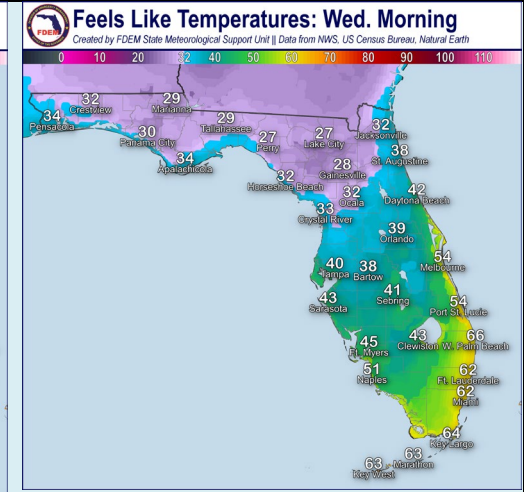
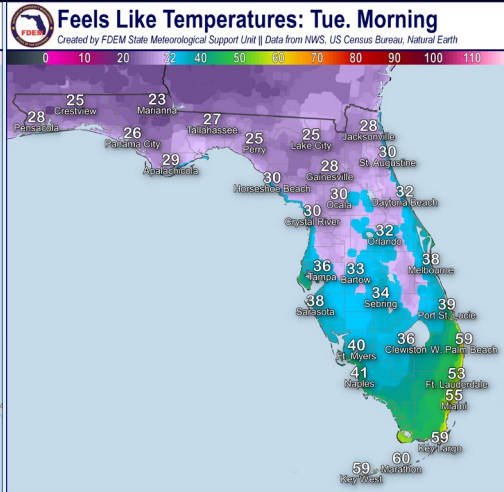
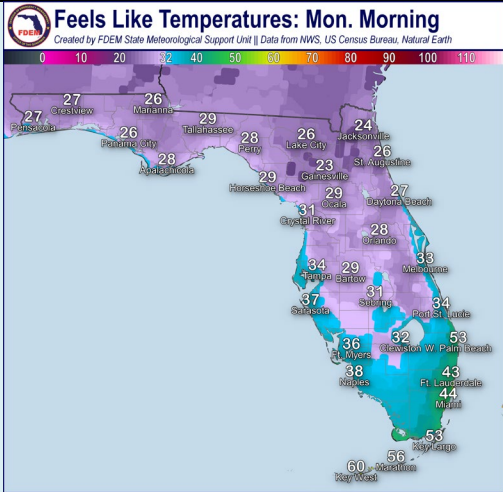
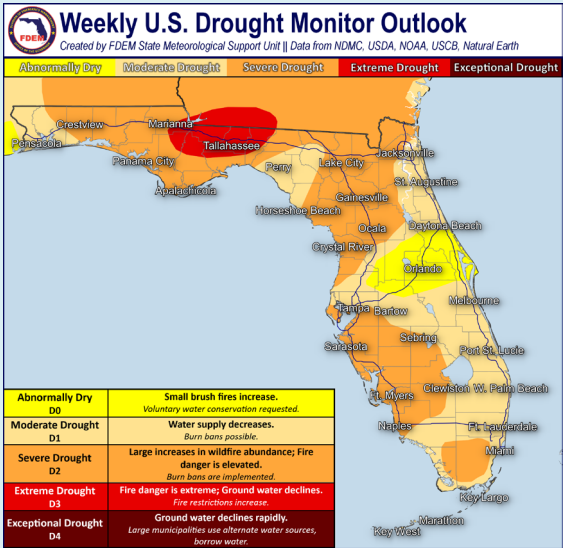


Friday, January 16, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Fog (Overnight)	Freeze (Overnight)	Wind Chill (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri					Locally Northeast FL & Suwannee River Valley	Locally Northeast FL	Locally Northeast FL & I-75 Corridor Panhandle & South FL	Panhandle Southwest & Southeast FL East-Central & West-Central FL Northeast FL
Sat	Iso. Coastal Southeast FL			Locally South FL			Locally Statewide	Panhandle East-Central & Southeast FL West Coast
Sun	Iso. Coastal Southeast FL				North FL Locally Central FL Interior Peninsula	North & Central FL Locally South FL	Locally Statewide	Statewide
Mon					North FL Locally Central FL	North & Central FL Locally South FL	Locally North & West-Central FL Statewide	Southwest & Southeast FL Statewide
Tue					North FL Locally North-Central FL	Locally North FL	North FL Statewide	Panhandle & East Coast Northeast FL & West Coast



Forecast Feels-Like Temperatures: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Mornings



Latest Drought Monitor Outlook – Valid 1/15

**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**

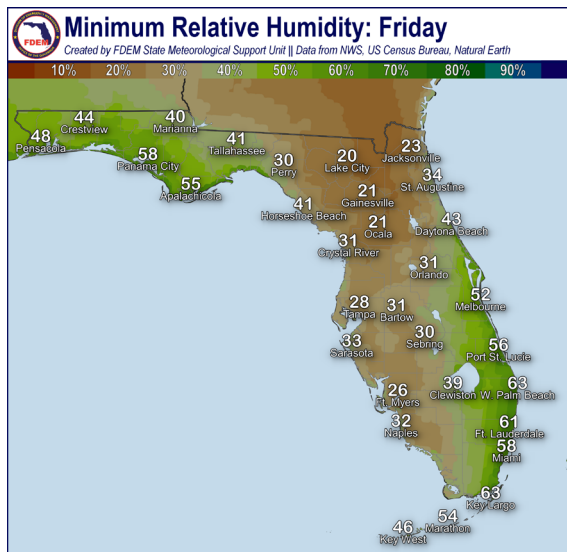
Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent them from freezing and breaking.

5P's of Cold Weather Safety



... Locally Elevated Wildfire Conditions Develop Across Portions of Peninsula this Afternoon... Moisture and Warmth Increase Saturday Ahead of the Next Cold Front... Widely Scattered Showers Expected Across the Panhandle and Big Bend, Increasing in Coverage Saturday Night and Sunday... A Brief Transition to Wet Snow Can Not Be Ruled Out Sunday Morning for the Northern Panhandle... Dry, Breezy, and Cold Conditions in the Wake of the Front... Freeze Warnings and Cold Weather Advisories Likely to be Issued Across North and Central Florida for Sunday Night... Below Normal Temperatures and Dry Conditions Persist Early Next Week...

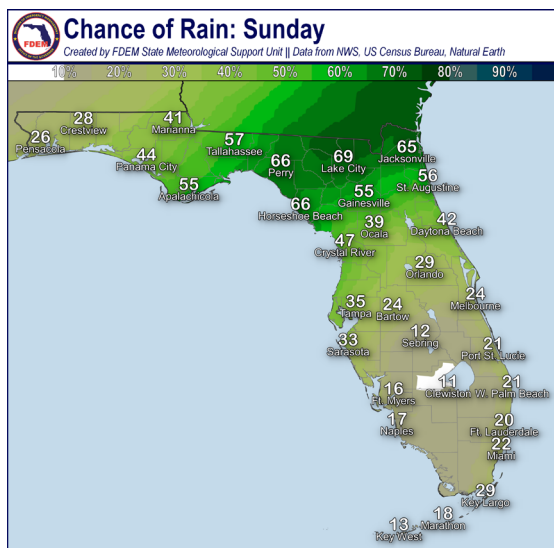
## Friday – Sunday:



A brief break in an active weather pattern is expected today as high pressure slides across the state, promoting a sunny but dry day. Relative humidities in the wake of yesterday's cold front will struggle to rebound this afternoon, with **critically low relative humidities (20-30% RH values)** expected stretching from Northeast Florida southward along the I-75 corridor. Although winds will remain light, these very low RH values and ongoing severe drought will promote **elevated wildfire conditions** this afternoon. *Locally greater wildfire conditions cannot be ruled out in any areas experiencing the most severe drought.* This high pressure will be brief in its residence over the state, quickly sliding offshore this evening and overnight. As such, warm and moist air will begin to return to the state tonight. Ahead of the next frontal system over the Central Plains, this warm and moist air will promote a few isolated showers across the Panhandle, mainly after

midnight (20-30% chance of rain).

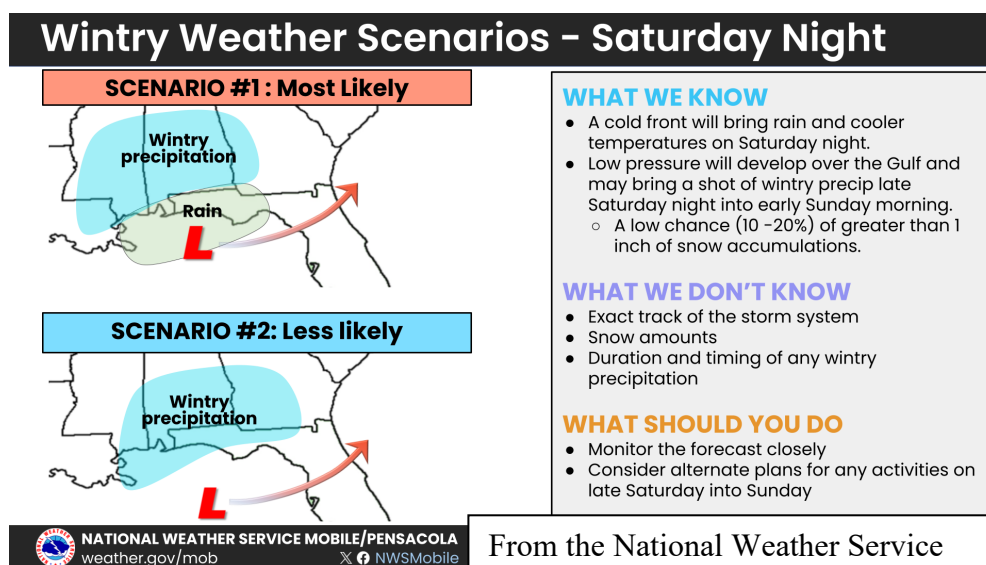
Additional isolated to widely scattered showers are expected to develop Saturday across the Panhandle and Big Bend (30-50% chance of rain). Onshore winds will also promote a few coastal showers across Southeast Florida, though any activity is expected to remain light and brief in nature (15-25% chance of rain). Elsewhere, a warm and dry day is expected on Saturday. Winds will be light and relative humidities will return to well above critical thresholds, though given the ongoing drought **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may develop, especially with temperatures warming back up. Increasing coverage of rain is expected Saturday night across the Panhandle as the cold front nears and taps into greater Gulf moisture (40-60% chance of rain). A large slug of light rain may develop ahead of the front Saturday night and early Sunday morning that will translate north and eastward across the Panhandle, Big Bend, and Northeast Florida through the morning and early afternoon hours Sunday (50-80% chance of rain). As this front traverses southeastward across the state Sunday, a few isolated showers may develop across the I-4 corridor as well (25-35% chance of rain). However, in general, the cold front will be a dry passage through the Peninsula Sunday with a few breezy wind gusts **upwards of 35 mph** possible accompanying it. Dry conditions will return to the state Sunday night.



One of the biggest uncertainties this weekend is surrounding the possibility of a brief transition to a **wintry mix or wet snow** on the backside of the rain across the northern Panhandle Sunday morning. There remain two scenarios that could play out:

1. The rain outruns the cold temperatures racing in behind the front, and everything remains a cold rain across the Panhandle. This remains the most likely scenario.
2. The cold temperatures arrive just in time for some areas to transition to a wintry mix or wet snow. This is the less likely scenario.

If scenario 2 plays out, it cannot be ruled out that some elevated and cold surfaces receive a very light accumulation less than 0.5" of snow. However, temperatures the day before will temper any real accumulations on road surfaces. Additionally, temperatures while any wintry precipitation is falling are expected to remain above freezing. In all, this will not be a significant winter weather event. However, computer forecast models will continue to be monitored to watch for small trends and shifts in temperatures and/or moisture as even small shifts will determine whether any locations receive snow or not.

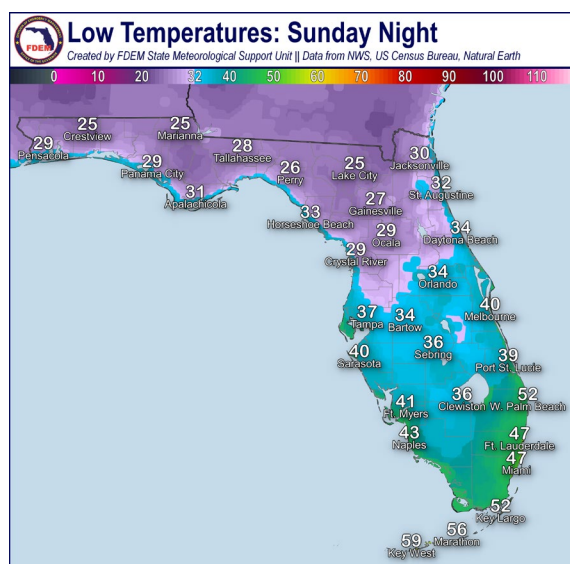


High temperatures will reach the lower to middle 60s for much of the state today. Warmer afternoon highs into the middle to upper 60s can be expected across coastal Southeast Florida, and portions of Northeast Florida will remain cooler with highs in the upper 50s. With a return of warm southerly flow, temperatures will warm significantly Saturday, with highs in the middle 60s to lower 70s across North Florida and 70s throughout the Peninsula. In the wake of the front on Sunday, very cool highs are expected across North Florida, likely struggling to climb out of the 40s. Feels-like temperatures Sunday afternoon may not exceed the **middle to upper 30s** across portions of the Panhandle. Highs in 60s can be expected across Central Florida and 70s in South Florida.

Low temperatures will warm amidst moist southerly flow tonight, increasing into the middle 40s to lower 50s across much of the state. Warmer lows into the upper 50s to lower 60s can be expected across Southeast Florida. The local cold spot tonight will be the Suwannee River Valley and interior



Northeast Florida where temperatures will dip into the **lower to middle 30s** with localized instances of **patchy frost**. Lows will dip into the **middle to upper 30s** across the Panhandle Saturday night ahead of the next cold front, with 40s expected across Northeast Florida. The interior Peninsula will see temperatures dip into the lower to upper 50s, with coastal Southeast Florida remaining in the 60s. The next cold shot will be felt behind the front Sunday night, where **sub-freezing temperatures** may prompt additional **Freeze Watch/Warnings** and **Cold Weather Advisories**, extending through Central Florida. Lows on Sunday night may reach **hard freeze** criteria across North Florida, dipping into the **lower to middle 20s** for many. Freezing temperatures will extend as far south as the I-4 corridor, with **middle to upper 30s** expected south of that towards interior South Florida. Wind chills Sunday night may reach freezing as far south as Lake Okeechobee, with the coldest readings likely across North Florida in the **lower to middle 20s**.

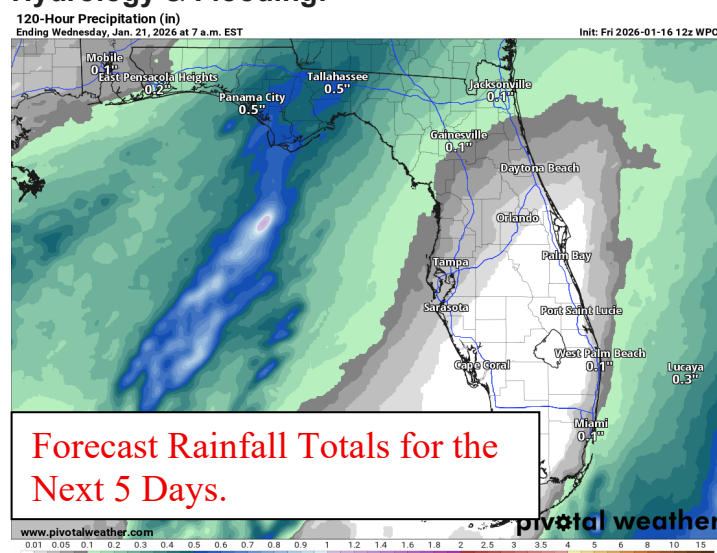


## Monday – Tuesday:

Cooler and dry conditions will return to the state in the wake of the frontal passage with **locally elevated wildfire conditions** possible Monday and Tuesday afternoons across much of North and West-Central Florida, given **low relative humidities (25-35% RH values)** and ongoing drought. Otherwise, sunny conditions can be expected. Clear and calm conditions will persist each night.

Highs will remain **below normal** for this time of year across much of the state, with temperatures reaching the middle to upper 50s across North Florida each afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s Monday will increase into the middle to upper 60s Saturday for Central Florida. South Florida will see highs in the middle 60s to lower 70s. Low temperatures will also remain cooler across North Florida, dipping into the **middle to upper 20s** each night. Additional **Freeze Watch/Warnings** may be issued if conditions reach hard freeze criteria. Lows in Central Florida will cool off into the middle to upper 30s Monday night, before warming into the lower to middle 40s Tuesday night. South Florida can expect lows in the upper 40s to middle 50s Monday night and lower to upper 50s Tuesday night.

## Hydrology & Flooding:



There is no risk of flash flooding over the next five (5) days. A cold front will begin to sweep through the northern tier of the state Saturday night and Sunday with widely scattered showers and light rain. A few isolated showers may also develop Saturday across the Panhandle. Rainfall totals with this cold frontal passage will remain mostly below 1" across the Panhandle and Northeast Florida. However, **locally higher totals** upwards of 1.5-2.5" cannot be ruled out in areas that receive repeated rounds of heavier showers. Across coastal Southeast Florida, a few onshore moving showers will bring mostly light activity Sunday with rainfall totals of 0.1-0.3". However, some locations could receive



**locally higher totals** upwards of 1-2" if any heavier and repeated shower activity develops. 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. Rainfall this weekend will be beneficial to recharge rivers and streams. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

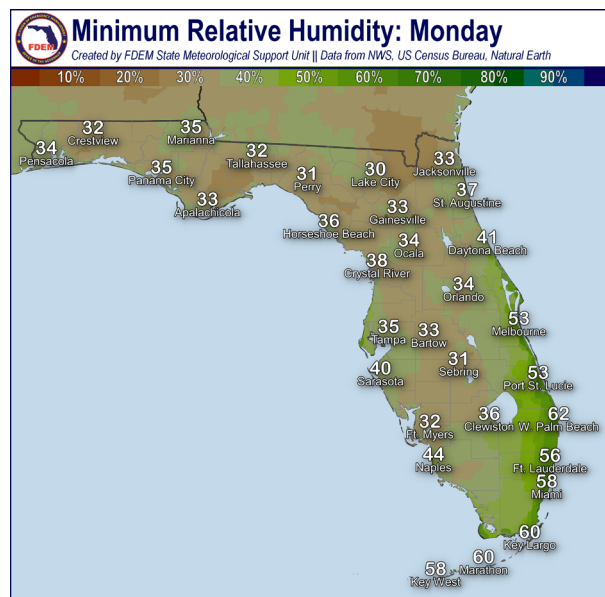
Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.18 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.53 feet below normal for this time of year.

### Drought & Fire Weather:

Although some rainfall fell across portions of the state in the last week, totals were meager and expansion of much of the drought was seen in the past week's [Drought Monitor](#) outlook. Rainfall totals were well below 1" across the Panhandle, which wasn't enough to relieve the very dry soil conditions that have plagued the region for months now due to a long-term drought. Additionally, streamflows continue to diminish to below normal thresholds. As such, **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was expanded to include much of the Panhandle, with only the far western portions remaining in **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. The ongoing **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** over the northern Big Bend was slightly expanded this week to include additional portions of Calhoun, Jackson, and Jefferson counties. Rainfall totals over the last week were slim, at best, across the I-10 corridor. A **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in place along the northern portion of the I-75 corridor and Suwannee River Valley. Additional expansion of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was introduced to West-Central and Southwest Florida where warm and dry conditions have prevailed. Although coastal Southeast Florida saw some coastal showers with rainfall totals upwards of 2", longer term dry conditions have resulted in the introduction of additional severe drought across interior Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. As of this drought monitor outlook, over 91% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse and nearly 55% of the state under a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** or worse.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **479 (-4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **30** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Below normal temperatures will help to keep the overall wildfire threat lower through the next 5 days, though a few afternoons of **locally elevated wildfire conditions** are expected. The first day is today, with relative humidities **critically low (20-30% RH values)** across Northeast Florida and along the I-75 corridor. Although winds will remain light today, these very low humidities paired with ongoing drought will lead to increased wildfire danger. In the wake of the cold front early next week, additional days of **locally elevated wildfire conditions** are expected statewide as very dry air settles over the state. A few breezy wind gusts **upwards of 20 mph** will be possible Monday across the Peninsula, which may lead to a greater wildfire risk in localized areas. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 24 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 294 acres.

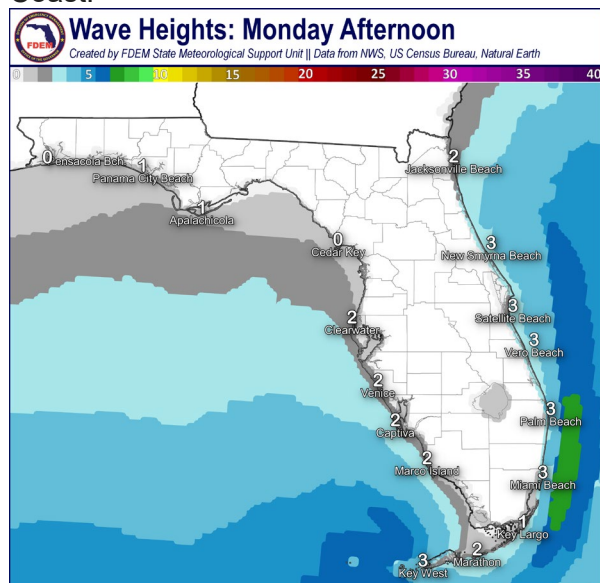


### Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Lingering ocean swells and onshore winds will continue to bring a **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** to all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today. Similarly, a **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for East-Central Florida beaches with a **high risk** for Southeast beaches. A low



risk can be expected for Northeast Florida. On Saturday, seas and winds will relax bringing a return of a low risk of rip currents to the West Coast. A few localized beaches could see a **moderate risk**. Breezy southerly winds will increase on Saturday across the Panhandle, keeping the **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** in place. A **moderate risk** is expected for most East Coast beaches. A **high risk for rip currents** is expected on Sunday statewide as breezy winds develop ahead of and behind the cold frontal passage, with increasing surf. This **high risk** will linger through Monday for Southeast and Southwest Florida beaches, with a **moderate risk** elsewhere. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected on Tuesday for most statewide beaches, with local **high risks** across the Panhandle and East Coast.



Largely calm marine conditions can be expected for Panhandle beaches through the forecast period, with waves of 1-2'. A few waves **upwards of 3'** cannot be ruled out on Sunday afternoon for Gulf County beaches in the wake of the cold front as an offshore ocean swell builds. West Coast beaches will also see waves mainly in the 1-2' range, with a few waves **upwards of 3'** Sunday and Monday afternoons. There remains some disagreement within computer forecast models as to how large the Gulf ocean swell will grow Sunday with the breezy frontal winds. A few models have indicated larger waves for West Coast beaches, possibly **upwards of 5'**. Trends will continue to be monitored regarding wave heights with the frontal passage on Sunday. Some lingering elevated surf is expected for Southeast Florida beaches today, with waves of **2-4'**. Surf will diminish briefly on Saturday, with waves of 1-2' across East Coast beaches. A building

ocean swell will bring waves of **2-4'** back to most East Coast beaches on Sunday, moving southward to Southeast Florida beaches on Monday and Tuesday.

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. Oven Park.

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Have a wonderful weekend!

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