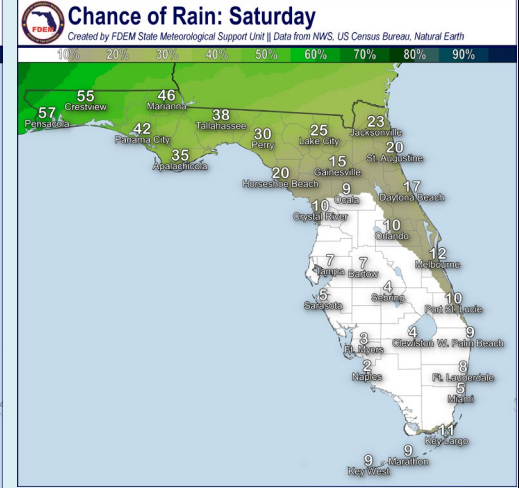
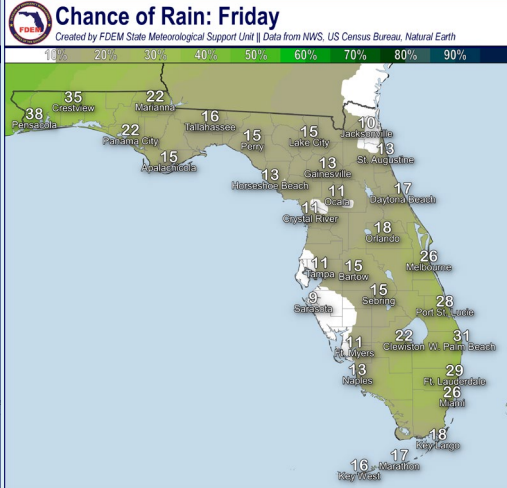
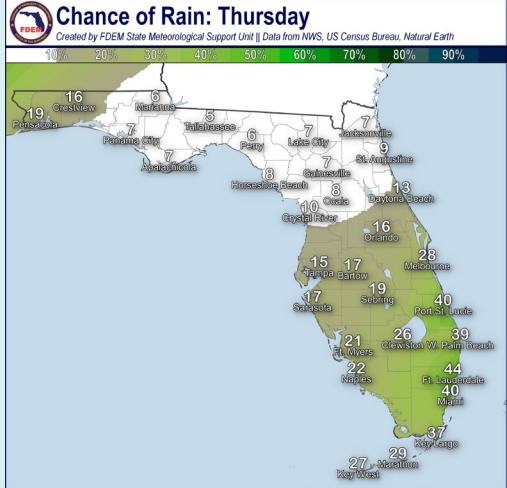
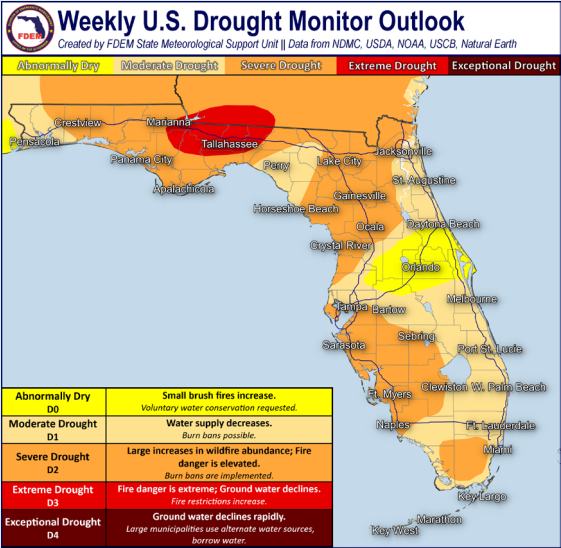


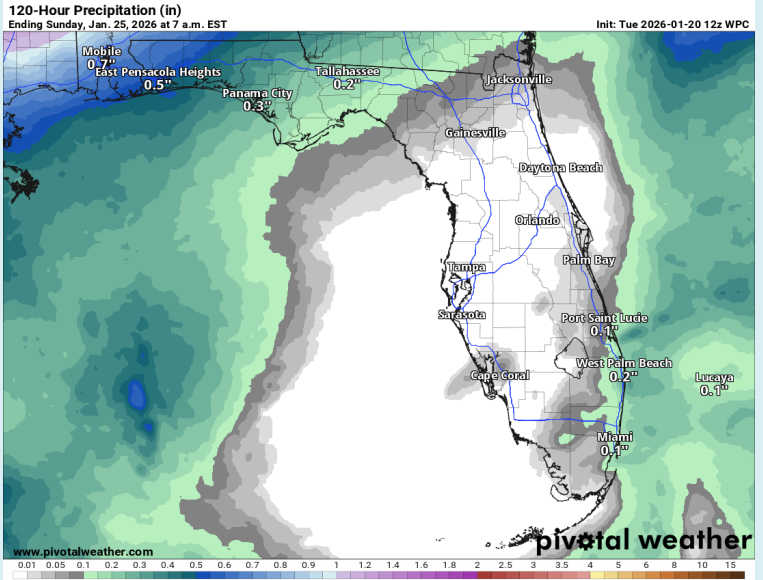
Tuesday, January 20, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat			Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Fog (Overnight)	Freeze (Overnight)	Wind Chill (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue					Northern Suwannee Valley I-10 Corridor	Northern Panhandle North FL	Statewide	Southeast FL Statewide Nature Coast
Wed							Statewide	Southeast FL Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Thu	Iso. Southeast FL						Statewide	Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Fri	Iso. Southeast FL						Statewide	Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Sat	Iso. Panhandle		Iso. Panhandle				Statewide	North FL East Coast West Coast



Forecast Rain Chances: *Thursday, Friday & Saturday*



Latest Drought Monitor Outlook – Valid 1/15



5 Day Forecast Rainfall Totals – *Through Saturday Evening*

...Warmer Temperatures Coming This Week Across the State...Rain Chances Increase for North Florida Beginning Friday...Isolated Thunderstorms Possible Along the Southeast Florida Coast...Uncertainty Increases on Saturday With Next Frontal System Moving Over the Deep South...Temperatures Return to 70s and 80s Midweek...



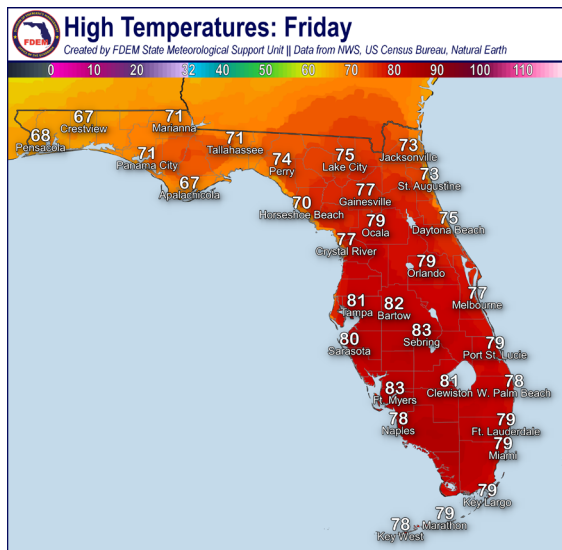
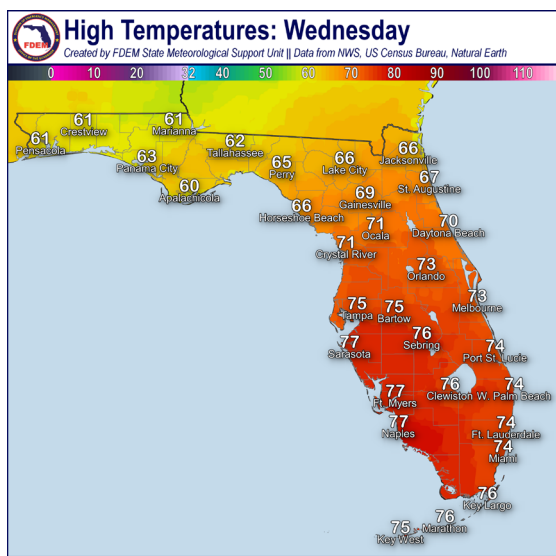
## Tuesday – Saturday:

Sunshine and mostly dry conditions can be expected throughout the state through midweek as high pressure continues to gradually shift eastward towards the Atlantic waters. Rain chances begin to creep back up along the Southeast Florida coast on Wednesday with a chance for isolated showers with a frontal boundary pushing northward (15-20% chance of rain). Otherwise, dry conditions can be expected throughout the state with lingering dry air from Sunday and Monday. Also, because of this front and the high pressure, breezy wind gusts of 15-20 mph will persist throughout the day across the Peninsula, with South Florida seeing stronger wind **gusts of 20-25 mph**.

Calmer conditions return on Thursday as the high pressure pushes off the Carolina coastline allowing moisture to pull northward as well. This will help to bring an increasing chance for showers from the I-4 corridor and southward on Thursday, and there may even be a chance for an isolated thunderstorm or two along Southeast Florida coast (20-45% chance of rain). The best chance for scattered shower activity will remain along the Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida as the front continues to lift northward coupled with an upper-level feature off the eastern coastline. Warm and moist air will be pulled northward Friday and Saturday ahead of a potent frontal system developing along the lower Plains will bring increase shower activity. On Friday, rain chances remain isolated to widely scattered across the state with a chance for an isolated thunderstorm along the Southeast Florida coast (15-30% chance of rain). By Saturday, the greatest rain chances shift over the Panhandle and North Florida with the approaching frontal system and its warm front pushing northward (25-55% chance of rain). With the warm front lifting northward, there may be a chance for a rumble of thunder closer towards the coasts but at this time it is something that will be monitored. As well, depending on where the warm front sets up, there may be a chance for an **isolated stronger thunderstorm** along the Panhandle, if the set up is there. There are too many uncertainties at this time, so there is plenty of time to watch computer model guidance and trends. High pressure over the Caribbean will extend over the Peninsula keeping conditions drier.

Temperatures will gradually warm up each day throughout the week. High temperatures on Wednesday will return to the 60s across North Florida and 70s across the Peninsula. Thursday and Friday temperatures will return to the 70s statewide, with West-Central and South Florida reaching the lower and middle 80s. Rain and coverage on Saturday will keep high temperatures in the 60s across North Florida. Plenty of sunshine and dry conditions across the Peninsula will reach the upper 70s to middle 80s.

Tuesday night will be the last night for **sub-freezing temperatures**, with low temperatures in the **lower to middle 30s** along the I-10 corridor and North Florida. **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect tonight for the northern Suwannee Valley. **Widespread frost** can be expected throughout North Florida



early Wednesday morning due to calm conditions. Low temperatures will remain in the middle to upper 40s across North Florida, 50s across Central Florida and 60s across South Florida. This will continue into Friday and Saturday, with North Florida warming up into the lower 50s Friday night. But colder air begins to arrive Saturday night and into Sunday dropping low temperatures into the lower 40s along the Panhandle.

### Hydrology & Flooding:

There is no risk for flash flooding over the next five (5) days. Shower activity will return along the eastern coastline midweek with isolated to scattered showers daily as an upper-level feature and remnant frontal boundary remains offshore. As temperatures warm up later this week and conditions become a bit more favorable, there is a chance for an isolated thunderstorm or two along the Southeast Florida coast. Then another frontal system will move across the Deep South helping to bring some increase shower activity along the Panhandle Saturday and overnight. Rainfall totals are forecast to remain below 0.5" along the East Coast but could reach upwards of an inch if any thunderstorm activity develops. Similarly, totals along the Panhandle are forecast to reach upwards of 0.5" but locally could reach 1-2" for the western half by sunrise Sunday morning. There is a lot of uncertainty right now regarding the track of the next frontal system this weekend, so anticipated changes and updates to the forecast throughout the week. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

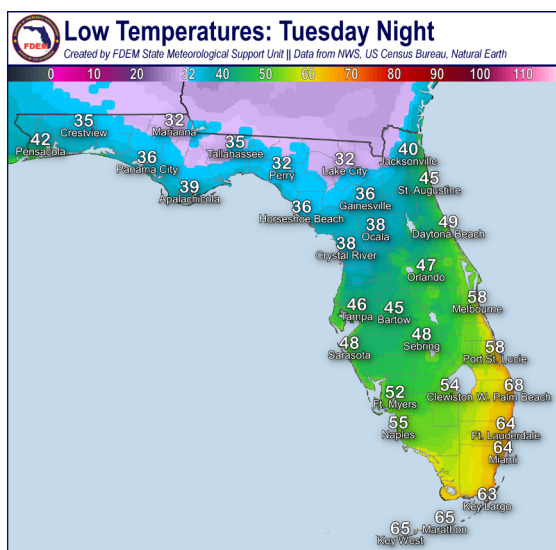
There are no riverine concerns at this time. Rivers and streams across North Florida remain near or below normal with the ongoing long-term drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.04 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.66 feet below normal for this time of year.

### Drought & Fire Weather:

This week's update was characterized by temperatures reaching **6-9-degrees above normal**, with northern Florida reaching **9-12-degrees above normal**. During this time, lack of precipitation was also observed due to the warm temperatures. With lack of significant rainfall and increasing KBDI values leading to increased fire danger, **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has been introduced across interior South Florida and expanded into Southwest Florida. From about Lake Okeechobee and southward, nearly all counties are experiencing KBDI values of 550 or greater. The Panhandle also saw an expansion of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** conditions, with **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** crossing westward beyond the Apalachicola River.

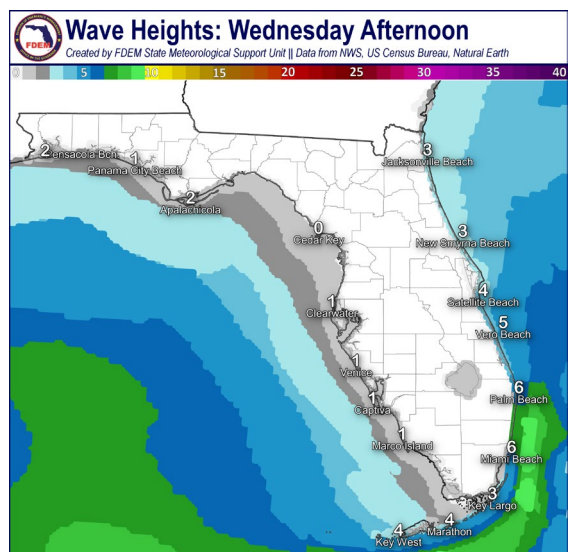
With it being several months since the heavy rainfall along East-Central Florida, and little additional rainfall since then, conditions along the area continue to degrade. The area of Abnormally Dry (emerging drought) conditions continues to shrink as **moderate (level 1 of 4)** begins to infiltrate. Little rainfall over South Florida will continue to expand the **severe drought (level 2 of 4) conditions** across the area and towards the eastern coastline. Thanks to the strong cold front this past weekend, scattered to widespread showers (and snowfall) produced 0.5-1" of rainfall across the Panhandle and Big Bend. This was enough to bring some moisture to the topsoil on Sunday before the dry air quickly moved in. With temperatures largely being below normal this week, little changes will likely be noted across North Florida on this week's update.





The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **466 (-11)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **29** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Warmer temperatures will return across the state, along with moisture, leading to an overall low risk for wildfires through the next few days. **Sensitive wildfire conditions** can be expected throughout the state given the ongoing drought conditions and lack of significant rainfall. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 303 acres.



### Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Onshore winds and lingering ocean swells will persist along the Florida East Coast, with the strongest of winds and largest waves along the Southeast Florida coast. This will lead to a **moderate risk for rip currents** along beaches throughout the week, with a **high risk** along the Southeast Florida coast through late Wednesday. Lighter winds and calmer seas along the Southeast Florida coast will lead to a low to **moderate risk** returning through the end of the week. Mostly calm marine conditions and offshore winds along the Panhandle and West Coast will lead to a **moderate risk for rip currents** throughout the work week. Winds will shift out of the south to southeast throughout the day Saturday and become increasingly breezy along the Panhandle likely creating a **high risk for rip currents**.

Elevated seas can be expected to persist along the Florida East Coast throughout the week with wave heights reaching **3-5'**. Southeast Florida and Atlantic-facing Key beaches can expect to see larger ocean swells of **6-9'** linger through Wednesday evening before dissipating. Ahead of the next frontal system approaching later this weekend, breezier winds will lead to ocean **swells of 5-7'** developing along the First Coast Saturday evening and overnight. Panhandle and West Coast can expect largely calm marine conditions through Saturday morning with wave heights reaching 1-2'. By Saturday afternoon, ocean swells will gradually grow to **3-4'** along the Panhandle coastline with breezy winds developing ahead of the next frontal system.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) report shows algal bloom conditions were observed along the southern portion of the Caloosahatchee Estuary in Lake Avalon. Around the southern edge of Lake Okeechobee has seen algal bloom conditions reported in the Pahokee Marina and another spot. No algal bloom conditions have not been reported within the St. Lucie Estuary. Within the St. Johns River, conditions have been reported in Lake Gatlin, Lake George, Shands Bridge, Doctor's Lake and Mandarin's Point.

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Have a wonderful rest of the week!

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