



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, June 4, 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 | Gadsden | FTEM Virtual Training |
| Region 2: Enrique Gaston | Orange | FTEM Symposium |
| Region 3: Glen Hammers | Columbia | Office Admin / Leave (See Coverage) |
| Region 4: Tara Kostich | Orange | FTEM Symposium |
| Region 5: Austin Beeghly | Orange | FTEM Symposium |
| Region 6: Paul Siddall | Hillsborough | University of Tampa Exercise / USF EM Meeting |
| Region 7: Vacant | N/A | N/A (See Coverage) |
| Region 8: Amber Durden | Indian River | FTEM Virtual Training |
| Region 9: Brittany Bremer | Lee | FTEM Virtual Training |
| Region 10: Claudia Baker | Orange | FTEM Symposium |

Region 2 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 1
 Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
 Region 4 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 4
 Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6, 8, 9
 Region 10 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 10

| Status |
|------------------------------|
| Normal Operations |
| Out of Service / Unavailable |



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

| Team | County Location | Status / Activities |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Region 1: Allison Blevins | Walton | FTEM Virtual Courses |
| Region 2: Justin Lazzara | Orange / Leon | Return Travel from FTEM |
| Region 3: Kevin Blom | Union | FTEM Virtual Courses |
| Region 4: Joshua Saunders | Duval | Active Assailant Exercise |
| Region 5: Elizabeth Caison | Orange | FTEM Courses |
| Region 6: Rick Rogers | Citrus | FTEM Virtual Courses |
| Region 7: Vacant | N/A | N/A (See Coverage) |
| Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller | Not Available | Leave (See Coverage) |
| Region 9: Vacant | N/A | N/A (See Coverage) |
| Region 10: Brian Lee | Miami-Dade | FTEM Virtual Courses |

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

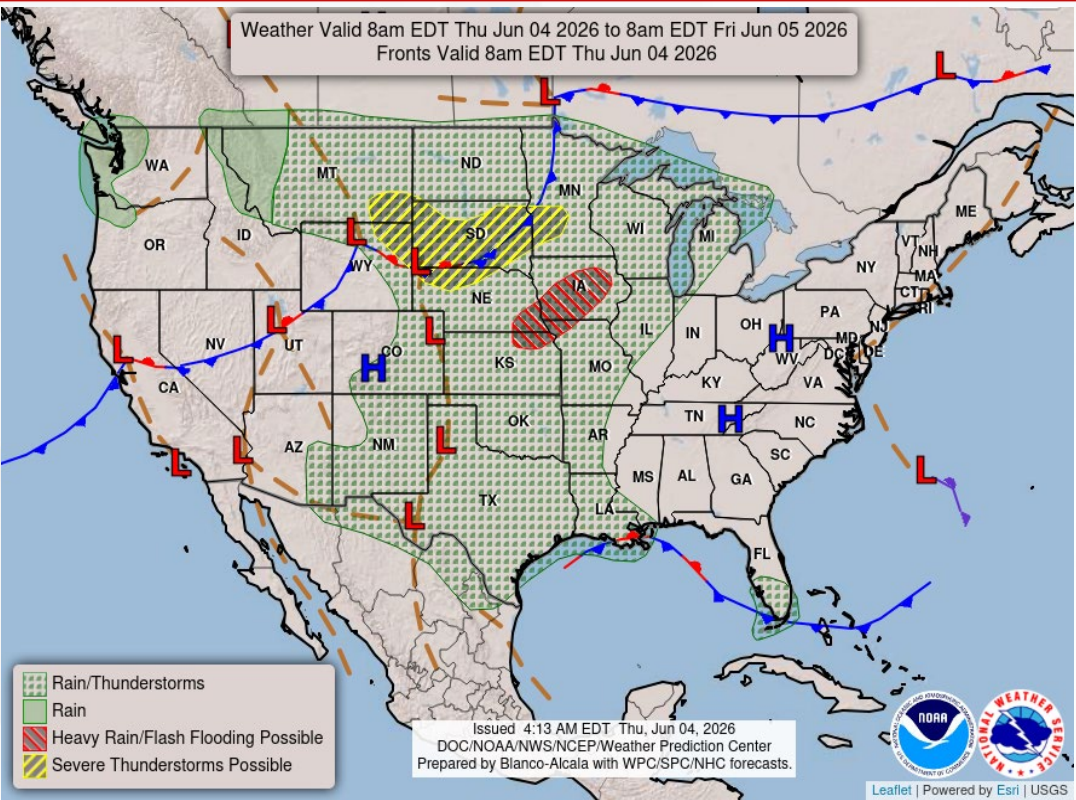
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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

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

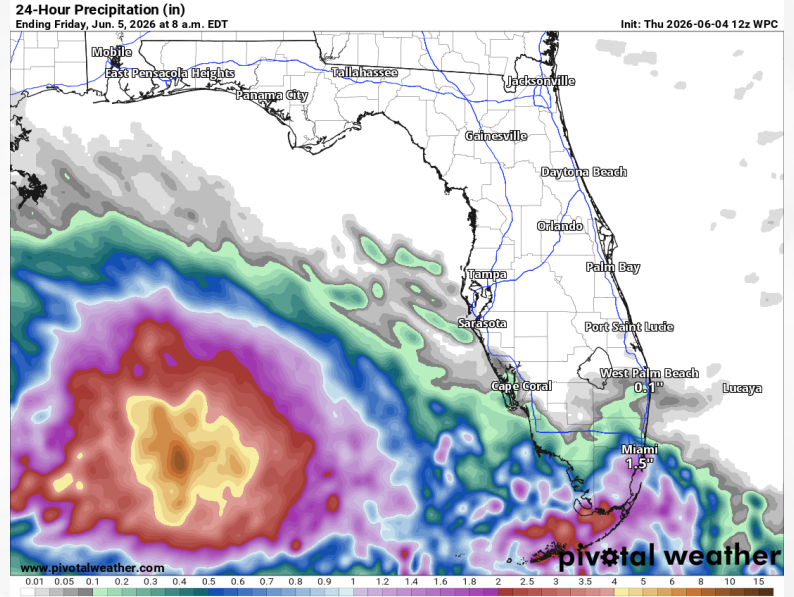
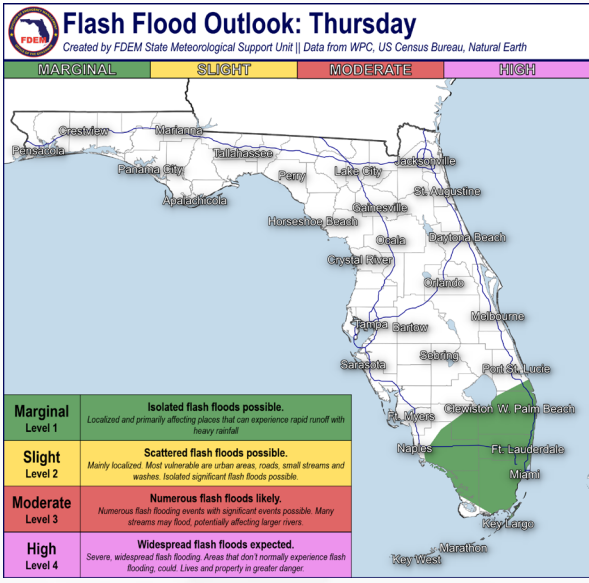


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

| Threat | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 |
|----------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Lightning | | | | | | | | L | L | M |
| Tornado | | | | | | | | | | |
| Damaging Wind | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hail | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flash Flooding | | | | | | | | L | L | L |
| Extreme Heat | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fog (Overnight) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wildfire | L | L | L | L | L | | | | | |
| Rip Currents | H | H | L | H | H | L | | H | L | M |
| Lake Okeechobee Elevation | 11.17 ft. (1.94 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>) | | | | | | | | | |
| Keetch-Byram Drought Index | 338 (-2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry) | | | | | | | | | |





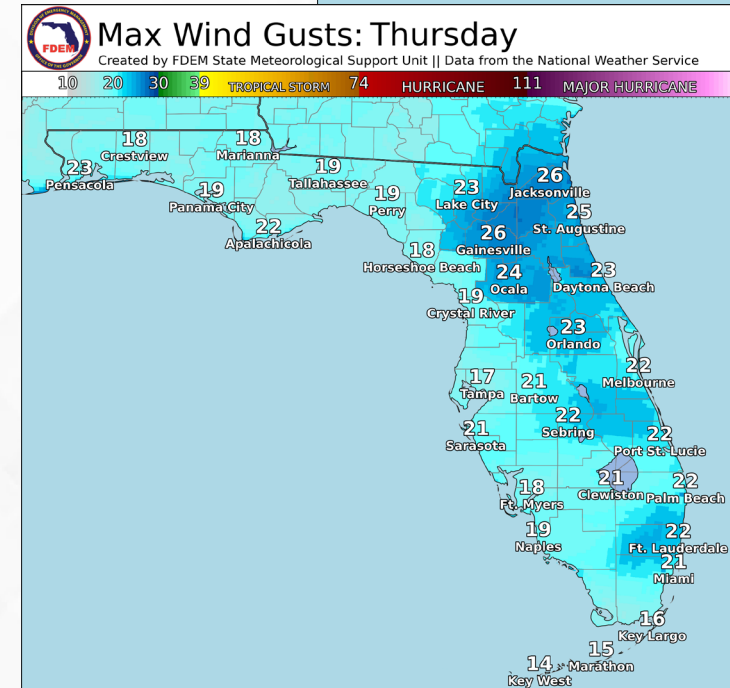
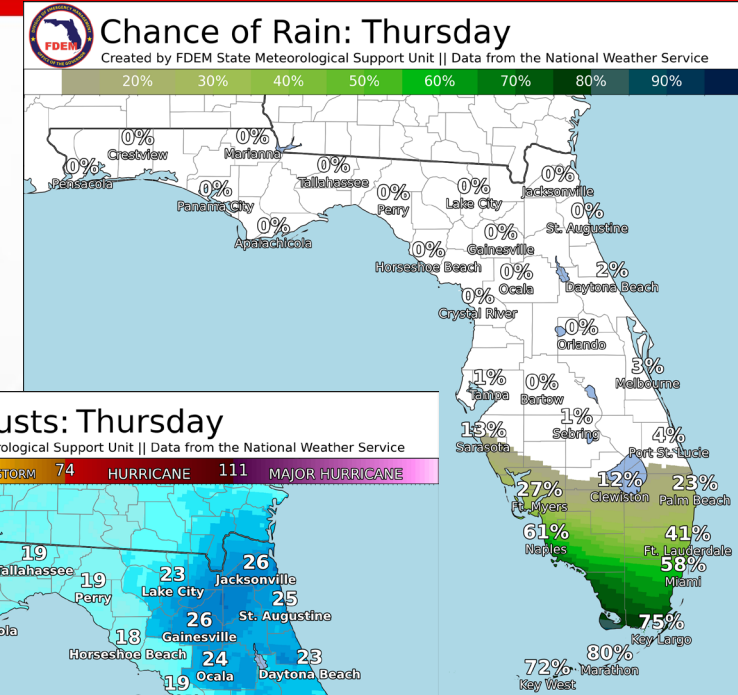
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The cold front that had been supplying much of the state's rainfall over the past few days is now positioned over extreme Southern Florida and is poised to fully exit the state today. Expectedly, chances for rain are confined to the southern tip of Florida, where a high (50-80%) chance for rain is currently forecast - mostly for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. These areas have already been subject to repeated rounds of heavy rainfall over the past week, prompting the issuance of a **Marginal Risk for Flash Flooding** today. Rainfall totals will generally be between **1-2'** with some localized areas seeing upwards of **3-5'**. While there is no organized risk for severe weather with any storms in South Florida today, a few **locally strong storms** cannot be ruled out capable of producing frequent lightning and gusty winds (40-50 mph).

Elsewhere, high pressure is settling in across the northern portions of the state. Our central and northern areas are waking up to quite a pleasant morning with widespread temperatures dipping into the mid-upper 50s and low 60s. In fact, numerous sites across Northern Florida and the greater Southeast region have already broken their record low temperatures for this date. Given the cooler and drier air that has filtered into these areas following yesterday's frontal passage, minimal cloud coverage and no rainfall is expected today. The drier and breezier conditions (**gusts of 20-25mph**) expected across Northern and Central Florida may promote some **sensitive** wildfire conditions, although fuels that are still saturated from previous days' rainfall will likely limit the extent of the danger.

High temperatures today will be middle to upper 80s across the northern half of the state, with low to mid 80s more likely across the southern half of the state. Low temperatures will be in the low to mid 60s across North Florida and in the low to mid 70s across the southern half of the state.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy easterly winds will bring a **high risk for rip currents** for most Panhandle and East Coast beaches today. A **moderate risk** for rip currents is in effect for portions of the Emerald, Forgotten, and Gold Coasts. A low risk remains in effect for all other West. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will be elevated at around **5-6'** along the East Coast today. Surf near **2-4'** is expected for, Panhandle beaches, with surf heights of 1-2' expected for West Coast and extreme Southeast beaches.

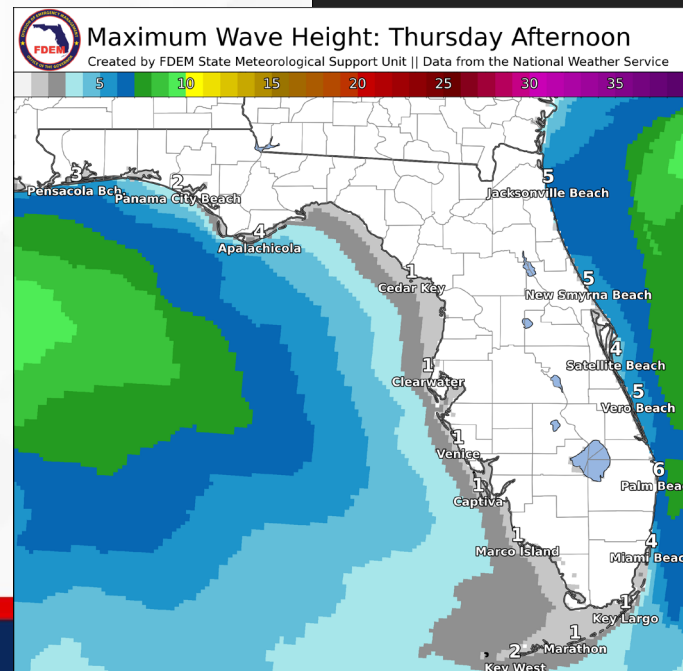
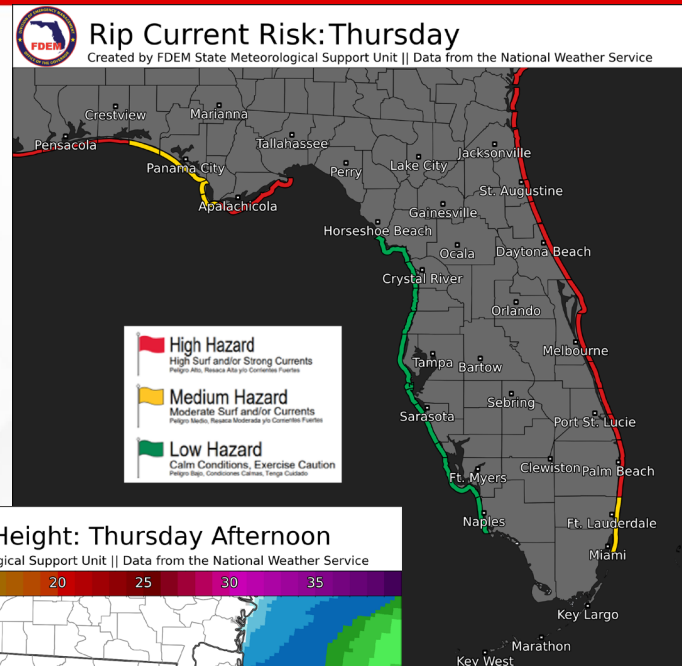
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Sarasota, Monroe, and Bay Counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/29/26).

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

Flash Flooding: Given the heavy rainfall potential driven by the extremely moist airmass and multiple sources of shower and storm development, a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is in effect for coastal Southeast FL. Expected rainfall totals are around **1-2'**, with isolated areas of **3-5'** likely.

Riverine Flooding: A handful of river and stream gauges are within Action Stage (bank-full) this morning across the western Panhandle due to recent heavy rainfall. These include the [Shoal River near Crestview](#), [Bruce Creek near Redbay](#), and [the Choctawhatchee River near Bruce-Ebro](#). Many of these streams are expected to remain in Action Stage through over the next few days. All are expected to decline below action stage with minimal rainfall in the forecast. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.17 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.94 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



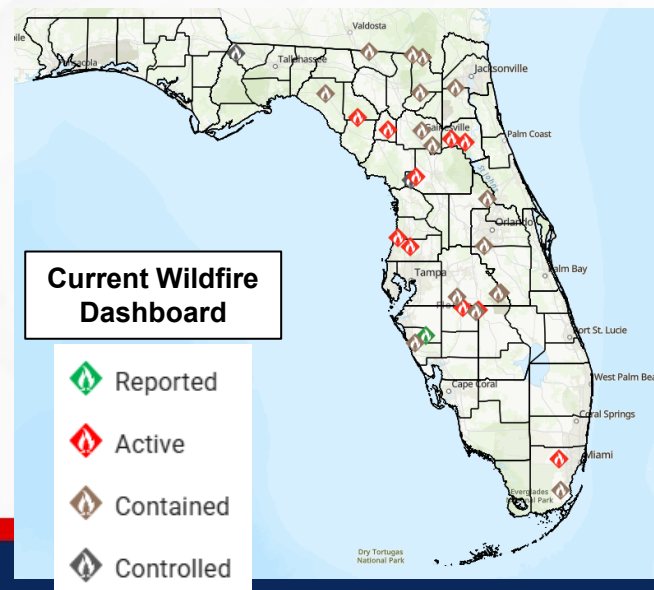
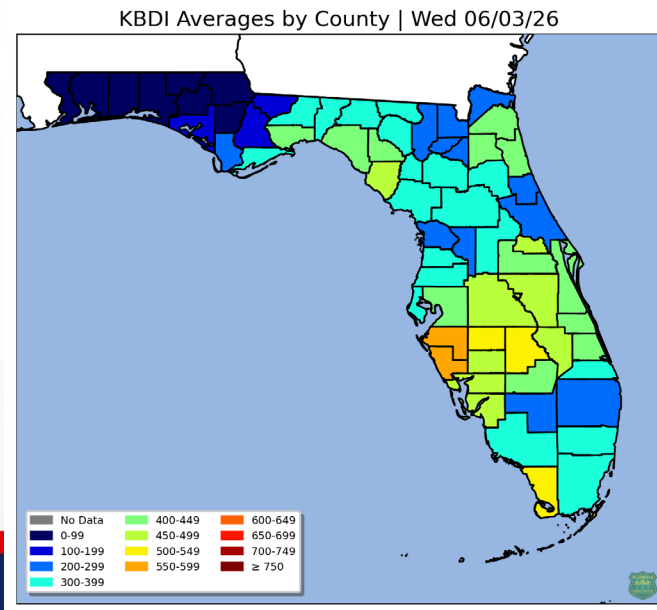
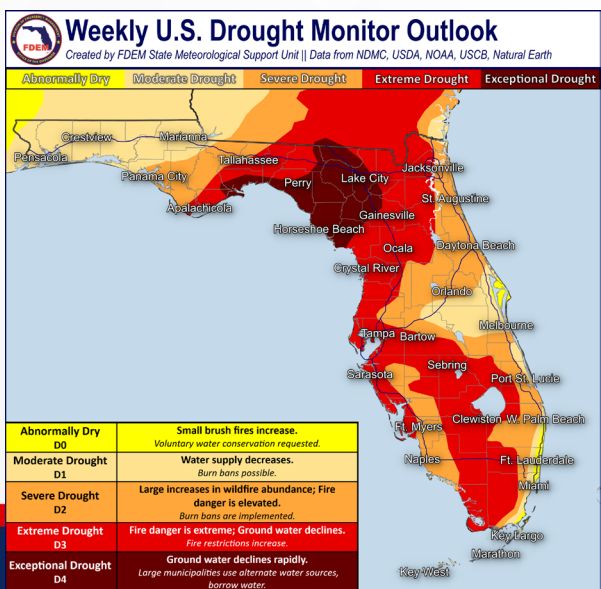


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: In the wake of a cold front's passage overnight, drier air and breezy conditions have filtered in within much of the northern half of the state. Afternoon minimum relative humidities should stay above critical thresholds, although they will dip into the low-mid 30s in some spots in North FL. Winds will be out of the east/northeast today with gusts of **20-25mph** expected. These two factors should promote at least **sensitive** fire weather conditions today in the northern half of the state, with the main limiting factor being saturated soils from recent rounds of heavy rainfall. The southern tip of Florida is expected to see scattered to widespread showers and storms today due to influences from the previously mentioned front which will help limit fire weather concerns in that region. Still, the threat of thunderstorms in South FL today containing lightning and brief gusty/erratic winds may spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 30 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 7,922 acres.

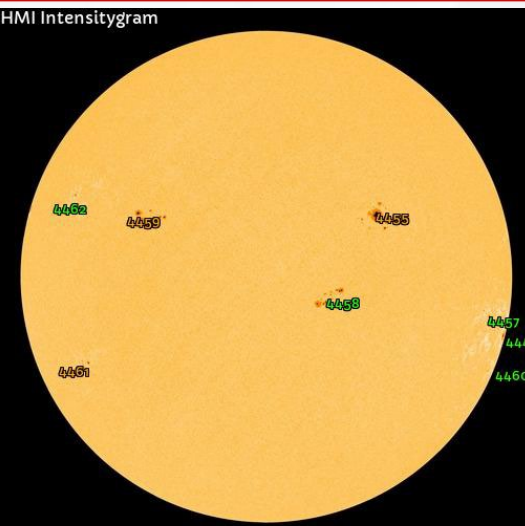
Drought (6/2/26): Notable categorical improvements were made on this week's Drought Monitor update across the Western Panhandle and portions of Northeast and Southwest Florida. In the Panhandle where the highest rainfall totals (4-6") were observed last week, the existing **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** west of the Apalachicola River was reduced to a moderate drought (level 1 of 4). The **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across portions of Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Liberty, Gulf and portions of Western Leon and Wakulla and Franklin counties was reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. The western and northeastern extent of the **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** area was trimmed, reducing portions of Leon, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Nassau, Baker, Columbia, and Hamilton counties to a **severe drought (level 3 of 4)**. Elsewhere, the area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** along eastern Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Clay, and Putnam, northern Volusia and Lake counties, and for all of Flagler county. The small swath of **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** across Southwest Florida has been expanded southward to encompass western Collier and extreme northwestern Monroe counties. All other remaining drought areas saw little to no change in this update. 99% of Florida remains in at least a moderate drought, with 10% of the state (Big Bend and North-Central Florida) in an exceptional drought - a 7% reduction in exceptional drought coverage compared to last week. Looking ahead, a drier pattern is expected to follow for much of the state which may promote some localized worsening of categorical drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **338 (-2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **5 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

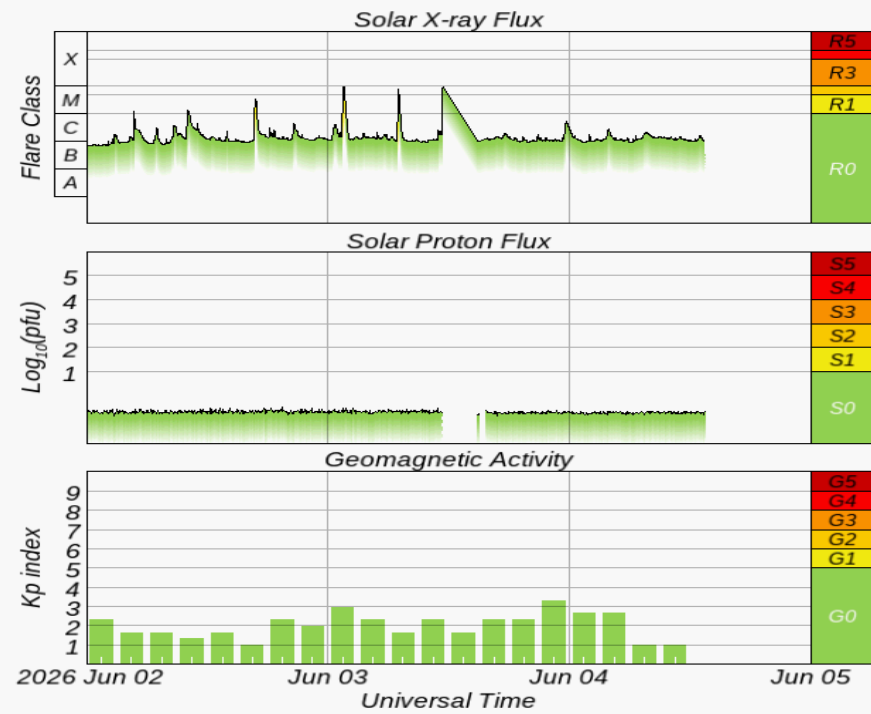




Space Weather

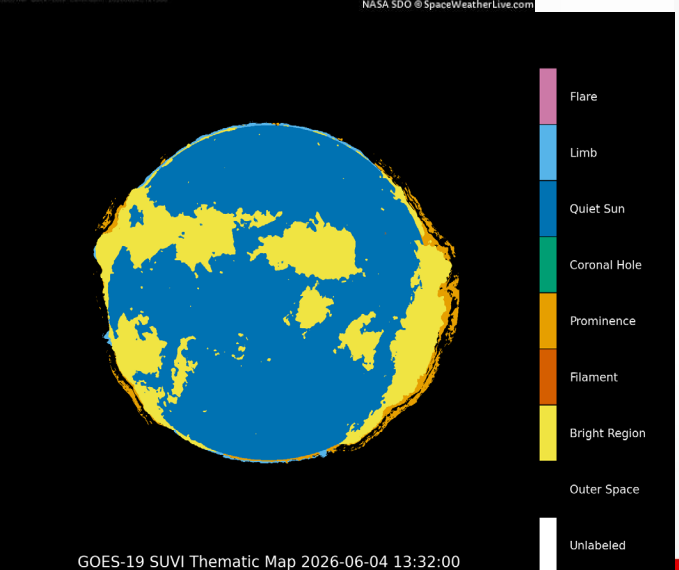


Current Sunspots



| Solar Flare Risk | Active Watches & Warnings | Past 24 hours |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| M-class: 60% | Geomagnetic Storm: None | C5 Solar Flare |
| X-class: 15% | Radiation Storm: None | No Radio Blackout |

| 48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast | |
|---|---|
| 6/4 | 6/5 |
| Max Kp= 7 (G3) | Max Kp= 7 (G3) |
| Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 45% | Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 40% |



Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at moderate to high levels today and tomorrow with a high chance for M-class flaring and a slight chance for X-class flare, driven by sunspot regions 4455, 4458, and 4459. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Any X-class flares will be accompanied by strong (R3) radio blackouts. Mild enhancements to solar wind conditions are expected today before significantly increasing later tonight with the arrival of multiple Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs). Geomagnetic field activity will become active later today following the arrival of the multiple CMEs. Strong (G3) with isolated severe (G4) geomagnetic storming is expected today and tomorrow. The overall space weather threat to Florida is low.



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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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