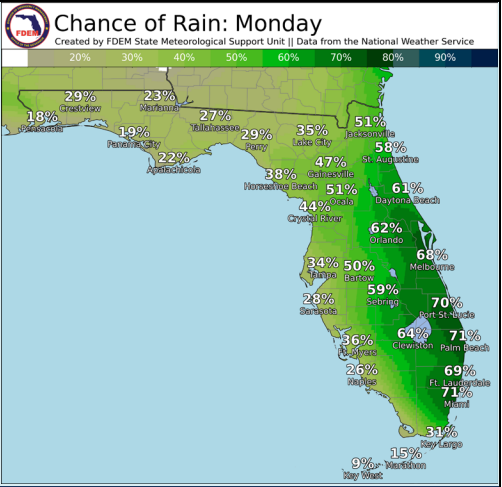
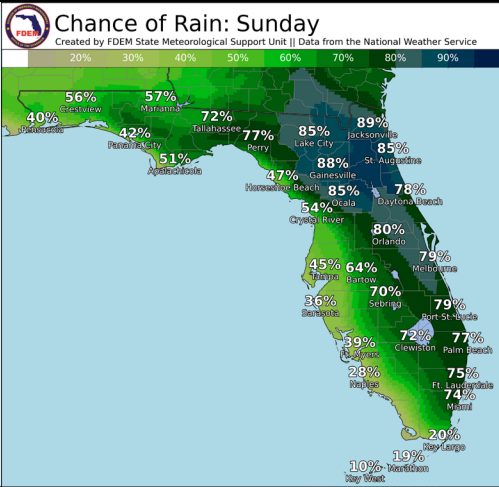
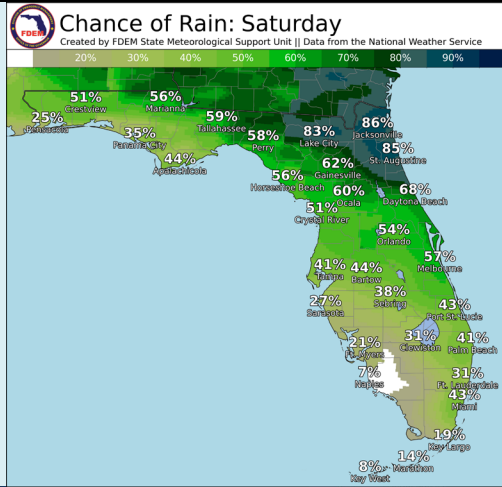


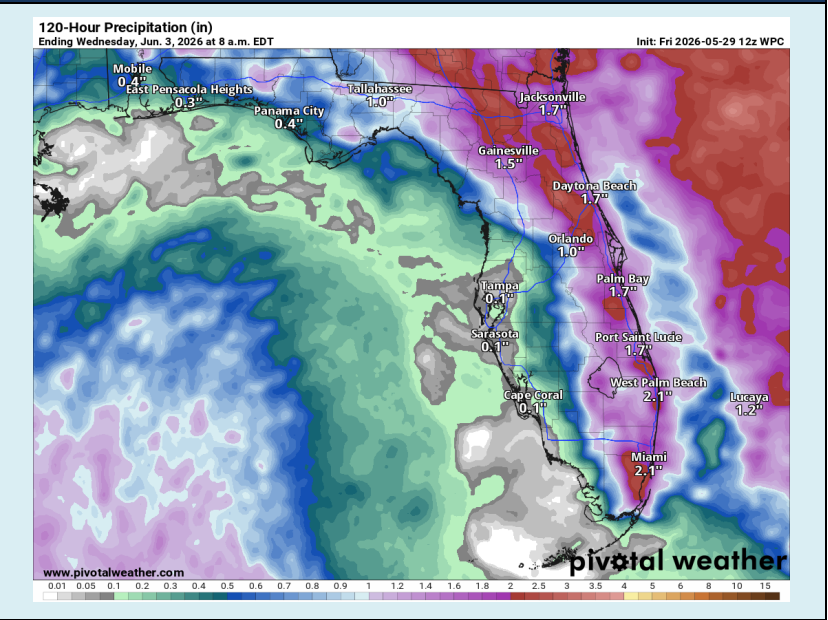
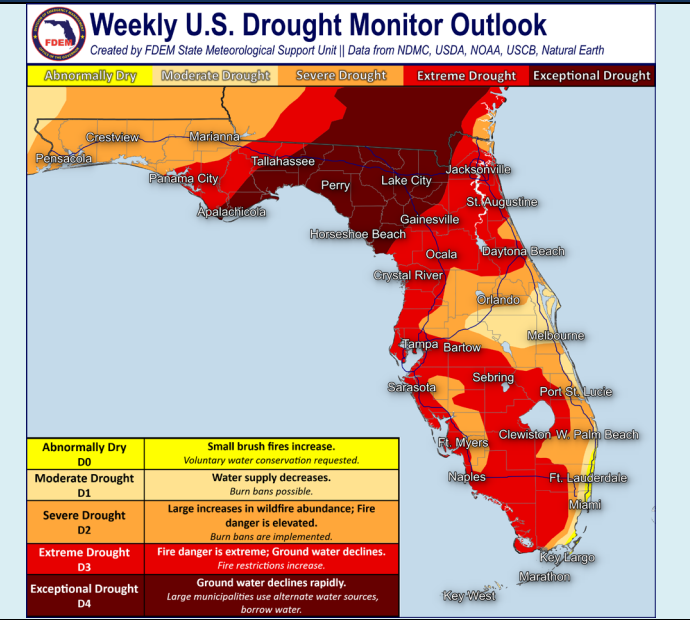
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

No Threat		Low Threat			Moderate Threat			High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents	
Fri	Locally I-95 Corridor & Panhandle Rest of State	Iso. Panhandle & East Coast	North FL		Locally Big Bend & South FL	Iso. North FL		Panhandle Northeast & East Central FL West Coast & Southeast FL	
Sat	Northeast FL & Panhandle Rest of State	Iso. Northeast FL			Locally South FL	Iso. North FL		Eastern Panhandle Western Panhandle, East-Central FL, Locally West Coast Northeast & Southeast FL	
Sun	I-95 Corridor & Panhandle Rest of State	Iso. I-95 Corridor & Panhandle	North FL		Locally Western Panhandle & South FL			Eastern Panhandle, Locally Northeast & East-Central FL Western Panhandle, Locally Northeast & East-Central FL West Coast & Southeast FL	
Mon	Locally I-95 Corridor Rest of State	Iso. I-95 Corridor			South FL			Eastern Panhandle & East-Central FL North/Southeast FL, Locally West Coast Western Panhandle	
Tue	Statewide							Treasure Coast Eastern Panhandle, Northeast & Southeast FL Western Panhandle & West Coast	



Forecast Chances of Rain: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

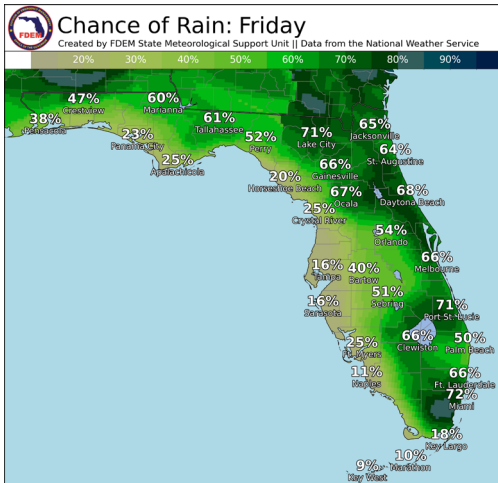


Latest Drought Monitor Update – Valid 5/26

5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals: Through Tuesday Evening



...More Beneficial Rainfall Expected for Much of the State Through Early Next Week... Chances for Rain will Favor Inland Panhandle Regions and the I-95 Corridor Through Sunday... Cold Front Approaches on Sunday and Slowly Moves Southward Through Tuesday... Rain Chances Decline in North Florida Following Frontal Passage... Isolated Flash Flooding Possible in North Florida on Friday and Sunday... Hot and Muggy Conditions Expected Statewide This Week... Afternoon Feels-Like Temperatures May Exceed 100 Degrees in Isolated Locations... Dangerous Rip Currents Expected for Various Coastal Locations Throughout the Week...



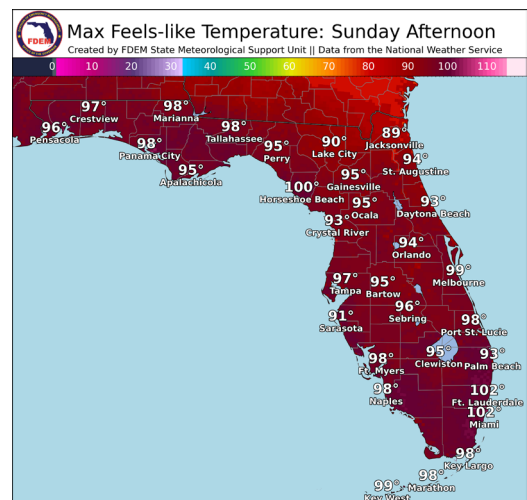
Friday – Tuesday:

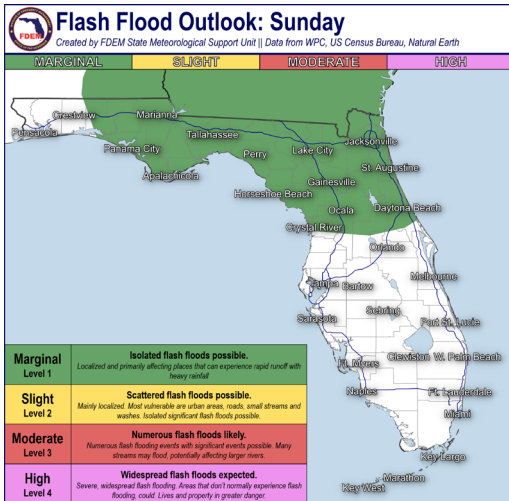
More beneficial rainfall is expected over the next five days as the continued funneling of deep tropical moisture over the state will promote enhanced shower and thunderstorm growth each day. An upper-level disturbance currently located over the Northeast U.S. will dive southeastward and into the open Atlantic over the next two days. At the same time, a weak ridge axis will remain extended to our south in the Western Caribbean. The resulting surface flow pattern between these two features will be increasingly westerly. This regime will favor both the Panhandle and the East Coast of Florida for shower and thunderstorm activity. The East Coast will be a hotspot for afternoon convection as westerly flow helps push the West Coast sea breeze inland and towards a collision with the pinned East Coast sea breeze. This will create an especially favorable zone for enhanced lift and promote daily afternoon

thunderstorm development this weekend. Daily rain chances will generally be high (50-80%) for the Panhandle and the East Coast through Saturday, with comparatively lower daily probabilities (20-50%) expected for West Coast and in coastal Panhandle locations.

A slow-moving and weak cold front begins to sag southward and into the state of Florida by Sunday. This will yield yet another source of lift for shower and thunderstorm development. Sunday will likely be the wettest day in the forecast period as a result, with very high chances of rain (70-90%) in Northeast Florida where extremely moist air will overlap enhanced lift from the nearby front. The front continues to sag southward by early next week, filtering in a drier air mass behind it. Daily chances for rain will favor East-Central and Southeast Florida through the end of the forecast period, with diminishing rain chances in North Florida (20-50%) on Monday and Tuesday. Overall, while there is currently no organized risk of severe weather associated with any thunderstorms that develop during the forecast period, a few **locally strong** storms containing **isolated damaging winds** cannot be ruled out.

Summer-like **heat and humidity** will persist through the forecast period, with daytime high temperatures generally in the **low 90s** across the state. With high chances of rain in the forecast for much of the state, these high temperatures are somewhat dependent on the timing and extent of showers and thunderstorms, as the resultant cloud coverage from daily storm activity may help limit afternoon solar heating and put a cap on high temperatures. Regardless, high humidity will cause afternoon feels-like temperatures to easily reach the **middle to upper 90s**, with the potential for some locations to briefly **exceed 100 degrees**. Low temperatures will only fall into the lower to middle 70s for much of the Sunshine State, with the Southeast Metro and Keys remaining warmer in the upper 70s to lower 80s.





Hydrology & Flooding:

The upcoming rainy pattern has prompted the issuance of multiple Excessive Rainfall Outlooks (EROs) in the forecast period. For today, a **Level 1 of 4 (Marginal Risk)** for excessive rainfall has been issued for much of the I-10 corridor outside of the Big Bend. Scattered thunderstorms today will lead to up to an inch for the east coast of the state, however localized totals may be higher. Isolated incidents of flash flooding are possible in the risk area. On Sunday, a **Level 1 of 4 (Marginal Risk)** for excessive rainfall is in effect for much of the northern half of Florida, outside of the Western Panhandle. Beneficial rainfall is anticipated for this area with rainfall totaling around an inch. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

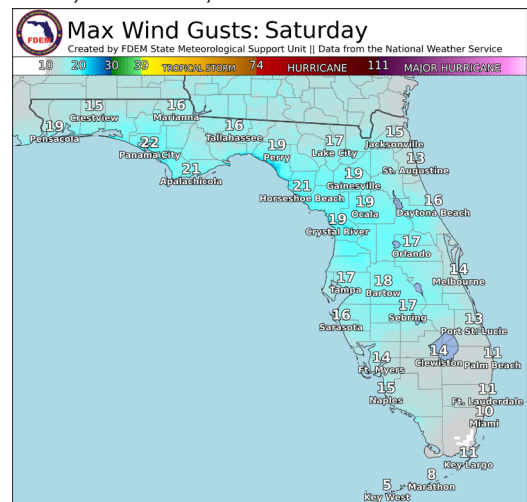
Recent heavy rainfall totals of **4 to 6 inches** across the Western Panhandle have resulted in a handful of streams reaching or forecasted to reach Action Flood Stage. Shoal River near Crestview and Escambia River near Century will slowly recede by Wednesday. Blackwater River near Baker is 0.53 feet above flood stage and is anticipated to recede by tonight to normal levels. Big Coldwater Creek near Milton has slowly been rising since early this morning and will crest at 6.6 feet this evening. It is expected to quickly recede and return to normal levels on Sunday evening. There are also three locations which are forecasted to reach Action Flood Stage. Choctawhatchee River near Bruce-Ebro and Caryville is forecasted to crest 0.4 feet above normal levels tomorrow and Tuesday morning respectively. Yellow River at Milligan will crest 0.7 feet above normal Sunday afternoon, before it recedes to normal levels Tuesday morning. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.16 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.98 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

Heavy rainfall over the past week across the Western Panhandle has resulted in continued categorical improvements in this week's drought outlook. Gadsen, Liberty, Gulf, and western Leon County have been reduced to extreme **drought (level 3 of 4)** due to **2-4 inches** over the past week. Also in the Panhandle, Walton, Holmes, Washington, and Bay Counties saw their outlook reduced to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Persistent rainfall on the western half of the Peninsula has resulted in a handful of counties seeing continued improvements. Eastern Sumter and Pasco Counties have been downgraded to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** due to **2-4 inches** over the past week. 1-2 inches across Southwest Florida resulted in some improvement. Parts of Manatee, Hardee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Lee Counties were reduced to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Significant rainfall accumulations occur along the east coast, so their drought outlook went unchanged. Even with **2-4 inches** falling across the Suwanee Valley, the **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** did not change due to severity of drought. 99% of Florida remains in at least a moderate drought, with 17% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwanee Valley) remains in an **exceptional drought**.

As a reminder, the cutoff for rainfall on last week's update was Tuesday (5/26) at 8 AM EDT, thus any rainfall that fell after this point was not included in the drought update. This week's drought monitor update will be released next Thursday and will include all rainfall up until this Tuesday (6/2) at 8 AM EDT. Beneficial rain for Suwanee Valley and East Coast over the next seven days will lead to some categorical improvements.



No significant drought improvements are expected over Southwest Florida due to lower forecast rainfall totals.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **384** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **19** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

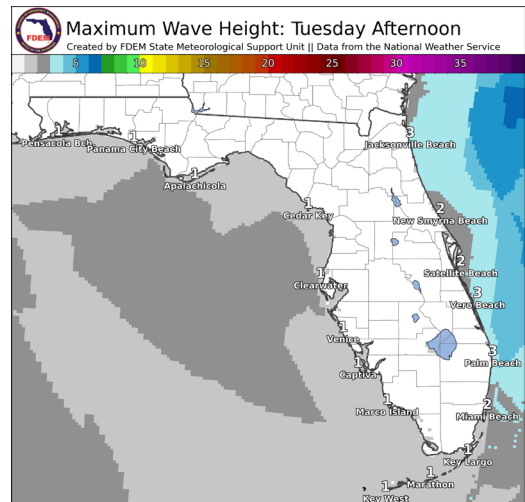
Minimum RHs will not reach critical thresholds this afternoon or at any point during the forecast period. Heavy rainfall that fell last week and expected rain over the next week should help continue to saturate fuels across the state and limit wildfire conditions. Even with rainfall expected, any lightning strike can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 44 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 14,797 acres (as of 12:00 PM EDT).

Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

The Eastern Panhandle will see a **High Risk** for rip currents through Monday, before calmer winds and lower wave heights reduce hazard levels to a **Moderate Risk** on Tuesday. Much of East-Central Florida will see a **Moderate Risk** for the forecast period except Tuesday, where the Treasure coast will see a localized **High Risk**. Southeast Florida will initially see a Low Risk, increasing to a localized **Moderate Risk** for Monday & Tuesday. Similar story for the West Coast, which will see a localized **Moderate Risk** for rip currents on Saturday & Monday.

Westerly winds will result in surf being less than 2' for first half of the forecast period. Locally stronger winds across the Big Bend will result in waves of **2-3'** tomorrow. Monday and Tuesday has increased surf of **2-4'** for the east coast.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 114 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in Saddleback Lake, Lake Thonotosassa, northwest shores of Lake Okeechobee, Lake Monroe, and Haw Creek. **Moderate levels** have been observed in eastern shores of Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee River, Lake Hancock, & Lake George



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Have a wonderful week!

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