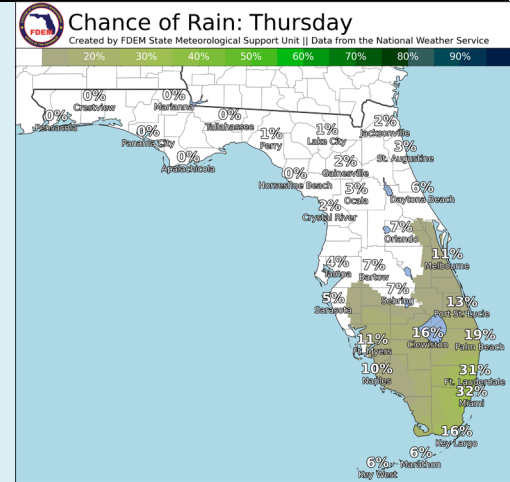
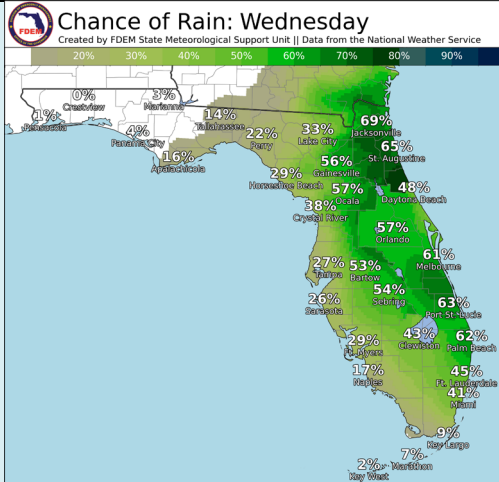
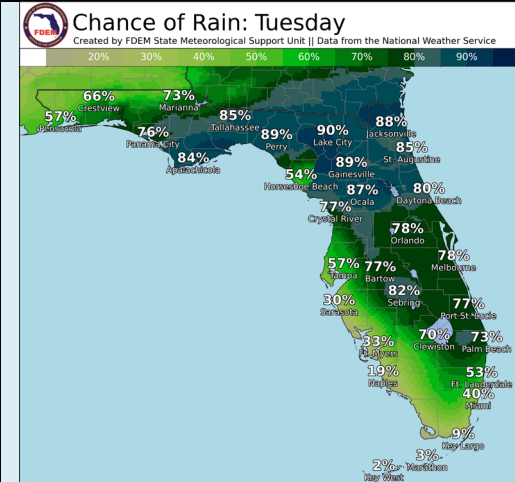


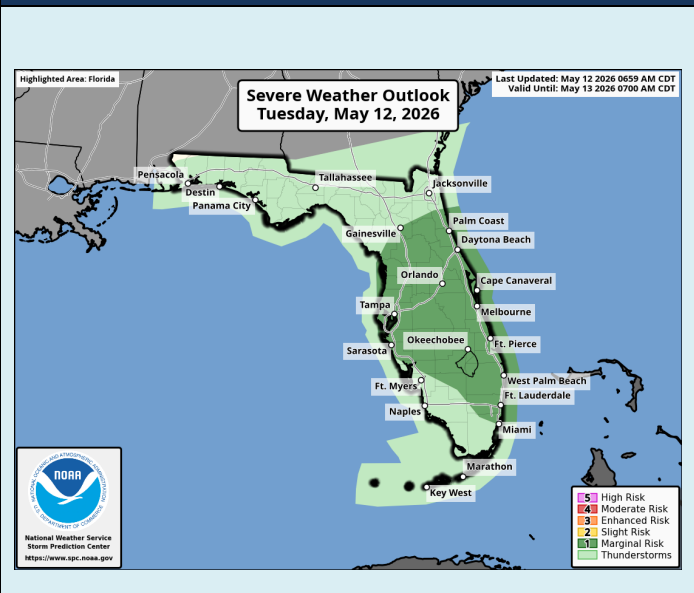
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

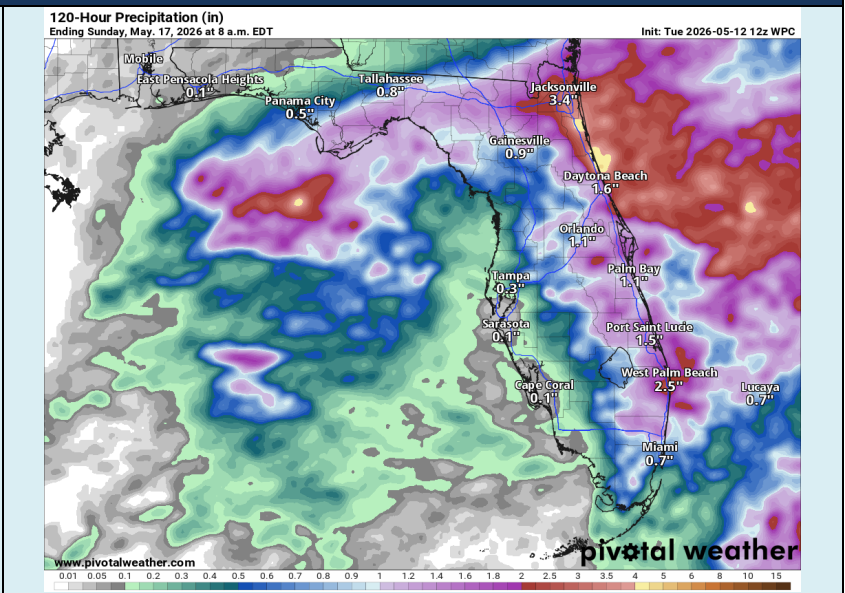
No Threat		Low Threat			Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Coastal Flooding	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue	Locally South-Central FL I-95 Corridor Rest of State	Locally Central & Southeast FL	I-95 Corridor		Locally Southwest FL	Locally I-4 Corridor & Western Panhandle	Iso. Statewide (Lightning)	Northeast FL Panhandle & East Coast Northwest, Southeast & West Coast
Wed	Peninsula	Locally I-95 Corridor	I-95 Corridor			Locally Northeast & Central FL	Iso. Statewide (Lightning)	East Coast Panhandle & Southeast FL Northwest FL & West Coast
Thu	Iso. South FL						Locally Panhandle & Big Bend	East Coast Panhandle & Southeast FL Northwest FL & West Coast
Fri	Iso. South FL						Locally North & West-Central FL	Panhandle & East Coast Northwest FL & West Coast
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Forecast Chances of Rain: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday



Severe Weather Outlook: Tuesday

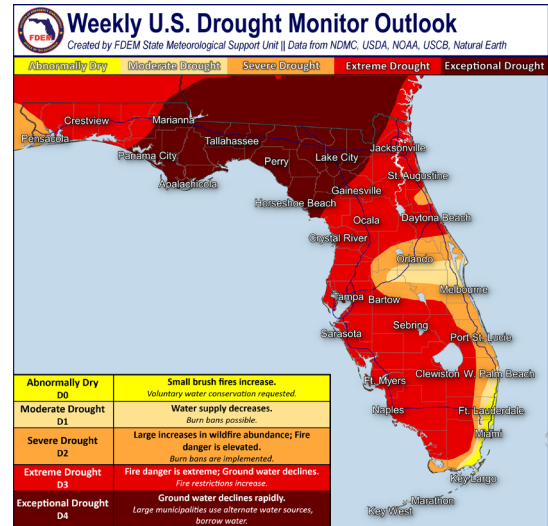


5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals: Through Saturday Evening



Drought & Fire Weather:

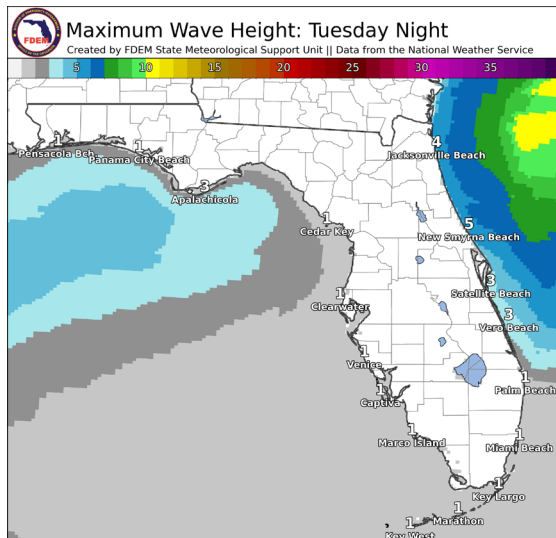
No improvements to the drought were made on last week's latest drought update, with rainfall from two weekends ago across the Panhandle and Big Bend doing little more than stabilizing the current drought situation. Rainfall amounts tallied up to 2-3" across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, though 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, beneficial rainfall throughout the state will very likely bring some drought category reductions. Rainfall totals have tallied up to 1-3" for most locations, with some areas receiving as much as 6" of rain. Although it will take many more rainy days to eliminate the ongoing drought, the recent rainfall will be a good start to chipping away at the statewide drought.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **498** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **44** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Fire weather conditions will be at low levels to start the week as relative humidities remain well above critical thresholds amidst moist southerly flow and abundant rainfall. Scattered thunderstorms, however, may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. Relative humidities will dip to **near critical thresholds** throughout North Florida on Thursday and Friday, which may promote **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire danger**. Winds will turn from the northwest on Thursday and northeast on Friday, though are not expected to reach above 15-20 mph for much of the state. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 55 wildfires across the state burning approximately 29,096 acres (as of 11:00 AM EDT).



Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Panhandle beaches will continue to see a **moderate risk for rip currents** through the forecast period with breezy onshore winds. A **high risk for rip currents** will extend southward from Northeast Florida to the rest of the East Coast through Thursday as a surge of winds brings elevated surf along the coast. As seas relax on Friday, the rip current risk will return back down to a **moderate risk**. A low risk will persist for all West Coast beaches.

Surf will increase along the East Coast briefly to start the week, with waves of **3-5'** extending southward along the coast through Wednesday. Waves will begin to relax beginning on Thursday, with waves of **2-4'** through Saturday.



Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see surf near 1-3' through the end of the forecast period.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 83 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed within the Upper St. Johns River basin, Caloosahatchee River, and in Lake Thonotosassa. **Moderate levels** have been observed in other locations of the upper St. Johns River, Withlacoochee River, Lake Carlton and the western Lake Okeechobee shoreline.

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Have a wonderful rest of your week!

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