



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, May 3, 2026



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2: Partial Activation



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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	In Region	On-Call Status
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

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
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

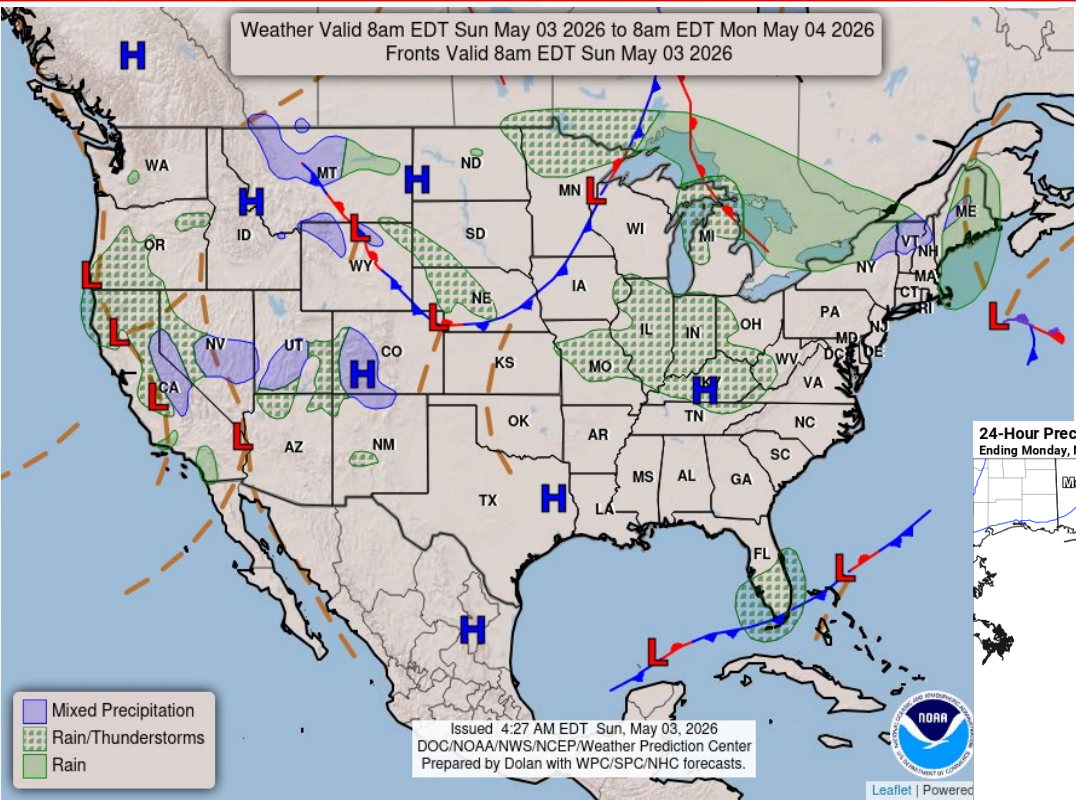
Region 8 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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

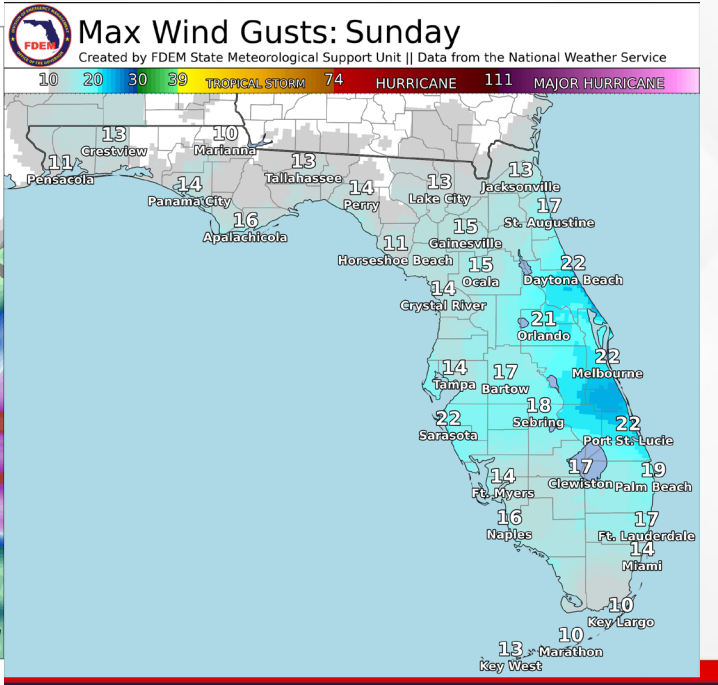
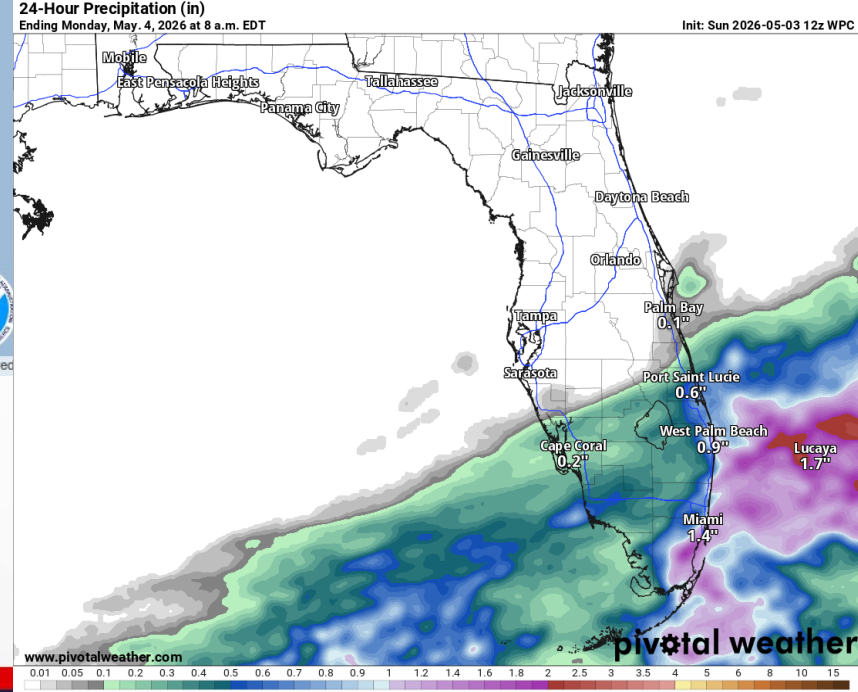


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning							L	L	L	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										L
Flash Flooding										L
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	M		M	M	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.60 ft. (1.97 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	522 (-33) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



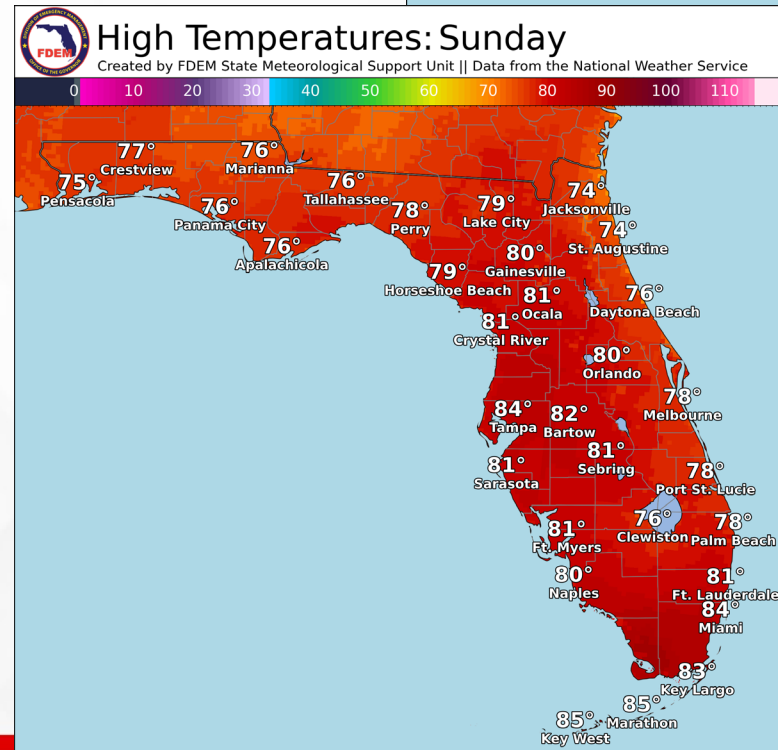
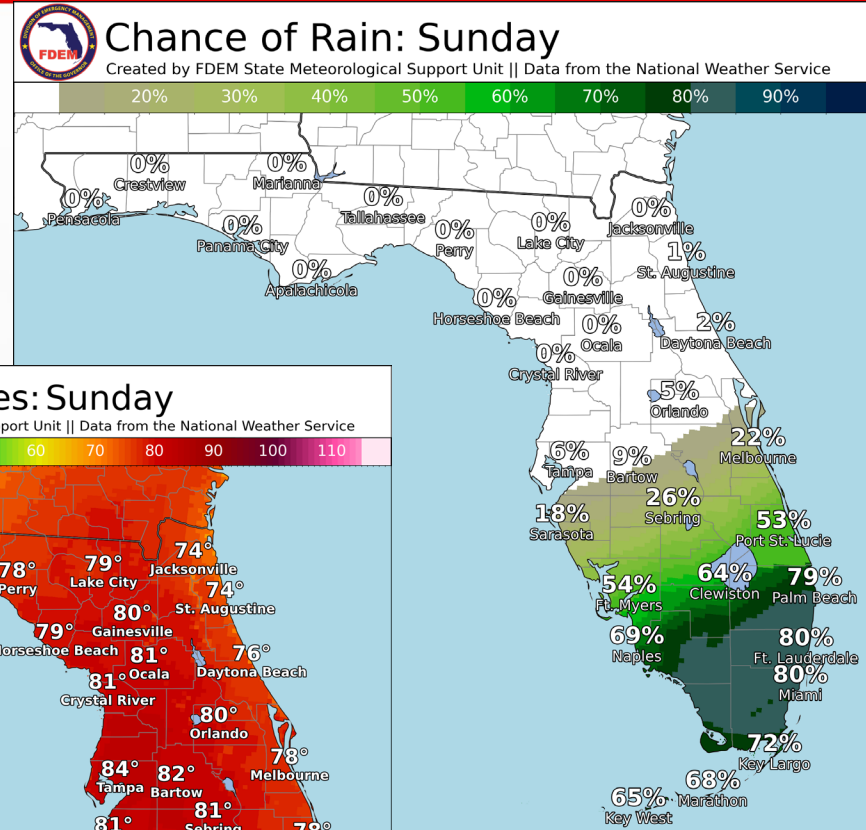


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The cold front that moved through the northern half of the state on Saturday will have settled across South Florida this morning. This front will only slowly move southward into the Florida Straits by Monday and will serve as a focus for scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tonight, with the highest chance for rain expected south of Lake Okeechobee. Unlike yesterday, no widespread threat for severe weather is anticipated today, but a strong thunderstorm or two with brief gusty winds to 50mph and frequent lightning is possible. Additionally, some storms may contain periods of heavy rain up to 2" leading to a flash flood threat of urban metro areas between Palm Beach and Miami.

Across North and Central Florida, a cool and dry airmass will continue to filter in on north winds resulting in high temperatures in the mid 70s to low 80s and relative humidity values in the 30-45% range. Elevated fire potential exists across portions of Central Florida where these low humidity values combine with breezy winds and dry soils. Tonight, expect another chilly night with low temperatures dropping into the low 50s to low 60s across North Florida and low to mid 60s across Central Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Lingering ocean swells will produce a **low to moderate risk of rip currents** at all Gulf Coast beaches, except at Cape San Blas where a high risk is predicted. Along the East Coast, northeast winds and increasing ocean swells will also produce a low to **moderate risk of rip currents**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf heights of 2-4 feet are expected along most of the East Coast today, with 1-2' seas predicted for near the Florida Keys and along the inshore waters of the Florida Gulf Coast.

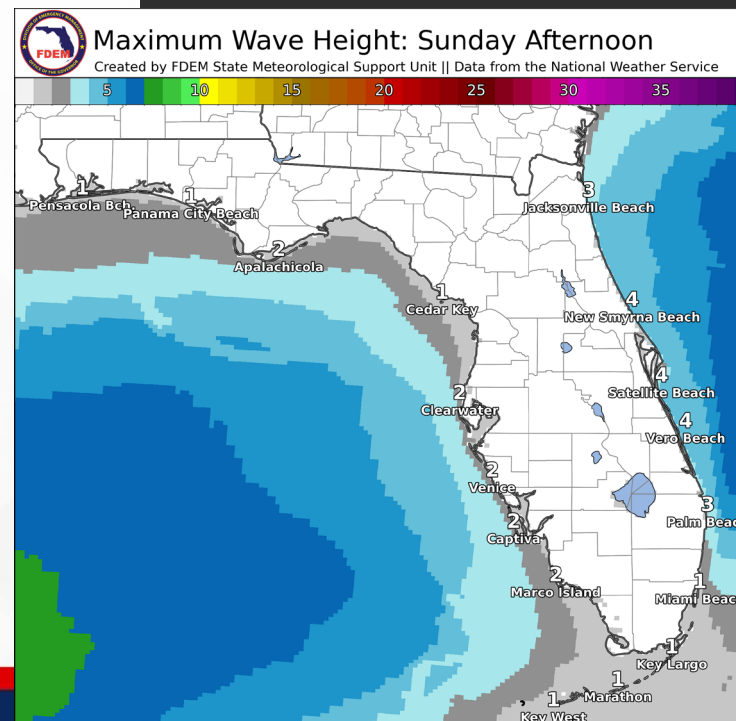
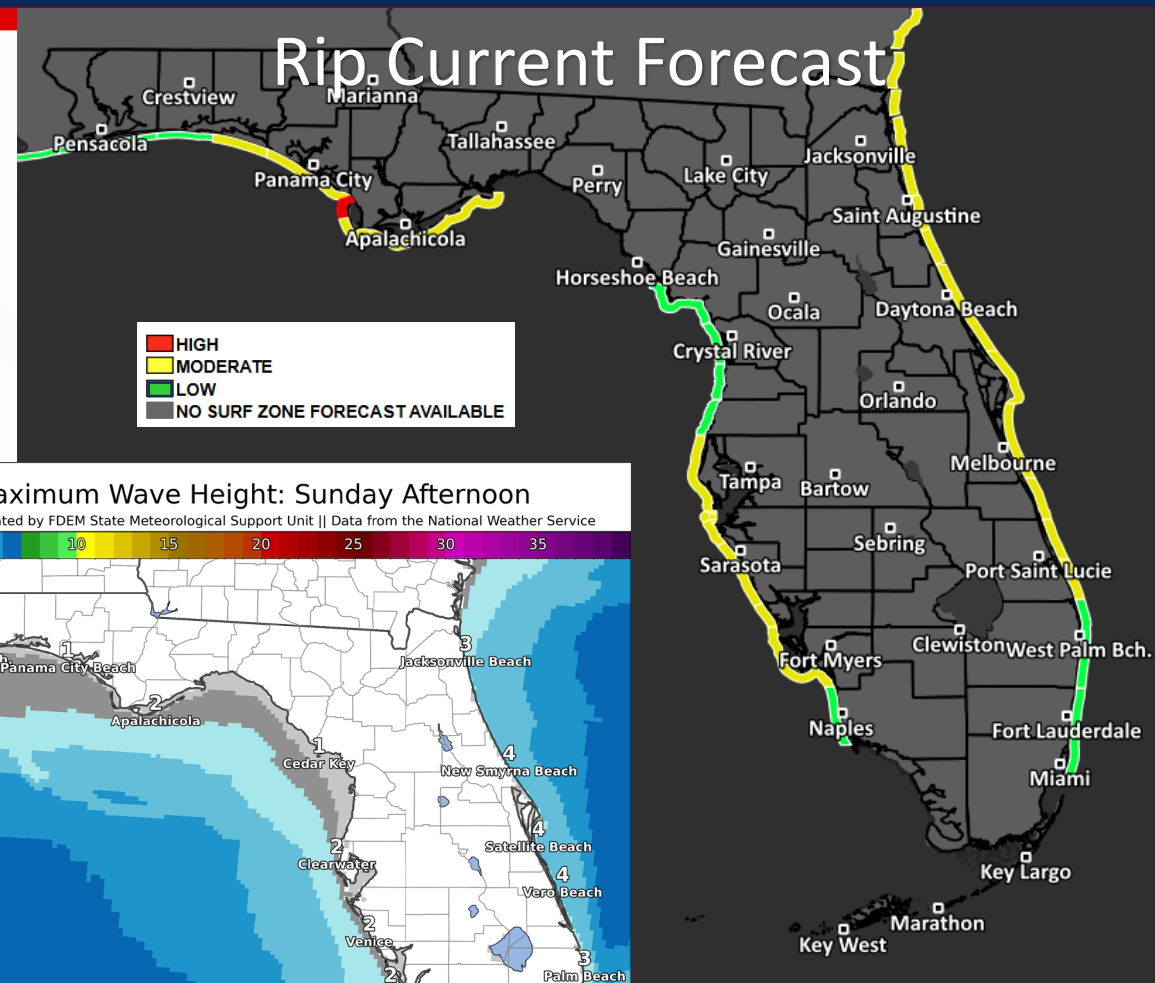
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Escambia County (valid 5/1/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is a marginal risk for flash flooding today for metro areas of Southeast 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 11.60 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.97 feet below normal for this time of year.



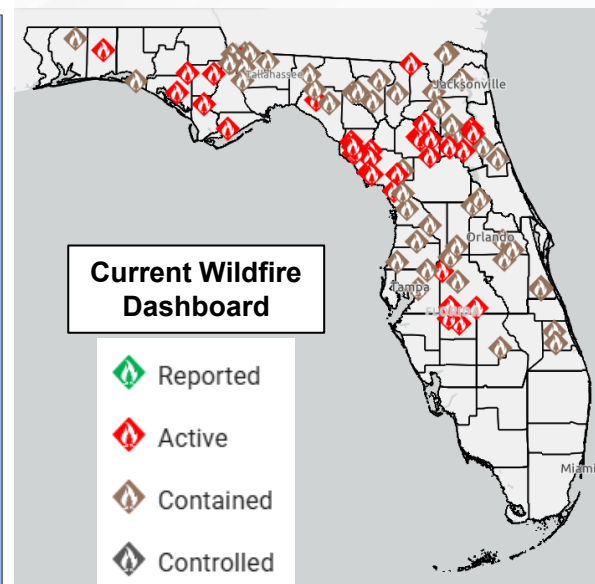
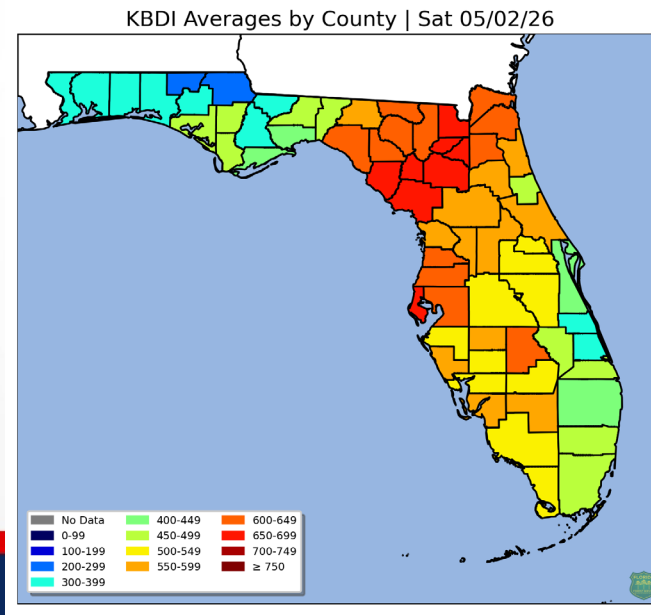
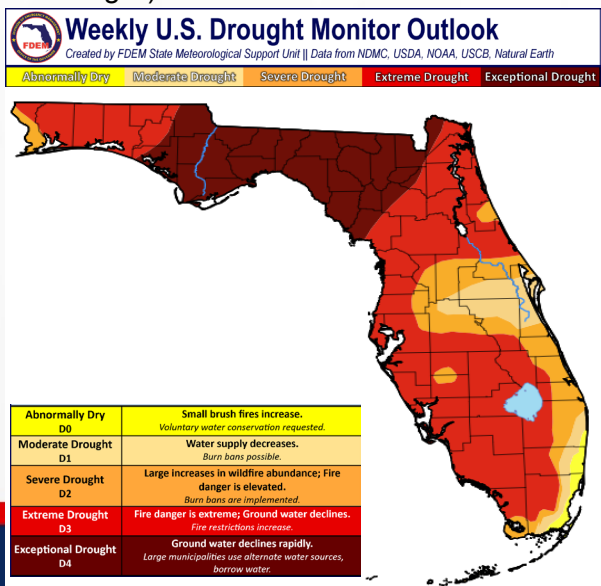


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: **Elevated wildfire conditions** are expected across portions of Central Florida today. Even though temperatures will be cooler today behind the passing cold front, less than 1" of rain fell yesterday across most of the Peninsula. This afternoon, relative humidities will drop into the 35-45% range and winds have switched to out of the northeast at 5-15mph. These humidity values when combined with wind gusts to 35 mph will create the potential for wildfire development and spread in an area with dry fuels. Across South Florida, there remains concerns for new fire ignition due to lightning potential as scattered storms affect the area. Across North Florida, critically low humidity values in the 25-35% range are expected this afternoon, but the recent rainfall and lighter north winds should keep fire activity relatively low. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 90 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,076 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.

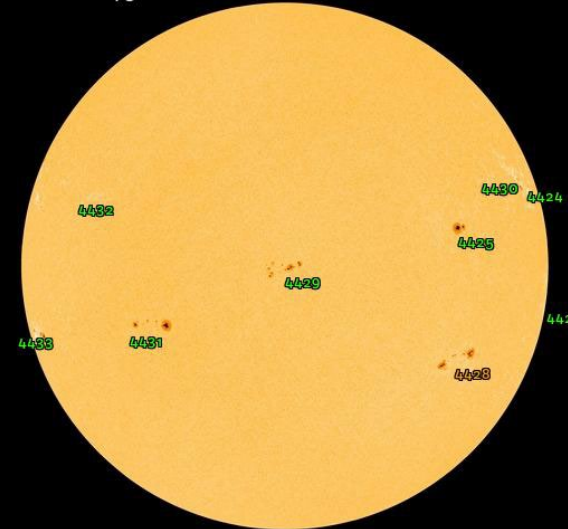
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **522 (-33)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **42 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





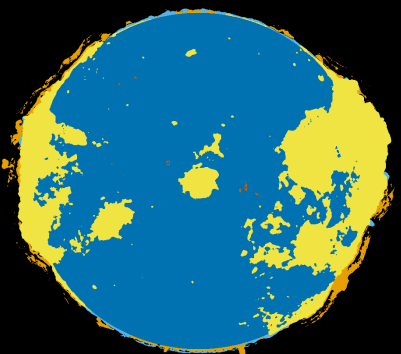
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



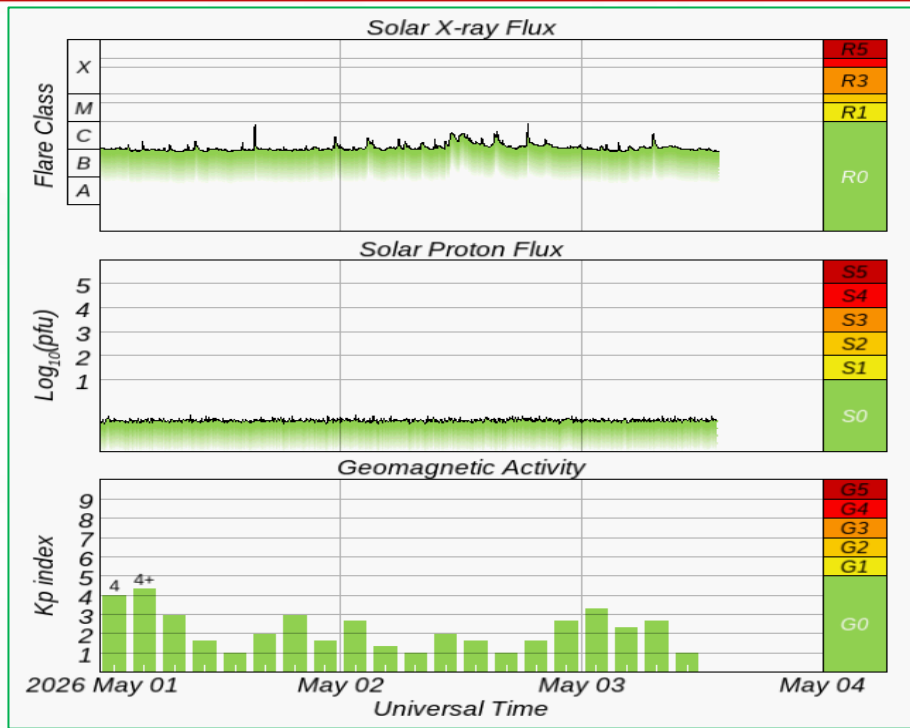
Current Sunspots

NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



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

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Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/3	5/4
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity should be low this weekend, though a chance for strong M-class solar flares with minor (R1) radio blackouts from sunspots exists. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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
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