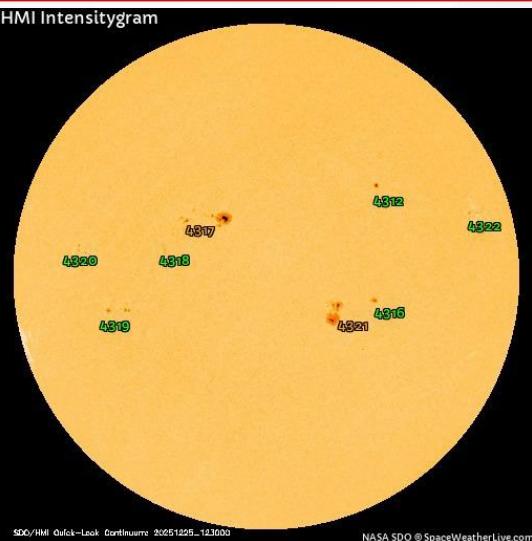
**Drought (12/24):** Over the past two weeks, much of the Florida Peninsula has seen little in the way of rainfall outside of immediate coastal Southeast Florida where rainfall totals have only added up to 1-2". As such, drought has expanded for parts of South and Central Florida on this weeks latest Drought Monitor outlook. A **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** has been expanded north of Lake Okeechobee to include all of Highlands, Okeechobee, and interior Martin and St. Lucie counties. Over the last two weeks, these areas have seen nearly zero rainfall which has been exacerbated by warmer than normal temperatures for this time of year. A similar story is ongoing along coastal West-Central Florida where the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** has also been expanded to include all interior Hardee and DeSoto counties, as well as southwest Polk county. The long-term (60 to 90 day) drought in these areas continues to worsen, with many areas between 6-8" below normal rainfall over the past two to three months. The Nature Coast has also seen a lack of rainfall in the long-term, with coastal Levy, Citrus, Hernando and Pasco counties under a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** with rainfall departures around 3-4" below normal over the past 2 months. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** has also been expanded away from the coast to include the interior counties of Sumter, Marion, and Putnam in Northeast Florida where similar rainfall departures over the past 2-3 months are found. Abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) has been introduced too all East-Central Florida, bringing 99% of the entire state of Florida under at least some classification of drought. Across North Florida and the Panhandle, very little changes were made to this week's outlook. An **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place over Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, and Jefferson counties with a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** surrounding that. A **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** occupies the rest of the I-10 corridor across the Panhandle and Northeast Florida. Very little meaningful rainfall is expected over the next week which will likely bring persistence, or worsening, drought levels on next weeks outlook. Although some water levels improved from recent rainfall over North Florida, dry conditions will begin to bring those back down slowly below normal levels.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **441 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **24** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

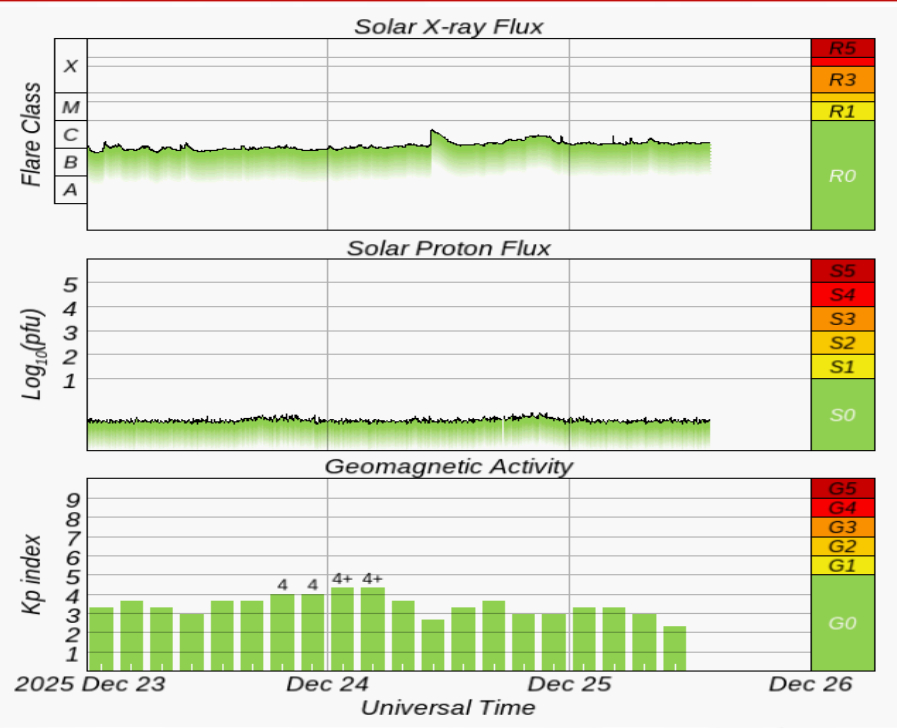
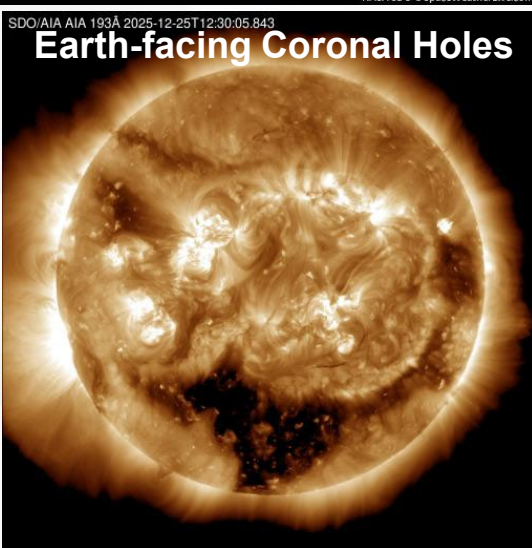




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/25	12/26
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is likely to be at low levels with an increasing chance for moderate (M-class) flares over the next few days as active sunspot regions #4294 and #4296 rotate back into view. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class flares. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to prevail through today as coronal hole influences persist. Waning conditions are expected on Friday and Saturday. The Earth's geomagnetic field is likely to reach brief periods of active conditions today under continued coronal hole influences and possible influences from a CME. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected on Friday, with mostly quiet conditions on Saturday. The overall space threat to Florida is 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	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
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