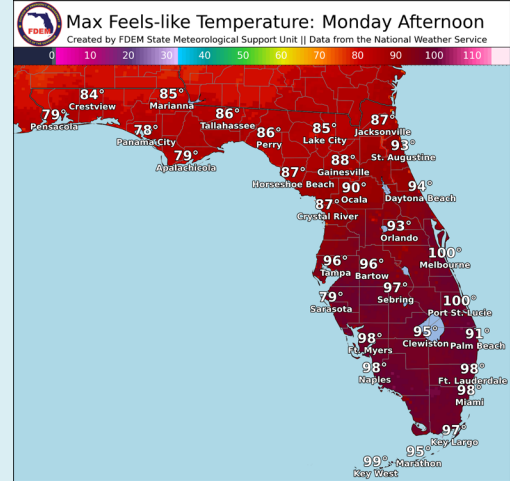
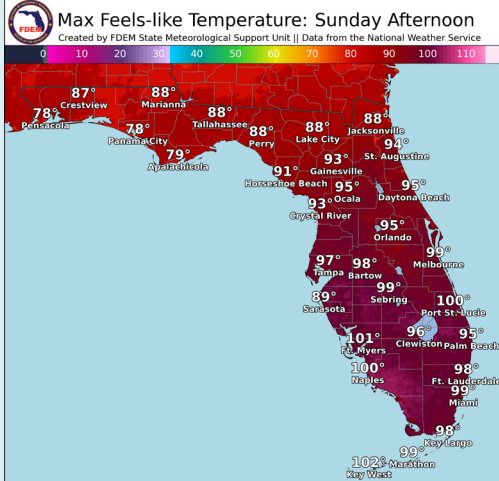
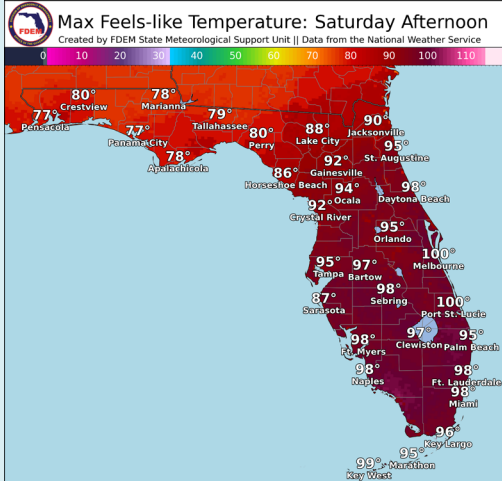


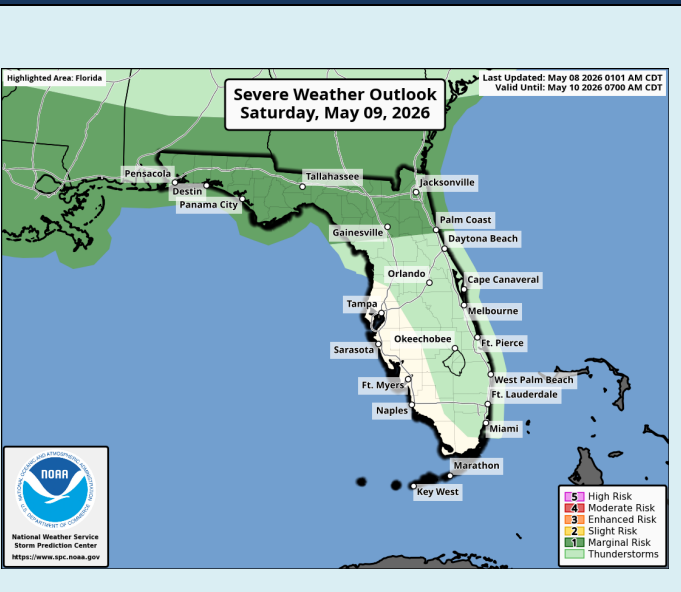
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

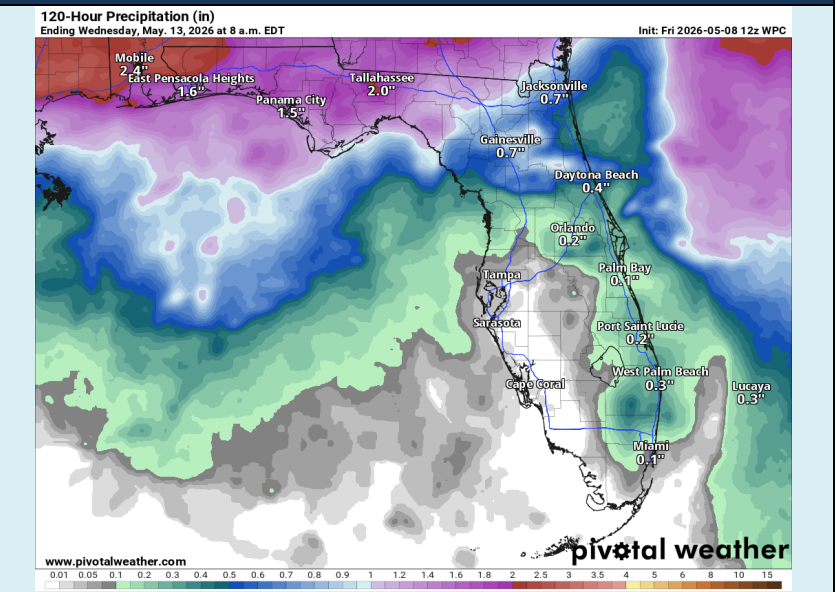
No Threat		Low Threat			Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Coastal Flooding	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri	North & North-Central FL	North FL	Iso. Western Panhandle		Central FL	Locally Statewide	Locally South FL Rest of State	Panhandle East Coast Southeast FL & West Coast
Sat	North FL I-95 Corridor	North FL	Panhandle		Locally South & Central FL	Locally Statewide	Central FL Rest of State	Panhandle East Coast West Coast
Sun	North FL Eastern Peninsula	North FL	Panhandle & Big Bend		Locally South & Central FL	Locally Statewide	Locally Peninsula Rest of State	Panhandle East Coast West Coast
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Forecast Afternoon Feels-like Temperatures: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday



Severe Weather Outlook: Saturday

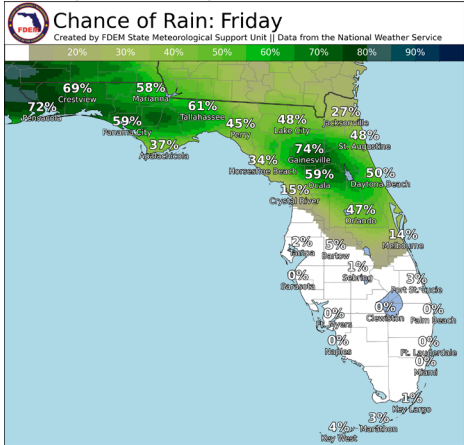


5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals: Through Tuesday Evening



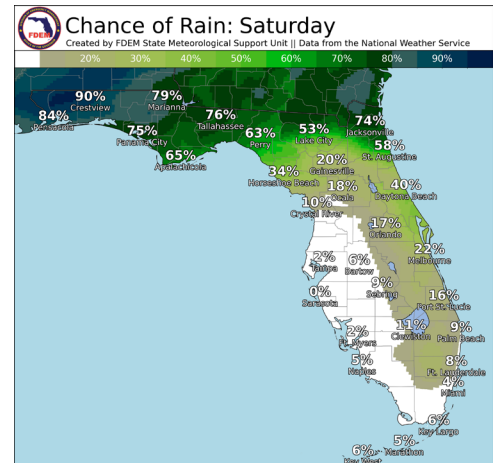
... A Stalled Cold Front to Bring Beneficial Rains to North Florida this Weekend... Daily Rounds of Showers and Thunderstorms Expected, Some of Which May be Severe... Heavy Downpours, Frequent Lightning, and Gusty Winds the Primary Hazards... Summertime Heat Continues Throughout Central and South Florida... Afternoon Feels-like Temperatures Expected to Exceed 100-degrees... A More Potent Cold Front Sweeps Through Monday with Additional Showers, Locally Severe Thunderstorms, and Worsening Beach Conditions...

**Friday – Sunday:**



A rather wet and active weekend of weather is expected across the northern tier of the state as a cold front stalls across the region, acting to focus daily scattered showers and thunderstorms across North Florida (55-90% chance of rain). Additionally, a few upper-level disturbances are expected to slide across this front, helping to enhance the activity each day. The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) has already outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** across North Florida each day through Sunday. The primary hazards with any **locally strong to severe** thunderstorm activity will be frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph), and small hail. Much of this activity may also be accompanied by **heavy downpours** which could lead to **nuisance flooding**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Panhandle on Saturday

when and where the greatest chances of **localized flooding** are expected. Southwesterly winds will keep the East Coast sea breeze pinned primarily to the eastern Peninsula and along the I-95 corridor, which will also help to spark a few isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms each day (25-40% chance of rain). Winds are expected to remain on the lighter side through the weekend, though breezy winds gusts **upwards of 20 mph** will still be possible across Central and South Florida. These winds will overlap with **near critically low relative humidities (30-45%)** which will encourage **elevated wildfire conditions** through Sunday, especially with the ongoing drought. Scattered showers and storms will linger through the evening and early overnight hours across North Florida each night this weekend (40-60% chance of rain).



The warming temperatures will be a key headline this weekend. Although the high temperatures won't be anything that Florida isn't accustomed to, it being early May will make it unusual. These highs are expected to reach well into the **lower to middle 90s** throughout Central and South Florida this weekend, with feels-like temperatures approaching or **surpassing 100-degrees** across interior portions of the area. Those sensitive to the heat will be most impacted, though even healthy individuals without access to adequate cooling will feel the impacts. Across North Florida, highs will generally range from the 70s to middle 80s over the Panhandle to middle 80s to lower 90s from the Big Bend to Northeast Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the upper 60s to middle 70s for much of the state, with metro Southeast Florida and the Keys remaining in the 80s, meaning little overnight heat relief is expected. Areas of **patchy dense fog** cannot be ruled out statewide each night and near daybreak each morning.

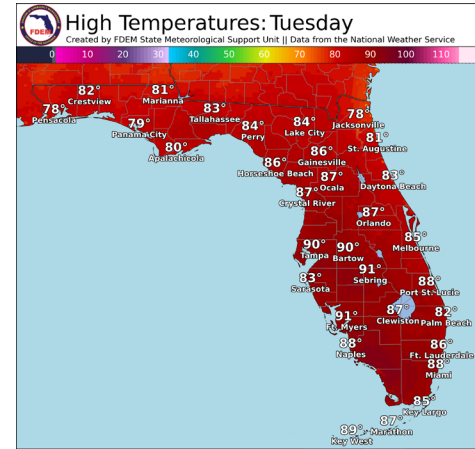
**Monday – Tuesday:**

An even more potent cold front will begin to sweep through the Southeast U.S. on Monday, helping to push the stalled frontal boundary off the Atlantic coast. However, scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected ahead of this frontal system with the potential for a few **locally strong to severe** storms. Trends will continue to be monitored regarding this system, though right now the Big Bend and



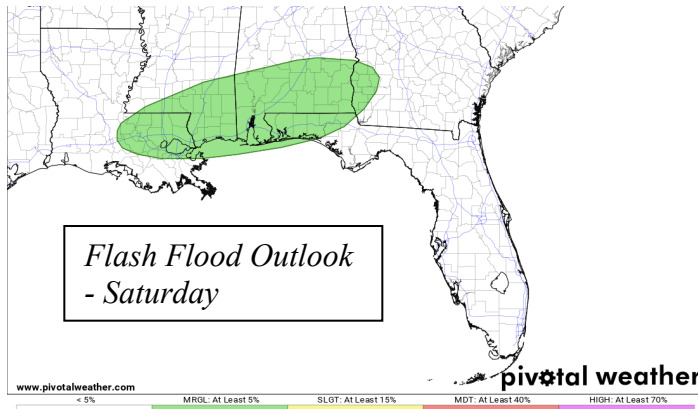
Northeast Florida appear to have the highest probability of severe weather at this time with all severe hazards on the table (45-70% chance of rain). Scattered showers and storms are also expected to develop across the central and southern Peninsula along the sea breeze boundaries, especially along the I-95 corridor (40-60% chance of rain). Activity will largely push offshore by the evening and overnight hours on Monday as the front slides south and east, with the tail of the front lingering across South Florida on Tuesday. This may help focus additional activity across the southern Peninsula on Tuesday (25-40% chance of rain).

High temperatures will climb into the middle 80s to **lower 90s** throughout the state Monday and Tuesday, with feels-like temperatures across South Florida reaching the **middle 90s to lower 100s** on Monday. Low temperatures will fall into the upper 50s to middle 60s across North Florida both nights, with middle 60s to middle 70s in Central and South Florida. The Southeast metro and Keys will remain in the upper 70s to lower 80s each night.



**Hydrology & Flooding:**

Numerous rounds of showers and thunderstorms are expected throughout the weekend across North Florida. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked today across the western Panhandle, extending eastward to include the entire Panhandle on Saturday. Although the ongoing drought and recent dry conditions will reduce the flooding concerns, any **locally heavy thunderstorms** that train over the same locations will encourage **nuisance flooding** and even localized **flash flooding**. The urban locations along the Florida Panhandle coastline will be most susceptible to any flooding. Rainfall totals are expected to be greatest across the Panhandle and Big Bend region, reaching 1-3" in most locations. However, any areas



that see repeated rounds of **locally heavy downpours** could see totals tally up to **4-6" or more**. Rainfall totals throughout the Peninsula are expected to be lighter and mainly below 0.5" through the end of the week. However, localized areas along the I-95 corridor that see any slow-moving sea breeze storms could receive rain amounts **greater than 2"**. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

There are no riverine or coastal flooding concerns across Florida. Many waterways throughout the state remain well below normal or even near record low levels due to ongoing drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.47 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.99 feet below normal for this time of year.

**Drought & Fire Weather:**

No improvements to the drought were made on this week's latest update, with last weekend's rainfall across the Panhandle and Big Bend doing little more than stabilizing the current drought situation. Rainfall amounts tallied up to 2-3" across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, though streamflows and soil moisture levels remain paltry and near or surpassing record lows. Lighter rainfall fell throughout the Peninsula, with spotty showers and storms bringing rainfall totals of 0.5-1.5" to most locations. Increasing temperatures with this lighter rain brought worsening drought conditions throughout the Peninsula. Expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was added across West-Central Florida, further inland to include all of Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties. Some expansion eastward was also made throughout South Florida, closer to the Southeast metro region. Along the I-4 corridor in Central Florida, the area of **moderate (level 1 of 4)** to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has shrunk even further. **Extreme (level 3 of 4)** to **exceptional drought**

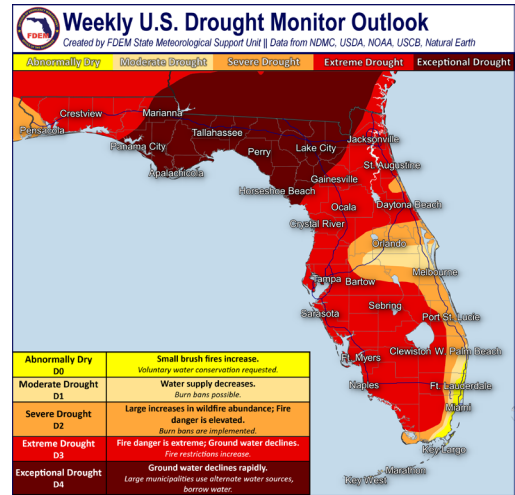


(level 4 of 4) was untouched throughout North Florida on this week's update where rainfall deficits since the beginning of the water year (October 2025) are still near 12-18 inches across the area. 98% of Florida remains in at least a moderate drought, with 25% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwannee Valley) in an exceptional drought.

On this coming week's Drought Monitor update, additional waves of showers and thunderstorms this weekend and early next week may bring beneficial rainfall to North Florida where some drought category reduction will be possible. However, conditions will be largely dependent on how widespread this heavy rainfall falls and exactly where. Hot conditions across Central and South Florida with only isolated rain chances will likely lead to worsening drought conditions throughout the Peninsula.

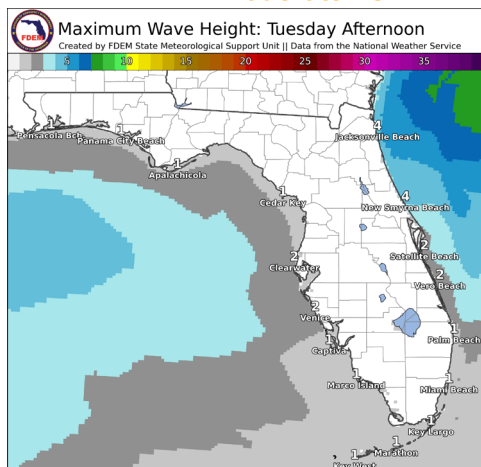
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **525** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **42** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Conditions supporting **elevated wildfire danger** will slowly wane through the weekend and into early next week as moisture slowly creeps up through the state. Still, relative humidities will struggle to get above **critical thresholds** across interior South and Central Florida this weekend which will encourage these **elevated conditions**. Additionally, ongoing drought will at the very least promote **sensitive wildfire danger** across much of the state. Scattered showers, thunderstorms, and abundant cloud cover will limit the wildfire risk across North Florida, though any lightning strikes could spark new fires or reignite old ones. Southwesterly winds will remain lighter through the forecast period, though may gust **upwards of 20 mph** across Central Florida on Saturday and Monday. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 60 wildfires across the state burning approximately 16,862 acres (as of 12:00 PM EDT).



**Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:**

Panhandle beaches will continue to see a **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** through the forecast period as breezy winds and active weather create dangerous swimming conditions. East Coast beaches will continue to see a **moderate risk for rip currents** before surf starts to increase on Tuesday in the wake of our frontal passage. A **high risk** is expected to return by the early portions of next week for most East Coast beaches. A low risk will persist for West Coast beaches before surf increases on Tuesday behind our front when a **moderate risk** is introduced.



A calm sea state is expected through most of the forecast period, with statewide beaches seeing waves largely between 1-3'. An ocean swell will begin to build across the Atlantic on Tuesday behind our front, with surf building to **3-5'** for Northeast Florida beaches Tuesday afternoon, surging southward to include Space and Treasure Coast beaches Tuesday night.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 75 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed within the Upper St. Johns River basin in Crescent Lake. **Moderate levels** have been observed in other locations of the upper St. Johns River, Caloosahatchee River, Lake Thonotosassa, the western Lake Okeechobee shoreline, Lake Harris, Lake Denham, Blue Cypress Lake, and Lake Avalon in the Big Cypress Swamp.



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Have a wonderful weekend!

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