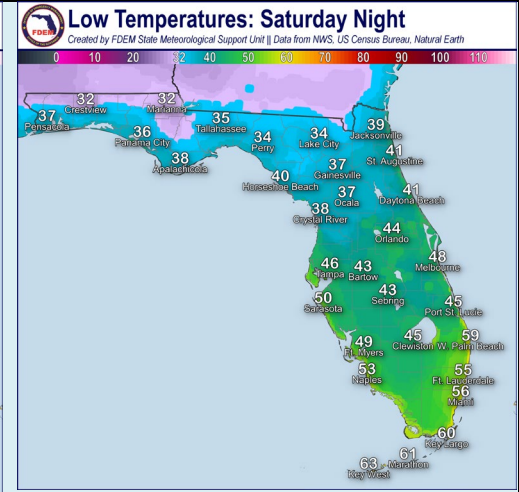
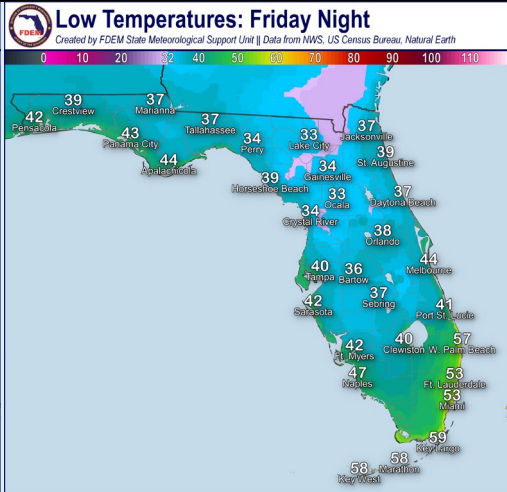
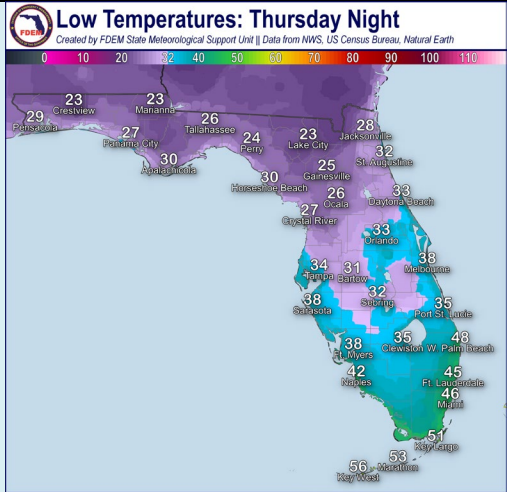
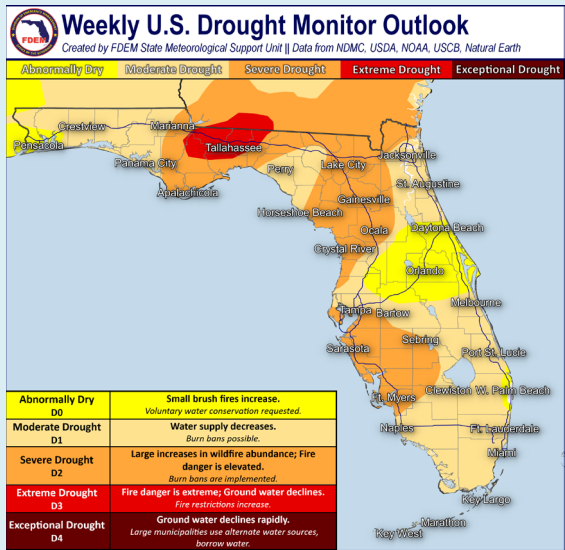


Tuesday, January 13, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat			Low Threat		Moderate Threat	High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Fog (Overnight)	Freeze (Overnight)	Wind Chill (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue	Iso. Southeast FL Coast						Locally Statewide	Southeast FL Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Wed	Iso. Southeast FL Coast						Locally Statewide	Panhandle & Southeast FL Panhandle West Coast
Thu					I-10 Corridor North & Interior Central FL Central Florida & Interior South FL	Suwannee Valley North & Interior Central FL Central & Interior South FL	Locally Statewide	Statewide
Fri					Northern Suwannee Valley Interior North & Central FL	Northern Suwannee Valley Northeast & Interior Central FL	Locally Statewide	West Coast & Southeast FL Panhandle & East Coast
Sat					Northwest Panhandle North Florida	I-10 Corridor North Florida	Locally Statewide	Panhandle East Coast West Coast



Forecast Low Temperatures: Thursday, Friday & Saturday Nights



Latest Drought Monitor Outlook – Valid 1/8

5 P's OF COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

PROTECT PLANTS

Cover cold-sensitive plants to protect them from dangerous temperatures.

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY

Use safe heating sources indoors. Do not use fuel-burning devices such as grills; they release deadly carbon monoxide.

PROTECT PEOPLE

Dress in warm layers and wear a hat and gloves.

PROTECT PETS

Bring outdoor pets inside or provide a warm shelter for them.

PROTECT PIPES

Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent them from freezing and breaking.

5P's of Cold Weather Safety

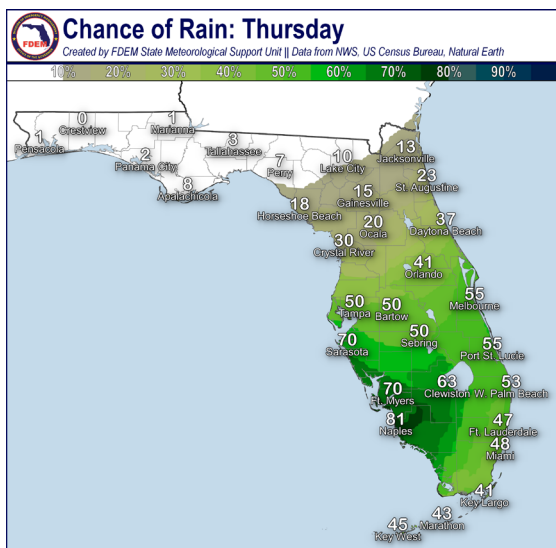
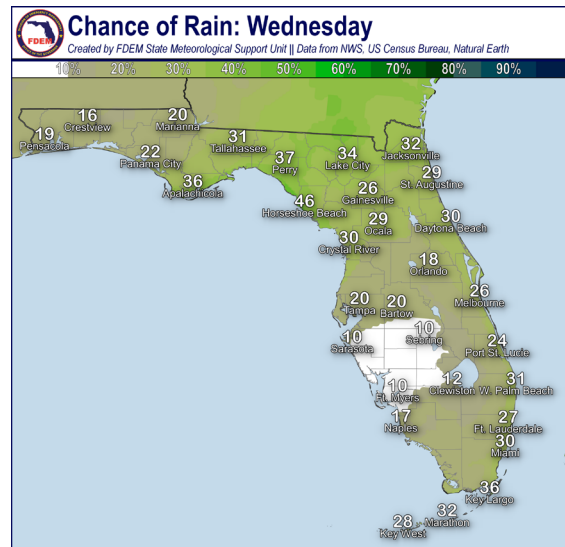


...Active Weather Pattern Leading to Below Normal Temperatures Across the State for The Next Few Days...Series of Cold Fronts Moving Through the State to Bring Cold Temperatures Far South Mid to Late Week...Sub-Freezing Temperatures to Extend To and Beyond I-4 Corridor Thursday Night; Widespread Freeze Warnings...Feels-Like Temperatures In the 20s and 30s to Extend To Lake Okeechobee Friday Morning; Cold Weather Advisories To Extend Well South...Fronts Could Bring Isolated Showers But Widespread Rainfall Not Expected...Drought Conditions Expanded Nearly Statewide...

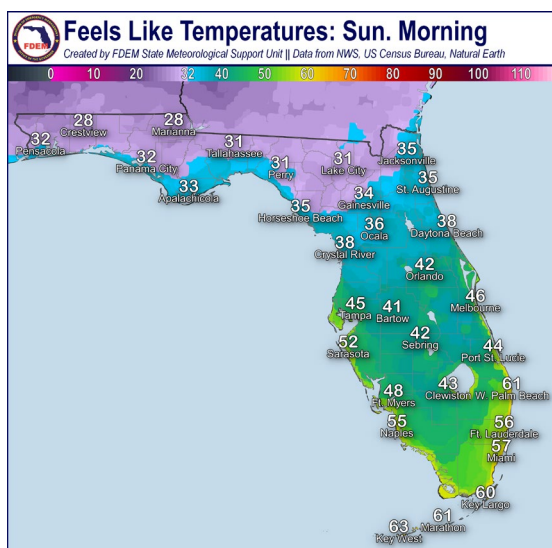
Tuesday – Saturday:

Several cold fronts moving across the state over the next few days will lead to an active weather pattern and below normal temperatures across the state. The most recent front that passed through the state remains draped over the Florida Straits and will help give way to isolated to widely scattered showers along South Florida and portions of the Atlantic Coast Tuesday and Wednesday (15-35% chance of rain). An upper-level feature ahead of the next cold front will bring isolated showers across the state on Wednesday as just enough moisture ahead of the front will be available (15-30% chance of rain). Central Florida will see a greater chance for more scattered showers Wednesday night and into Thursday morning (35-60% chance of rain). Once the front passes through Wednesday night another cold front, one that is stronger, will push through Thursday. There will be residual moisture ahead of the front to help produce isolated to widely scattered showers across the Peninsula during the day on Thursday (30-55% chance of rain). As the front passes, breezy northwesterly winds will increase leading to wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** across the state and **stronger wind gusts upwards of 25-30 mph** closer towards the coasts and the cold air will usher in with those winds. At this time, there is enough time for drying any rainfall before the cold air arrives and there is no concern for flash freeze conditions Thursday night and into Friday morning. Strong arctic high pressure takes over on Friday across the state leading to a cool day with plenty of sunshine. By Saturday the area of high pressure will begin to modify and help for temperatures to increase slightly, but another cold front moving through the state will prevent any significant warming. While this last front looks to remain mostly dry, a stray shower or light sprinkles cannot be ruled out along the immediate frontal boundary on Saturday along the Panhandle and its coastline (10-25% chance of rain).

High temperatures will reach the lower 60s across North Florida, middle 60s to lower 70s across Central Florida and middle to upper 70s across South Florida Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 30s** to upper 40s across North Florida, upper 40s to upper 50s across Central Florida and 60s across South Florida Tuesday and Wednesday nights.



Panhandle areas will see the warmest temperatures earlier in the day before the breezier winds and cooler air arrives behind the cold front. This will create high temperatures in the upper 40s to middle 50s on Thursday afternoon. The rest of the state can expect to see high temperatures in the afternoons reaching the middle 50s to lower 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to middle 70s across South Florida. High temperatures will remain in the 50s and 60s across the state Friday leading to a cool day. Temperatures will warm back up into the 60s to lower 70s on Saturday before the final front of the forecast period moves through. **Sub-freezing temperatures** can be expected throughout North Florida and interior Central Florida Thursday night. **Widespread Freeze Warnings** can be expected throughout North Florida due to **Hard Freeze Conditions** creating low temperatures in the **20s**. Additional **Freeze Warnings** will likely be needed through the I-4 corridor for low temperatures in the **lower to middle 30s**. South Florida can expect to see low temperatures in the **middle 30s** to upper 40s. **Feels-like temperatures** will be in the **20s** and **lower 30s** through Lake Okeechobee, with South Florida seeing **feels-like temperatures** in the **30s** to middle 40s. **Cold Weather Advisories**, formerly Wind Chill Advisories, will extend well south throughout the Peninsula Thursday night and into Friday morning. **Sub-freezing temperatures** can be expected again Friday night within the Suwannee River Valley, which may prompt **Freeze Warnings**. Most of the rest of the state can expect to see low temperatures in the **middle 30s** to upper 40s, with the Southeast Florida coast and Keys remaining in the 50s. **Feels-like temperatures** will remain in the **middle to upper 30s** throughout interior Central and northern South Florida Friday night and into Saturday morning, which may introduce another round of **Cold Weather Advisories**. Low temperatures will return to the **lower to middle 30s** across the I-10 corridor, **upper 30s** to upper 40s across Central Florida and middle 40s to upper 50s across South Florida Saturday night. **Feels-like temperatures** will return to the **upper 20s to lower 30s** throughout most of North Florida Saturday night and into Sunday morning. A **Cold Weather Advisory** may be needed along the Panhandle for **sub-freezing wind chills** near sunrise Sunday morning.



Hydrology & Flooding:

There is no risk for flash flooding over the next five (5) days. A series of cold fronts will move through the state over the next few days, bringing a slim chance for rainfall with them. There will not be enough moisture recovery ahead of each of these fronts as they approach and move through, keeping shower activity isolated to widely scattered at best. Shower activity will remain mostly light and brief when it occurs. Rainfall totals will be limited to 0.5", possibly upwards of 1-2" for any locally heavier rainfall or repeated shower activity along the Southeast Florida coast. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

There are no riverine concerns at this time. Rivers and streams across North Florida remain near or below normal with the ongoing long-term drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.19 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.52 feet below normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

No significant changes were noted on this week's Drought Monitor update, in fact, only minor degradations were made on this update. This last week was characterized by below normal temperatures across the Sunshine State, especially across southern Florida, and some rainfall that

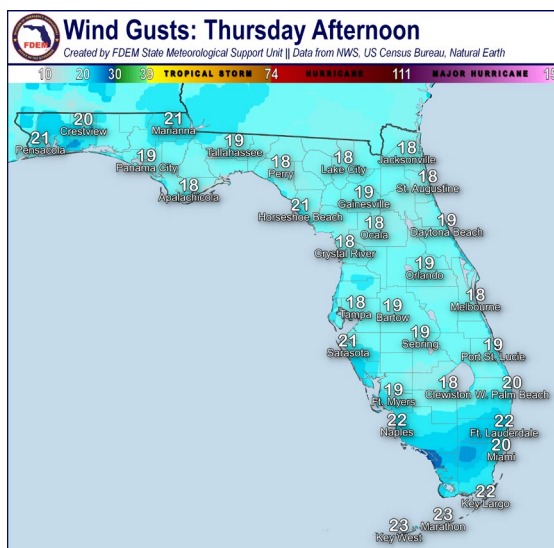


occurred mostly along the Panhandle. **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** expanded further east towards the St. Johns River and further inland across West-Central Florida. **Moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** now takes up nearly all of South Florida, with the exception of coastal Palm Beach County. During the period, widespread rainfall totals of 0.5-1" were observed along North and coastal West-Central Florida but that was not enough to make any substantial impact to the ongoing drought conditions.

This last week temperatures were above normal for the time of year statewide, but especially across the Peninsula. Rainfall was also very limited this week with the greatest rainfall remaining along the western Panhandle near 0.25-1" as well as along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline. The combination of those factors, along with numerous North and West-Central Florida waterways remain below normal streamflows. Soil moisture remains well below normal for the northern Suwannee Valley, interior West-Central Florida and interior South Florida. While additional rainfall is anticipated this week, it will remain light and not create a dent in drought conditions. Any rainfall will help but its going to take many rounds of heavy rainfall to help. **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** may be introduced or extended further into interior South Florida this week with KBDI values have reached and exceeded the 500-mark. The little bit of rainfall the western Panhandle did receive will likely keep conditions status quo.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **480 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

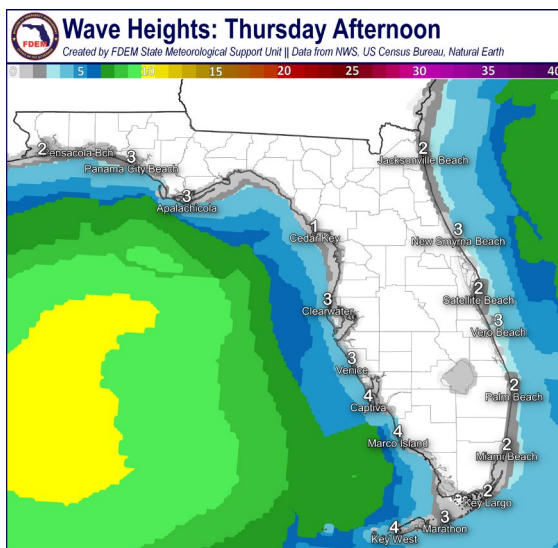
Below normal temperatures can be expected with a series of cold fronts that will push through the state over the next few days leading to a sensitive wildfire risk across the state due to nearly statewide drought conditions. Associated with these cold fronts will be sparse and isolated shower activity, that expands statewide Wednesday and Peninsula-wide on Thursday. These showers are not expected to bring widespread rainfall and keep rainfall totals below an inch. Breezy conditions will return statewide on Thursday with the passing of a strong cold front, leading to wind gusts **upwards of 15-20 mph** and stronger wind **gusts upwards of 25-30 mph** closer towards the coasts. Another cold front will move through later on Saturday helping to reinforce dry conditions but could bring another spotty shower to two. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 303 acres.



Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

A **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected to persist for numerous beaches across the state Tuesday and into Wednesday before increasing to a **high risk** on Thursday. Breezy post-frontal winds and large ocean swells will develop for numerous beaches across the state creating that high risk on Thursday. As onshore winds and ocean swells linger along much of the West and Southeast Coasts a **high risk** can also be expected for Friday while all other beaches return to a **moderate risk**. Southerly to southeasterly winds return along the Panhandle leading to a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** on Saturday.





Largely calm marine conditions can be expected along the Panhandle and West Coast through Wednesday with wave heights remaining near 1-2'. With the next cold front pushing through Wednesday, gusty winds behind it will allow for ocean swells to **increase to 4-6'** by Thursday afternoon along all beaches. Isolated breaking waves with **reach upwards of 8-9'** offshore from the West-Central Florida coastline as well. Northerly winds on Friday will push ocean swells southward leading to calmer conditions gradually returning along the Panhandle throughout the day, but West Coast will see wave **heights remain near 3-4'**. Nearly all beaches will return to 1-2' on Saturday along the West Coast, but Panhandle beaches will see another increase to 3' ahead of another cold front. Wave **heights of 2-4'** can be expected to persist along the East Coast for the next several days. Larger ocean **swells of 3-6'** will develop along Thursday due to breezy post-frontal

winds with larger **waves of 7-8'** along the Southeast Florida coast. Lingering swells will continue along portions of the Southeast Florida coast through Saturday with **wave heights reaching 3-5'**. All other East Coast beaches will return to 1-3'.

The latest **Blue-Green Algae** report shows algal bloom conditions were observed within several locations around the state. **High bloom conditions** were reported within Georges Lake in the lower St. Johns, Lake Marian in the upper St. Johns, Lake Placid, Veterans Memorial Park within the Pensacola Bay and the southeastern edge of Lake Okeechobee. **Moderate bloom conditions** were reported along the western and southwestern edge of Lake Okeechobee, Lake Thonotosassa, Lake Killarney in the upper St. Johns and the Pond near Dorothy B. Owen Park.

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Have a wonderful rest of the week!

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