



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, May 2, 2026



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2: Partial Activation



SERT On-Call Personnel

Position	Personnel	Phone	Email
Operations Chief	Amy Godsey	(850) 519-8483	Amy.Godsey@em.myflorida.com
Watch Officer	Woody Harvey	(850) 591-7939	Woodham.Harvey@em.myflorida.com
Duty Officer	Austin Johnson	(850) 296-5680	Austin.Johnson@em.myflorida.com
Operations Officer- Day	Ian Danley	(850) 815-4001	SWP@em.myflorida.com
Operations Officer- Swing	Cody Nowak	(850) 815-4001	SWP@em.myflorida.com
Operations Officer- Night	Daniel Leader	(850) 815-4001	SWP@em.myflorida.com
Meteorologist	Amy Godsey	(850) 519-8483	Amy.Godsey@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 Branch Director	Pam Hughes	(850) 528-5638	Pamela.Hughes@em.myflorida.com
Emergency Services Branch Director	Mason Kozac	(850) 241-5435	mason.kozac@em.myflorida.com
Infrastructure Branch Director	Paige Lay	(850) 591-9933	Paige.Lay@em.myflorida.com
ESF 8: Health & Medical On-Call	Hunter Stafford	(866) 786-4673	DLDOHDutyOfficers@flhealth.gov
ESF 14: Public Information Officer	Stephanie Hartman	(850) 570-3053	Stephanie.Hartman@em.myflorida.com
Finance Chief	Jeremy Smith	(850) 273-1273	Jeremy.Smith@em.myflorida.com



Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Osceola	Hurricane Expo Outreach Event
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off / Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off / Monitoring
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off / Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off / Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pasco	Hurricane Expo
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

Region 5 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 4

Region 7 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 8 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 9 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

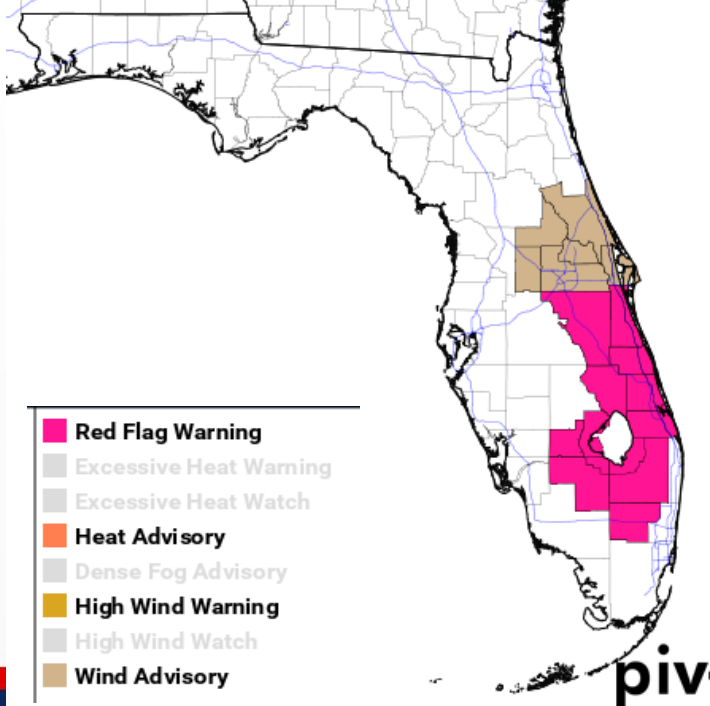
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



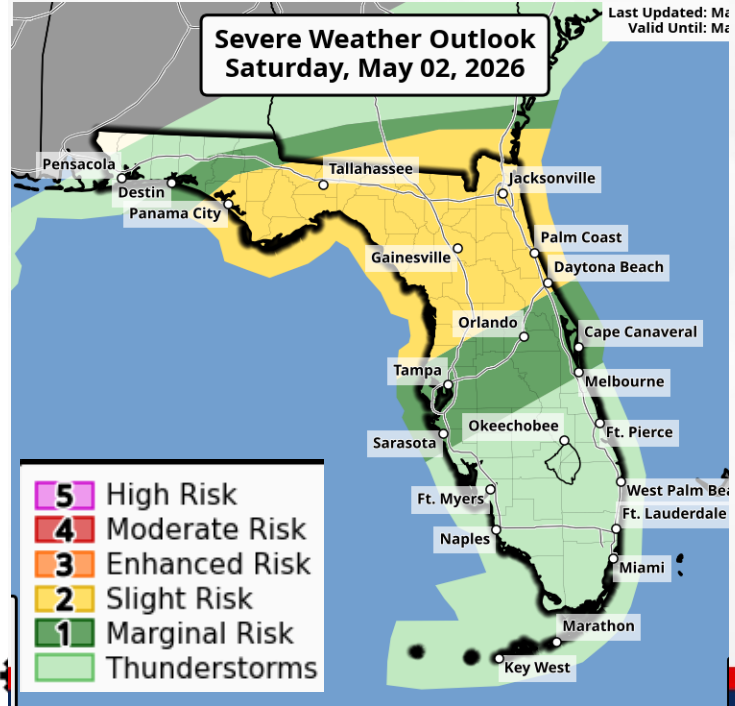
Meteorology Summary

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L
Tornado	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Hail	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Flash Flooding		L	L	L						
Extreme Heat							L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)									L	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	M	M	H	H	H	H
Rip Currents	M	H	H	M	M	H		H	H	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.64 ft. (1.96 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	555 (+7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

Today's Weather Map



- Red Flag Warning
- Excessive Heat Warning
- Excessive Heat Watch
- Heat Advisory
- Dense Fog Advisory
- High Wind Warning
- High Wind Watch
- Wind Advisory



- 5 High Risk
- 4 Moderate Risk
- 3 Enhanced Risk
- 2 Slight Risk
- 1 Marginal Risk
- Thunderstorms

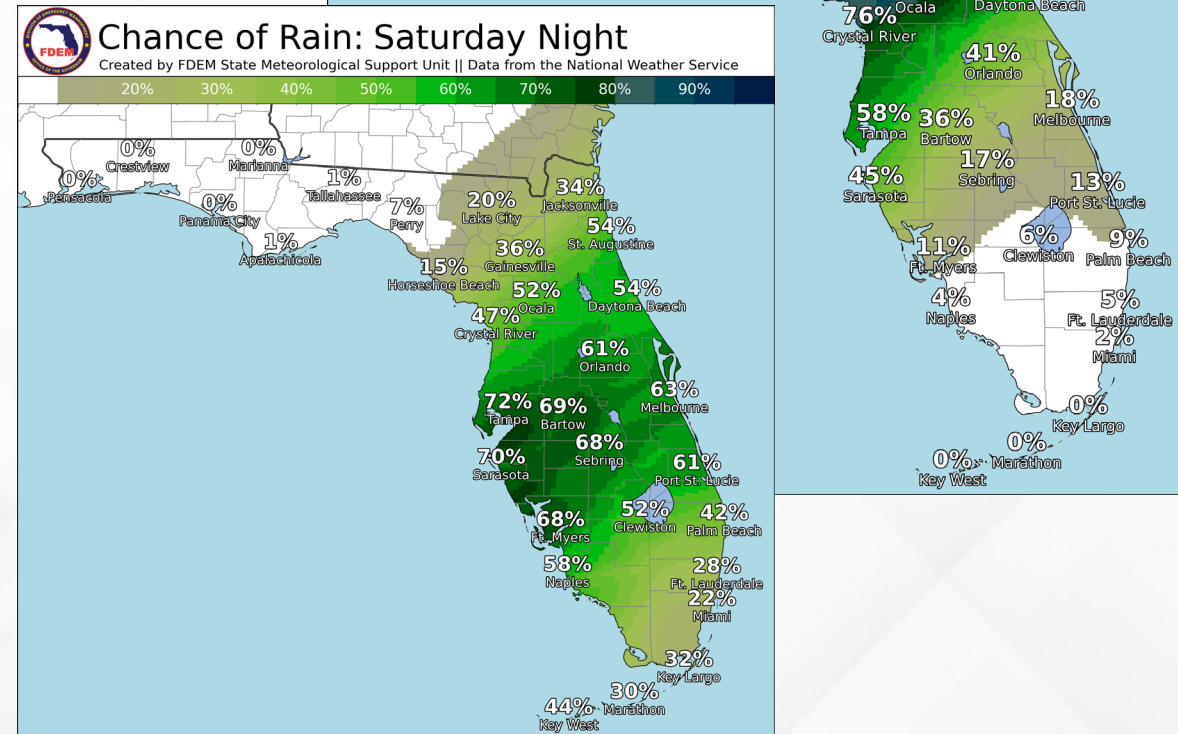
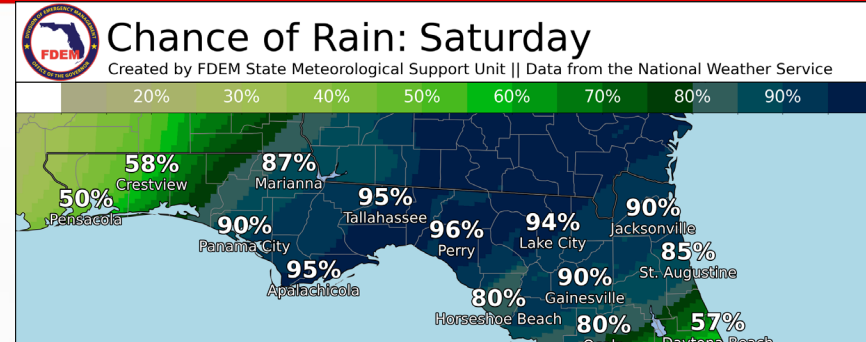


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

An area of low pressure and associated cold front will move across the State today producing scattered to numerous showers and storms across North Florida, then into Central Florida later this afternoon. A few storms could be strong to severe, and the Storm Prediction Center has placed much of North Florida and portions of Central Florida in a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe weather**. Damaging winds up to 60mph and small hail are the primary threats, but an isolated tornado or two cannot be ruled out. Additionally, storm storms may contain periods of heavy rain leading to a brief flash flood threat of low-lying areas. Rainfall amounts of 1-3" have already occurred across the Panhandle and western Big Bend over the past 24 hours, and 1-3" are possible today for the rest of the Big Bend eastward to Northeast Florida. Rainfall amounts across Central Florida could reach up to 1 inch.

Across Central and South Florida, storms are not expected to reach the region until after 3pm and continue to push southeast during the evening and overnight hours. Before the storms arrive, warm temperatures in the 90s, relative humidities in the 35-45% range, and southwest winds of 10-20 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph will combine to enhance the spread or development of wildfires and a **Red Flag Warning** is in effect for portions of Central and South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Ocean swells and increasing winds will continue a **moderate to high risk of rip currents** at ALL Florida beaches today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf heights of 2-4 feet statewide.

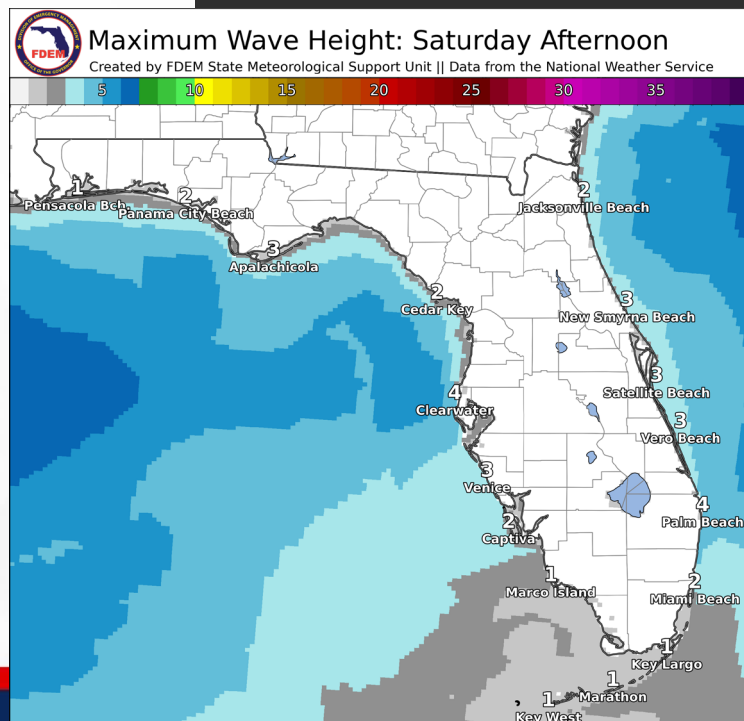
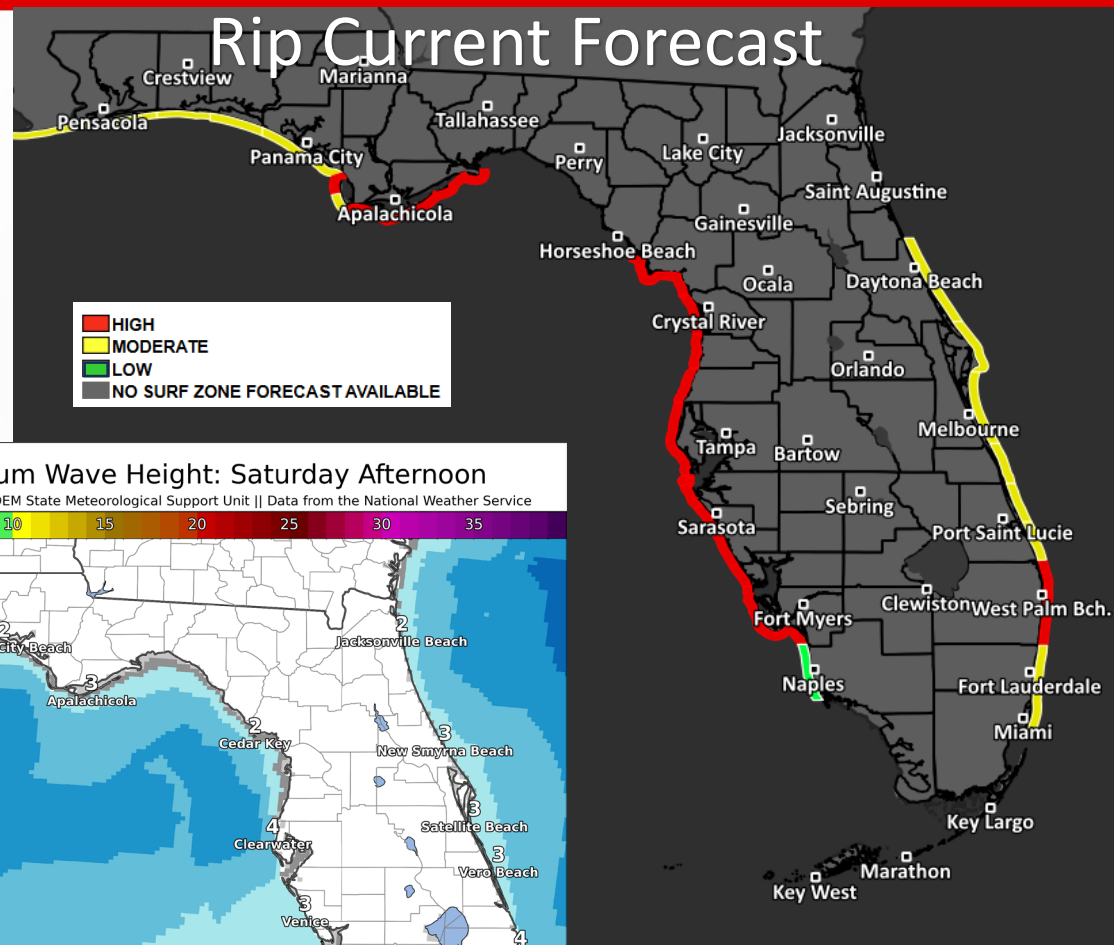
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Santa Rosa counties (valid 4/24/26).

Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

Flash Flooding: There is a marginal risk for flash flooding today and tonight across the Florida Big Bend, northern Suwannee Valley and Northeast Florida with periods of heavy rain.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.64 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.96 feet below normal for this time of year.



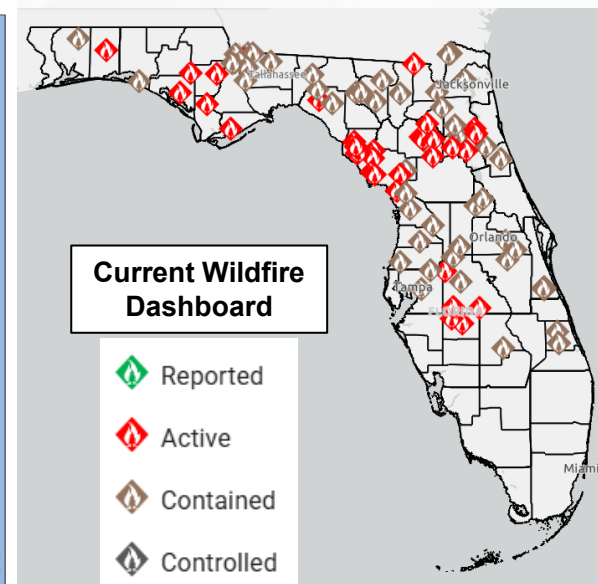
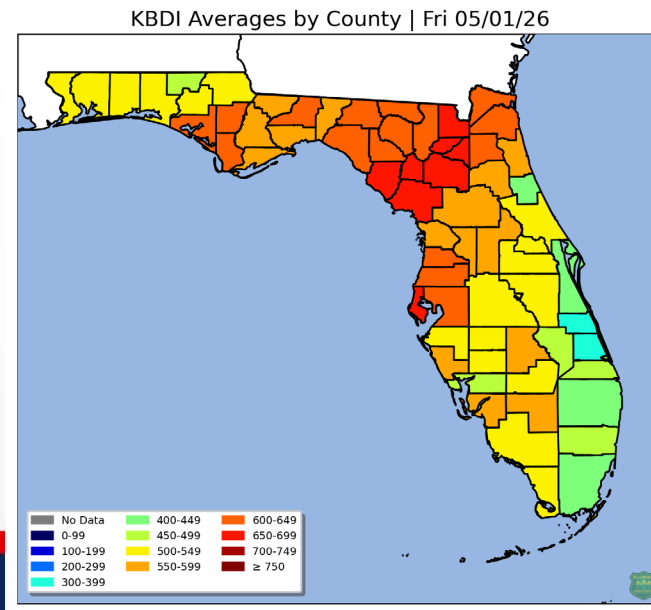
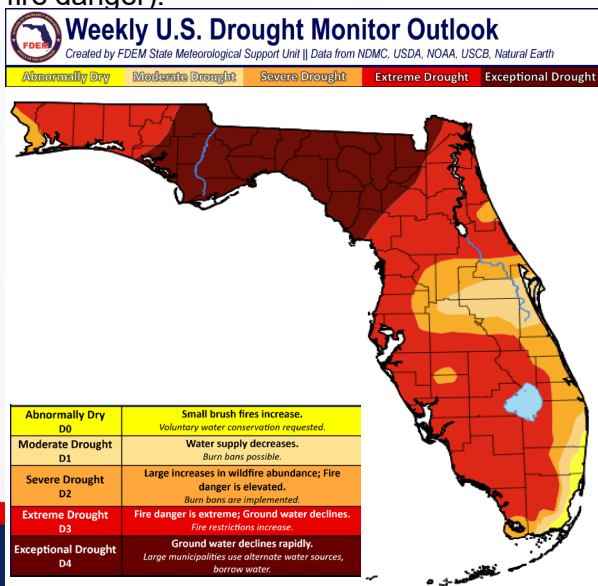


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: **Elevated wildfire conditions** continue today across Central and South Florida. Warm temperatures, afternoon relative humidities in the 35-45% range and winds out of the southwest at 10-20mph with gusts to 35 mph will create the potential for wildfire development and spread in an area with already dry fuels. A **Red Flag Warning** is in effect for Osceola, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry, western Palm Beach and western Broward Counties, There remains concerns for new fire ignition across the Big Bend and Florida Panhandle due to lightning potential. Tonight, areas of patchy fog may develop across West Central and Southwest Florida which can significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 91 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,178 acres.

Drought (4/30/26): 98% of Florida remains in at least a severe drought, with 25% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwannee Valley) in an exceptional drought. This is the highest percentage area of drought since the U.S Drought Monitor was created in 2000. **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** expanded this week across the Florida Panhandle, now including Bay, Jackson, and portions of Washington County on the west side of the Exceptional Drought area. Little change was noted east of US-301 in Northeast Florida where Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) continues. Throughout West Central and Southwestern Florida, **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** expanded further inland. In East Central Florida Moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4) continues. In South Florida, Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) surrounds Lake Okeechobee and extends through Western Miami Dade County. Overall, nearly 80 percent of the state is in Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) or worse as of this drought report. Rainfall deficits since the beginning of the water year (October 2025) are running 12-18 inches below normal or more across the entirety of North Florida. This has resulted in extremely low or record low streamflows within all river basins, streams, lakes, and ponds.

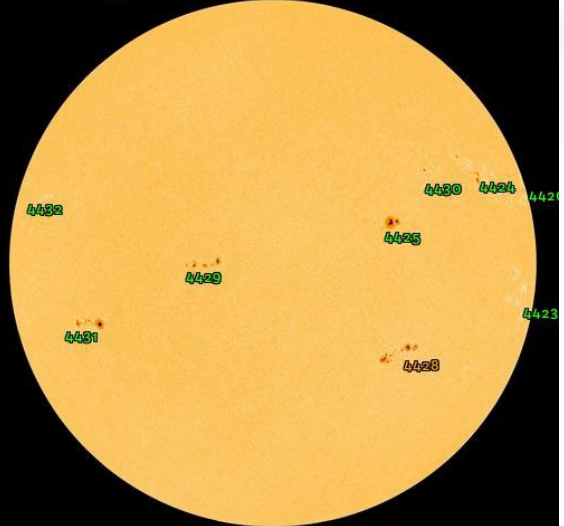
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **555 (+7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **56 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





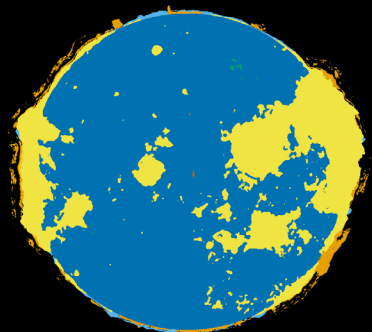
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



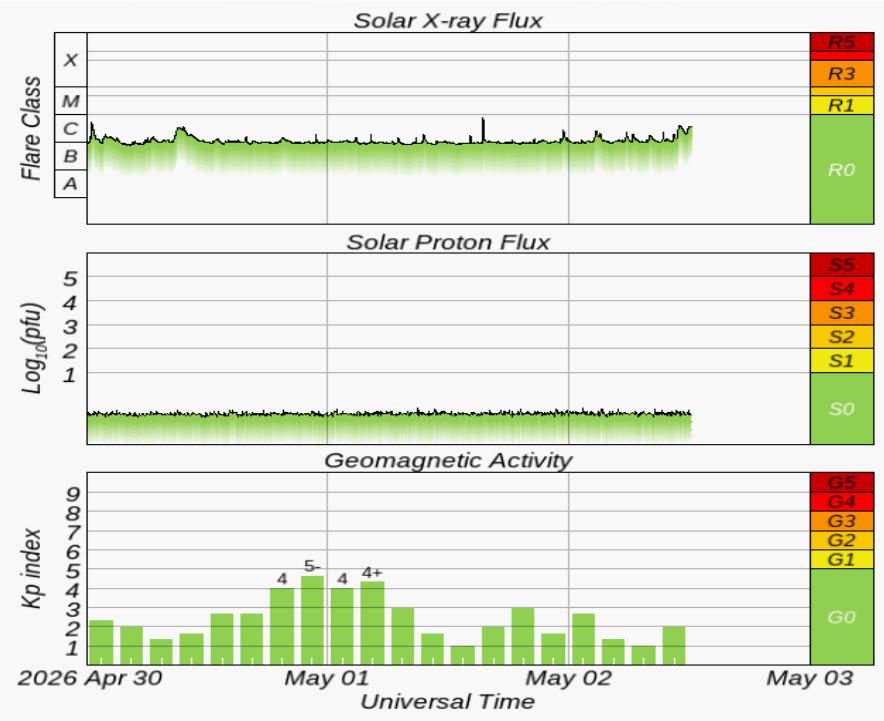
NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com

Current Sunspots



- Flare
- Limb
- Quiet Sun
- Coronal Hole
- Prominence
- Filament
- Bright Region
- Outer Space
- Unlabeled

GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-05-02 12:16:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C7 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/2	5/3
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity should remain low this weekend. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071	Operational	
Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	https://swo.floridadisaster.org	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Not Operational	System in Transition
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
EMnet Message:	FL.000 - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	https://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