



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, December 29, 2025



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



SERT On-Call Personnel

Position	Personnel	Phone	Email
Operations Chief	Amy Godsey	(850) 519-8483	Amy.Godsey@em.myflorida.com
Watch Officer	Caitlyn Gillespie	(850) 688-2119	Caitlyn.Gillespie@em.myflorida.com
Duty Officer	Jeremy Whitt	(850) 755-8521	Jeremy.Whitt@em.myflorida.com
Operations Officer- Day	Caleb Pitts	(850) 815-4001	SWP@em.myflorida.com
Operations Officer- Swing	Matthew Peloso	(850) 815-4001	SWP@em.myflorida.com
Operations Officer- Night	Daniel Leader	(850) 815-4001	SWP@em.myflorida.com
Meteorologist	Kennedy Tartt	(850) 567-6368	Kennedy.Tartt@em.myflorida.com
Plans Chief	Kaylynn Perry	(850) 254-5657	Plans_Command@em.myflorida.com
Logistics Chief	Christina Goetzman	(850) 519-8581	Christina.Goetzman@em.myflorida.com
Human Services Director	Octavio Rios	(850) 328-9593	Octavio.Rios@em.myflorida.com
Emergency Services	Tim Kenyon	(850) 591-7732	Tim.Kenyon@em.myflorida.com
Infrastructure Branch Director	Paige Lay	(850) 591-9933	paige.lay@em.myflorida.com
ESF 8 On-Call	Hunter Stafford	(866) 786-4673	DLDOHDutyOfficers@flhealth.gov
Public Information Officer	Stephanie Hartman	(850) 570-3053	Stephanie.Hartman@em.myflorida.com
DEM Finance and Admin	Brittany Adams	(850) 815-4625	Brittany.Adams@em.myflorida.com



Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Santa Rosa	COOP Planning
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	FEMA Course Prep
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	EM Visit
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Office Admin
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6
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	Walton	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leave	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2/4

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

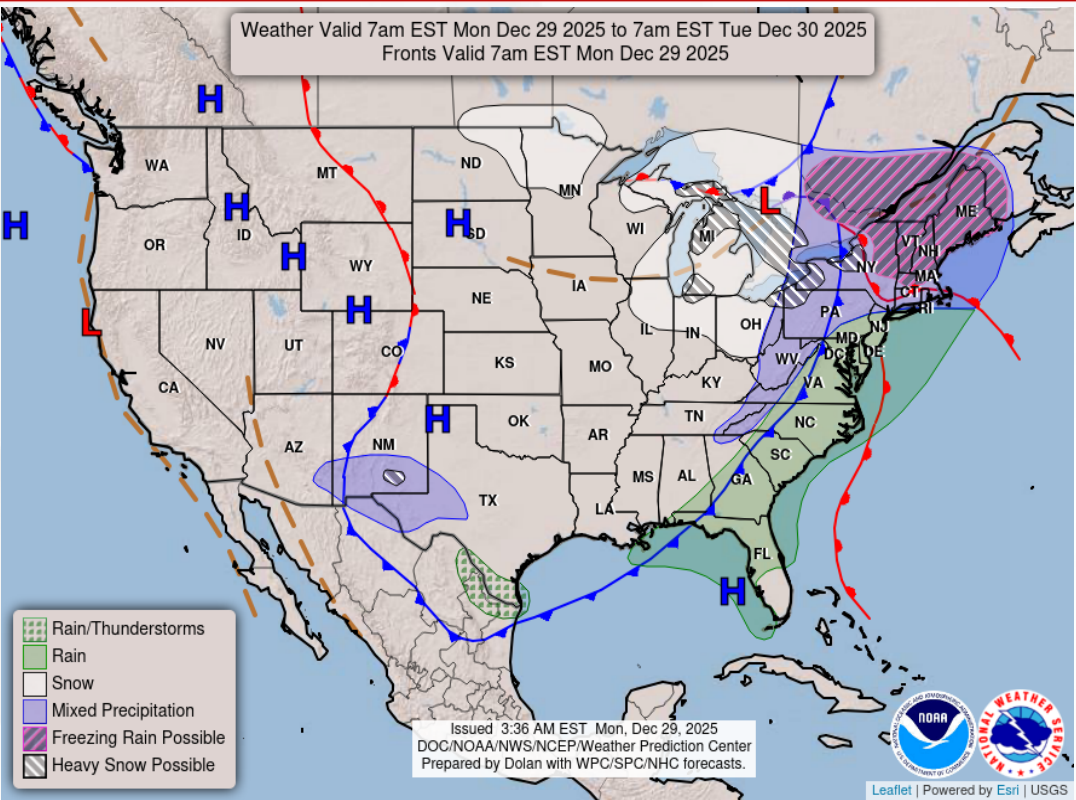
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

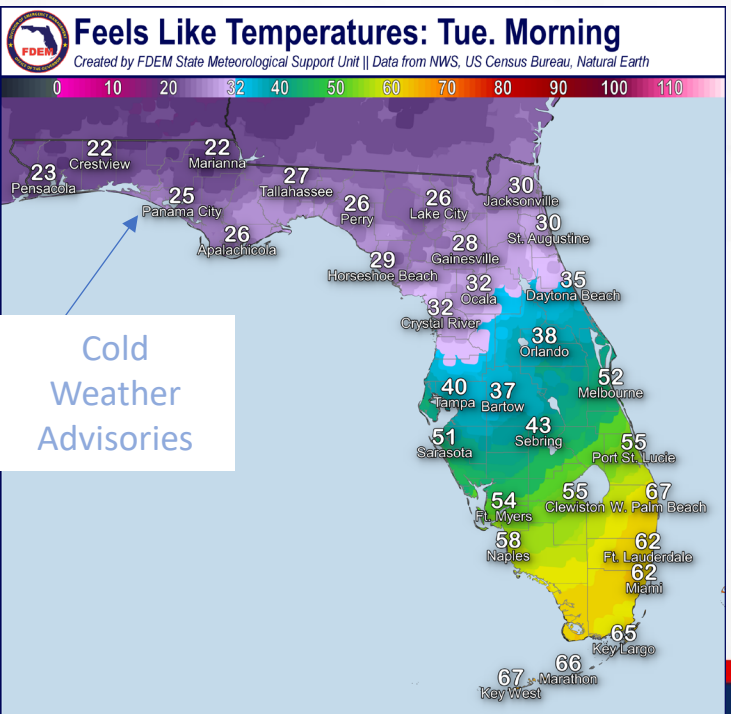
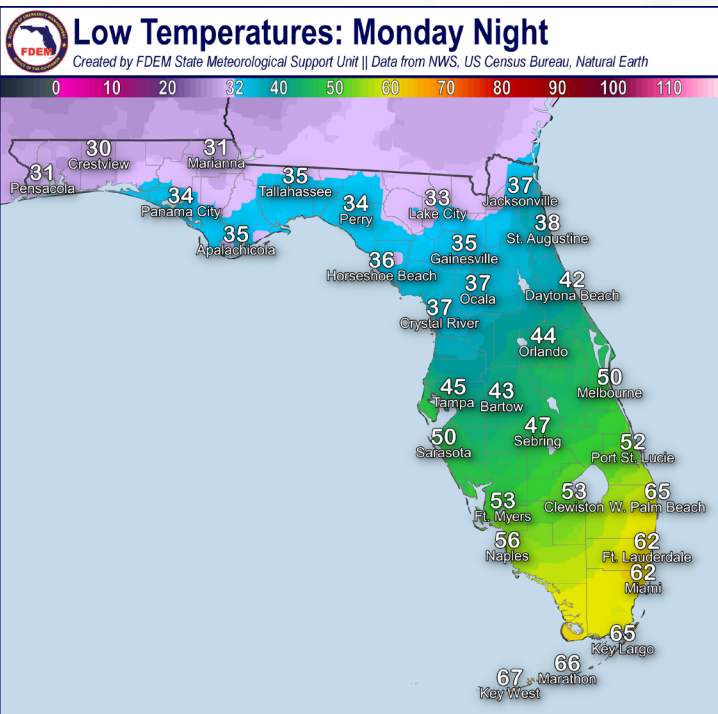


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	M	M	M	L						
Wind Chills (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	L	L				
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.45 ft. (1.20 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	460 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



Cold Weather Advisories



Meteorology Summary

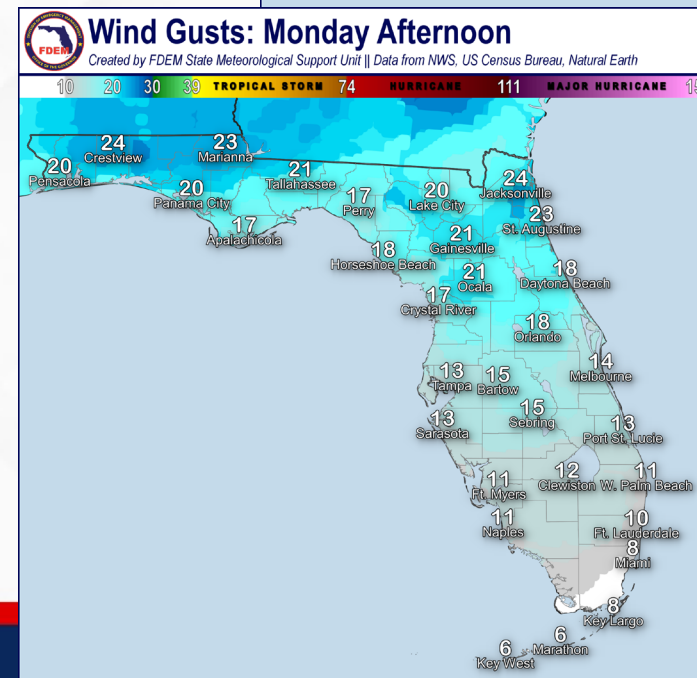
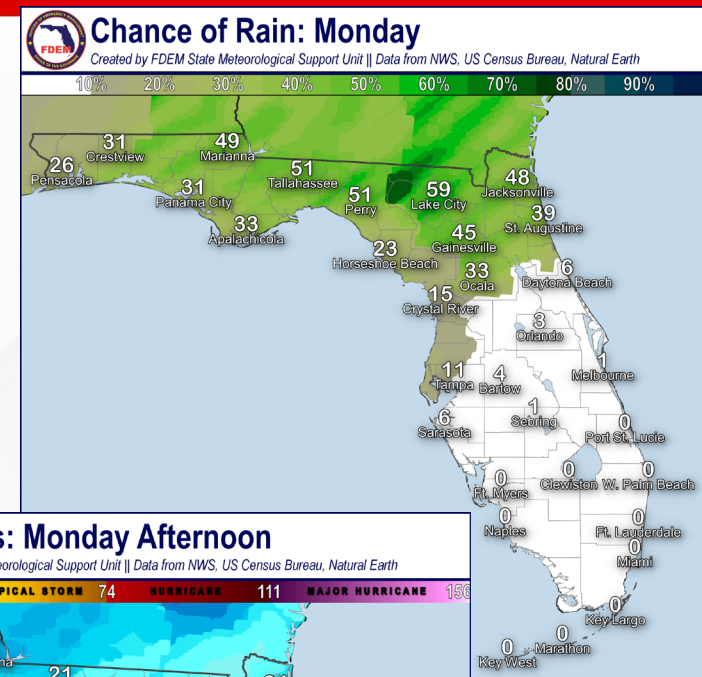
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Widespread dense fog covers much of the state this morning extending from the Suwannee Valley and through Lake Okeechobee, with **Dense Fog Advisories** expiring at 9:00 AM EST. **Foggy conditions and low clouds** will gradually lift and dissipate throughout the mid-morning hours and clearing out. A potent, but mostly dry, cold front will sweep through North and Central Florida today bringing a change in weather pattern from the last several days. This morning, isolated to widely scattered showers accompany the front as it moves across the I-10 corridor and shower activity will continue across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida through the afternoon (25-55% chance of rain). By the time the front reaches North-Central and Central Florida later this afternoon the rain chances will dissipate. Behind the cold front, gusty winds will follow behind reaching **upwards of 20-25 mph** across North Florida by the mid-afternoon hours.

High temperatures will reach the upper 60s to upper 70s throughout the state today, with portions of Southeast Florida reaching the lower 80s. *The Panhandle and Big Bend will see their highest temperatures this morning and near midday as the front moving through during the daytime hours will usher much cooler air behind it.*

This evening and overnight the cold front will continue to push through Central and South Florida reaching the Straits by sunrise Tuesday morning. The front will remain mostly dry as it moves through although a few light sprinkles may be possible (less than 10% chance of rain). Cloud cover will accompany the front, but otherwise clearer skies and dry conditions can be expected. Much colder air moves into North Florida overnight and clearing skies will allow temperatures to drop.

Low temperatures tonight across North Florida will fall into the **30s** across North Florida, upper 30s to upper 40s across Central Florida and 50s to lower 60s across South Florida. Ongoing breezy winds overnight and cold temperatures will create **feels-like temperatures (wind chills)** in the **lower to middle 20s** across the Panhandle and **middle to upper 20s** across the Big Bend, Northeast Florida and towards Nature Coast by sunrise Tuesday morning. **Cold Weather Advisories (Wind Chill Advisory)** will go into effect tonight across the Panhandle and western Big Bend, and there may be a further extension eastward of advisories throughout the day. North-Central Florida can also expect to see feels-like temperatures in the **lower to middle 30s**.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** extends along the Panhandle and East Coast of Florida. West Coast beaches will continue to see a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells will grow this afternoon along Panhandle beaches reaching **3-5'** behind a passing cold front bringing breezy northwesterly winds. Similarly, several East Coast beaches will see wave heights **grow to 2-4'** along the coastline, with breaking waves **upwards of 5'** along the First Coast. Big Bend and West Coast beaches will remain near 1-2'.

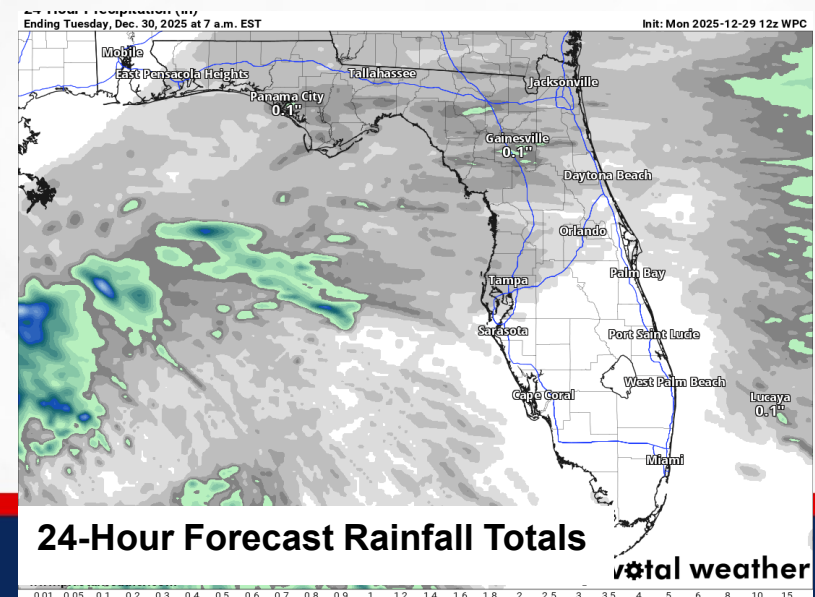
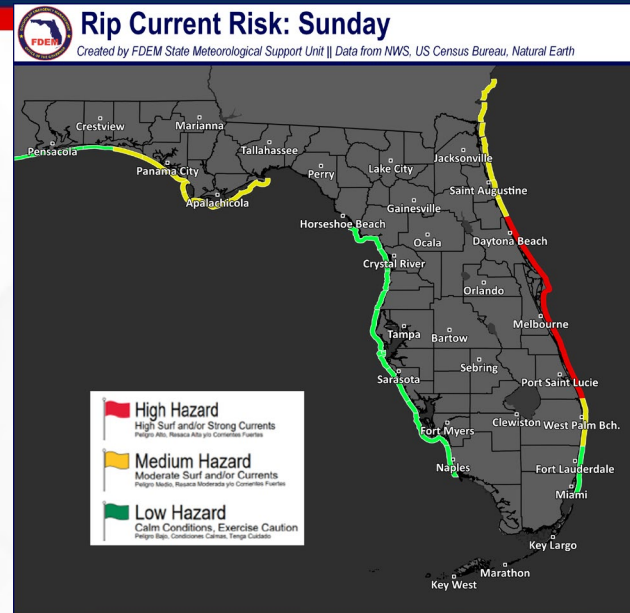
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay County, very low to **low concentrations** in Gulf County, and background to very low concentrations in Franklin County. Across Southwest Florida, it was also observed at background concentrations offshore Hillsborough County. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/23).

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

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

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.45 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.20 feet below normal for this time of year.



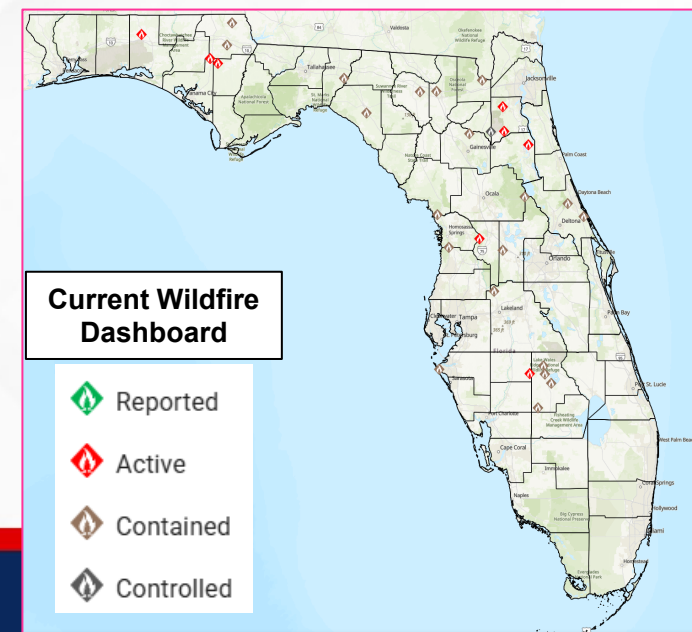
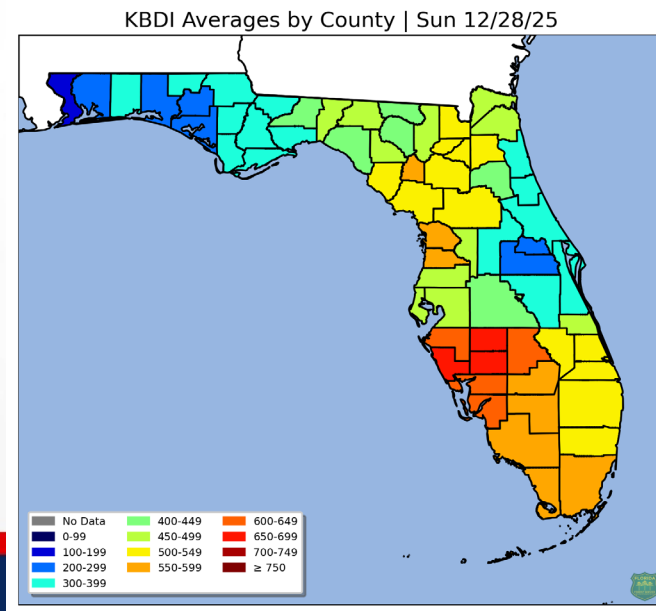
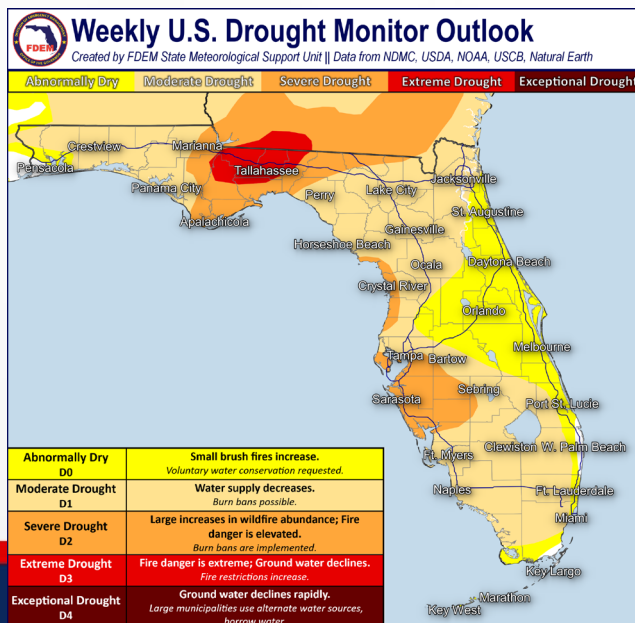


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Brief showers will accompany a potent cold front moving across North Florida and into Central Florida during the daytime hours. Mostly warm and **above normal conditions** will continue throughout the Peninsula. Behind the cold front, much cooler air and gusty winds will follow behind gradually moving from west to east. Wind gusts will increase to **20-25 mph** by the afternoon hours, with locally stronger wind gusts possible, across North Florida. Little rainfall accumulation and the recent seasonably warm conditions will continue to promote **sensitive wildfire conditions** across North and West-Central Florida. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 29 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 191 acres.

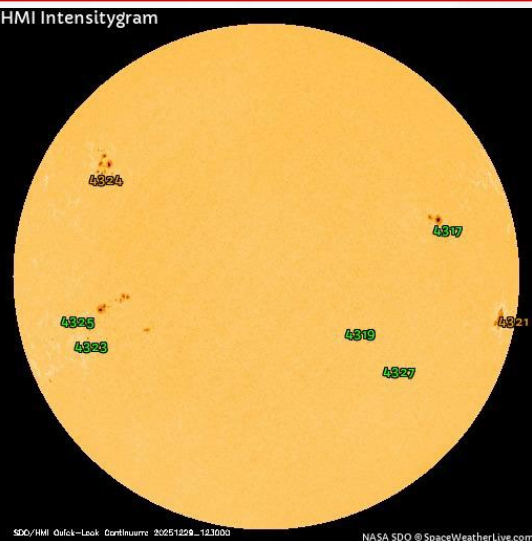
Drought (12/24): Over the past two weeks, much of the Florida Peninsula has seen little in the way of rainfall outside of immediate coastal Southeast Florida where rainfall totals have only added up to 1-2". As such, drought has expanded for parts of South and Central Florida on this weeks latest Drought 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. 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, and 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 **460 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **28** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

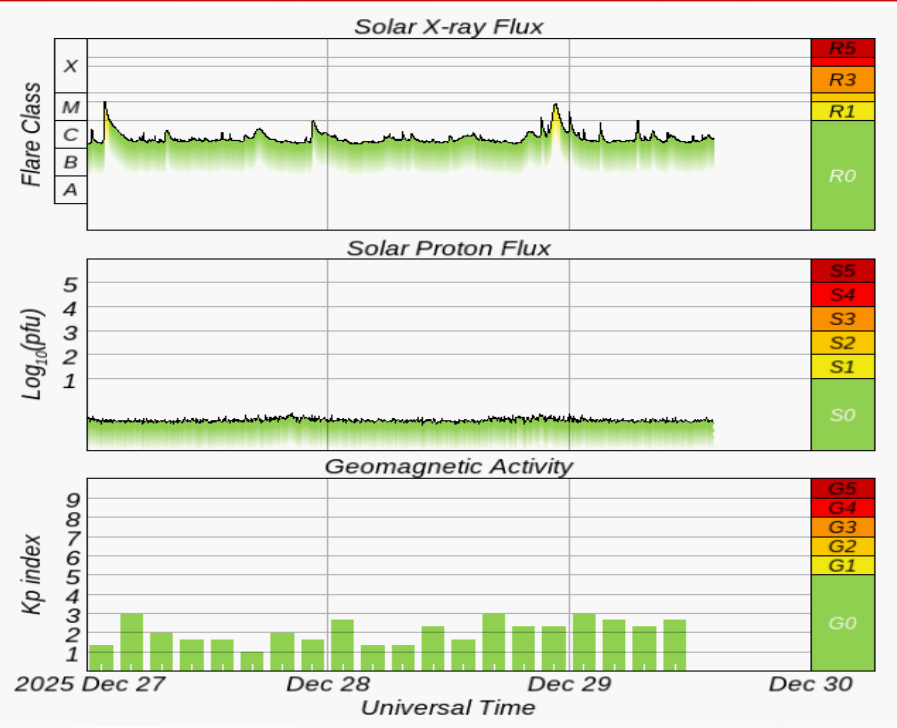
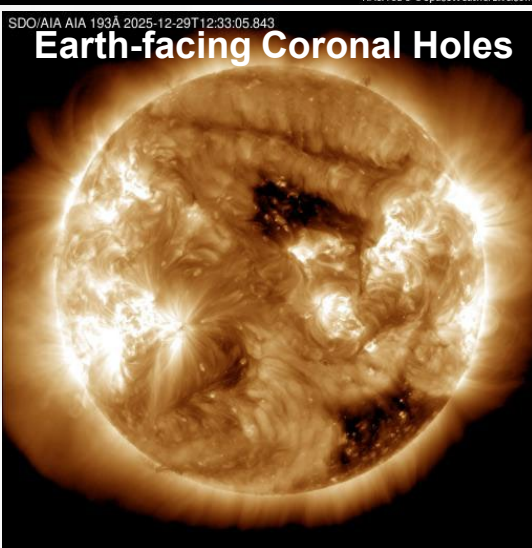




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/29	12/30
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is likely to be at low levels with chances for moderate (M-class) flares, courtesy of active sunspot region #4321 through the end of the year. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any organized flare activity. Mostly ambient solar wind conditions are expected to prevail through Tuesday before increasing on Wednesday. The Earth's geomagnetic field is likely to remain at mostly quiet levels with only isolated unsettled periods possible through Tuesday. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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

Users wishing to subscribe (approval pending) to this distribution list, register at:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEM/subscriber/new?topic_id=Morning_SITREP