



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, June 16, 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	Okaloosa	School Site Survey / Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Franklin	EMPA Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin / Quarterly Meeting Follow Up
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Baker	County EM Visit
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	Central FL IMT Full Scale Exercise
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Miami-Dade, Hillsborough	Travel to Region 6 / Tampa EM Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	South Florida REP TF Meeting / FGCU Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	South Florida REP TF Meeting / FIFA Meeting

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & 9
 Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	Instructing 603 and 608
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	HQ Admin & Vehicle Inspection 809
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Bradford	FL-393 Training
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Bradford	FL-393 Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	R5 AHIMT FSE
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Professional Development / On Call Region 6,7 and 9 Response
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	FIFA Fan Fest Support

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

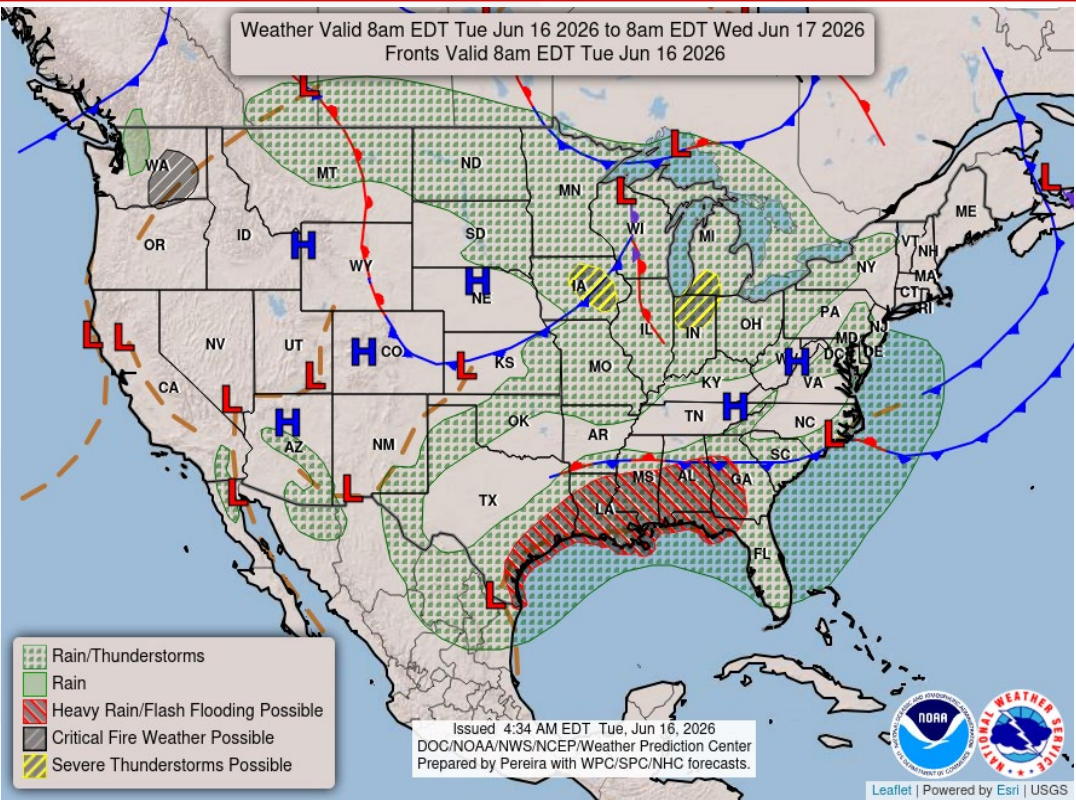
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 5 & 10

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

Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

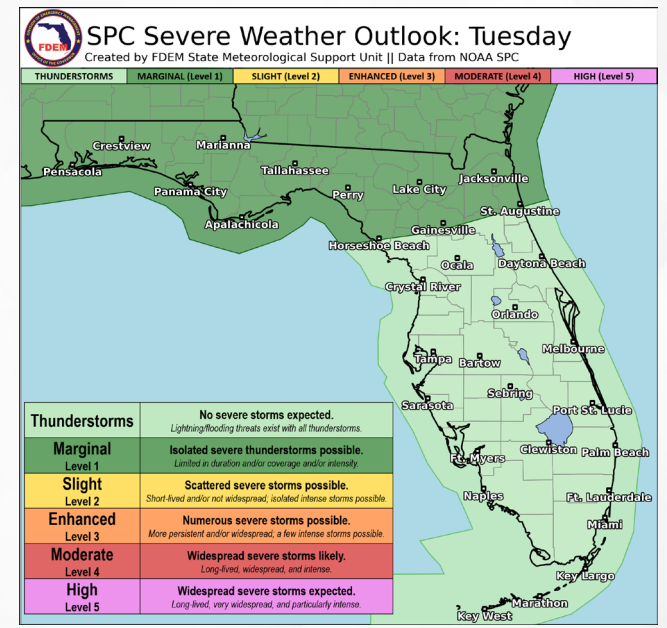
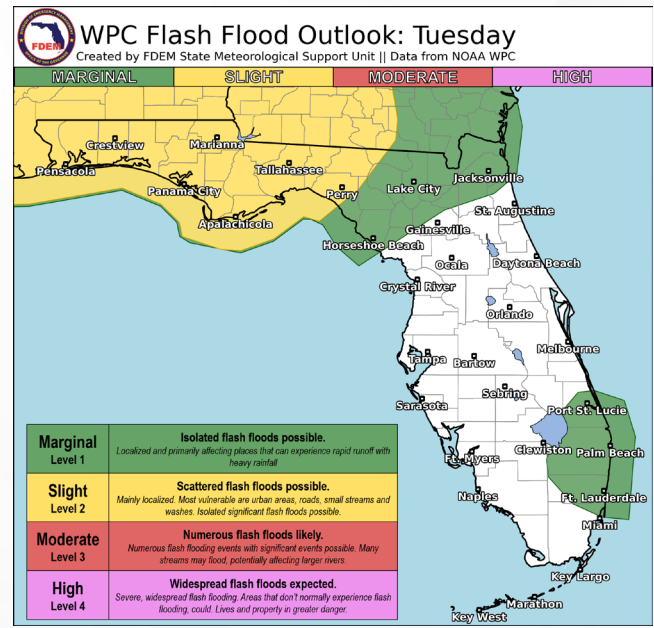


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	H	M	M	L	L	M	L	L
Tornado	L	L	L	L						
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L						
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	M	L				L		L
Extreme Heat			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	H	L	L	M	M		M	M	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.06 ft. (2.12 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	418 (0) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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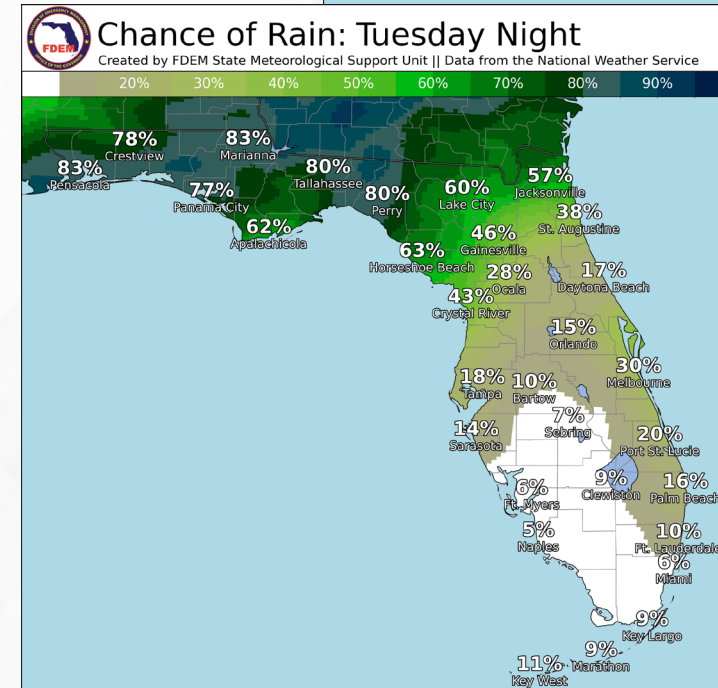
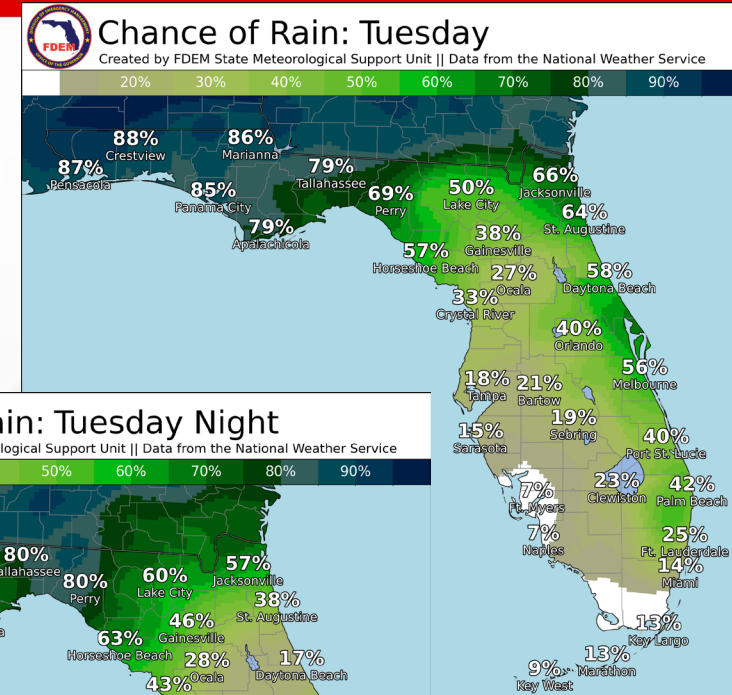
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another unsettled day is expected throughout North Florida as a frontal boundary remains nearly stationary just north of the region with ample tropical moisture pooling across the area. This feature, combined with a passing upper-level disturbance, will aid in rounds of scattered to widespread showers and thunderstorms spreading west to east along the I-10 corridor today (55-85% chance of rain). The greatest coverage in rainfall is expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend where a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked. Here, repeated rounds of **locally heavy downpours** over already saturated soils may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. *Isolated instances of flash flooding cannot be ruled out.* A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** is also outlooked across all North Florida today for a few locally strong to severe thunderstorms capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph), and a brief isolated tornado. Rainfall amounts will generally add up to near 1-2" for most locations. However, locally higher amounts **upwards of 3-5"** cannot be ruled out in areas that see repeated rounds of heavy downpours.

Slow-moving sea breeze showers and storms will develop this afternoon along the I-95 corridor (40-60% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across coastal Southeast Florida for isolated instances of urban flooding and ponding of water in areas that see locally higher rainfall amounts.

Highs will struggle to climb out of the middle to upper 80s across the Panhandle and Big Bend due to cloud cover and rainfall. Highs will soar into the **lower to middle 90s** elsewhere statewide. Peak afternoon heat indices will top out in the **lower to middle 100s** throughout the Peninsula and a **Heat Advisory** is in effect until 6 PM EDT this afternoon for the Miami metro region.

Tonight, the frontal boundary over the Southeast U.S. will encourage additional rounds of showers and embedded storms across North Florida (60-80% chance of rain). Any lingering activity along the I-95 corridor will dissipate or move offshore by midnight (15-30% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the 70s to lower 80s statewide overnight.



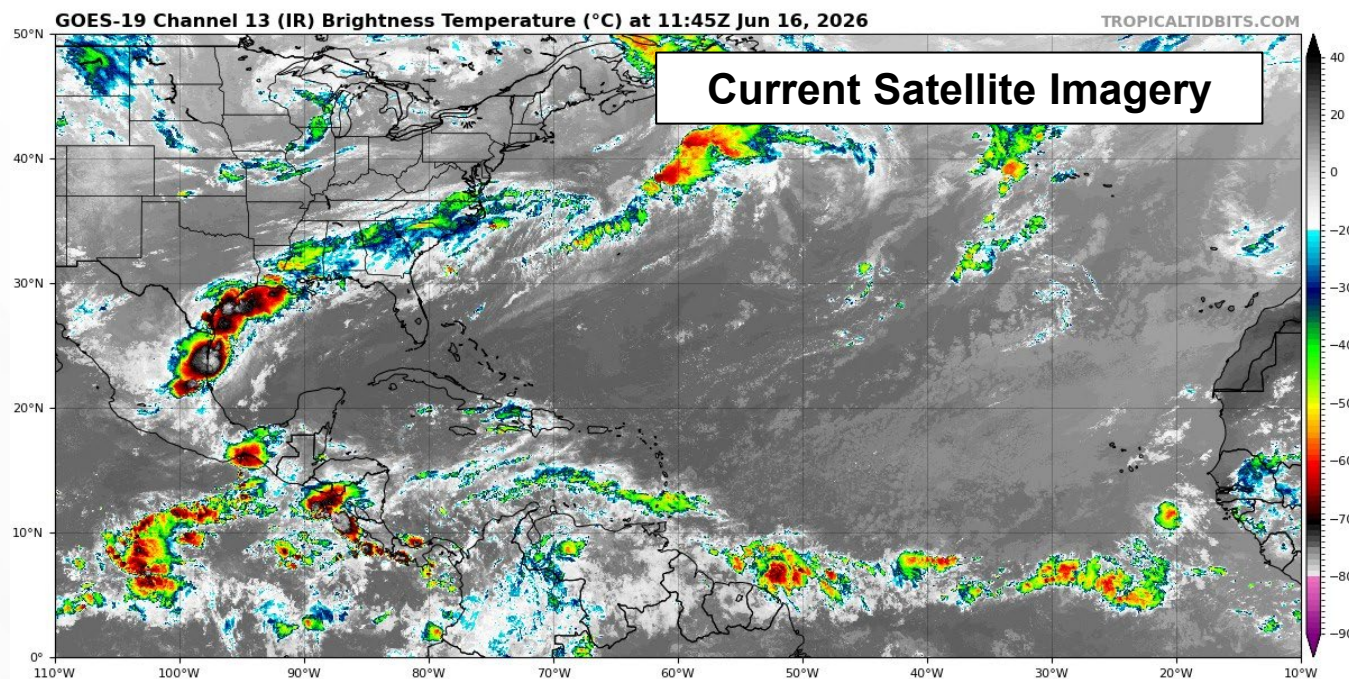
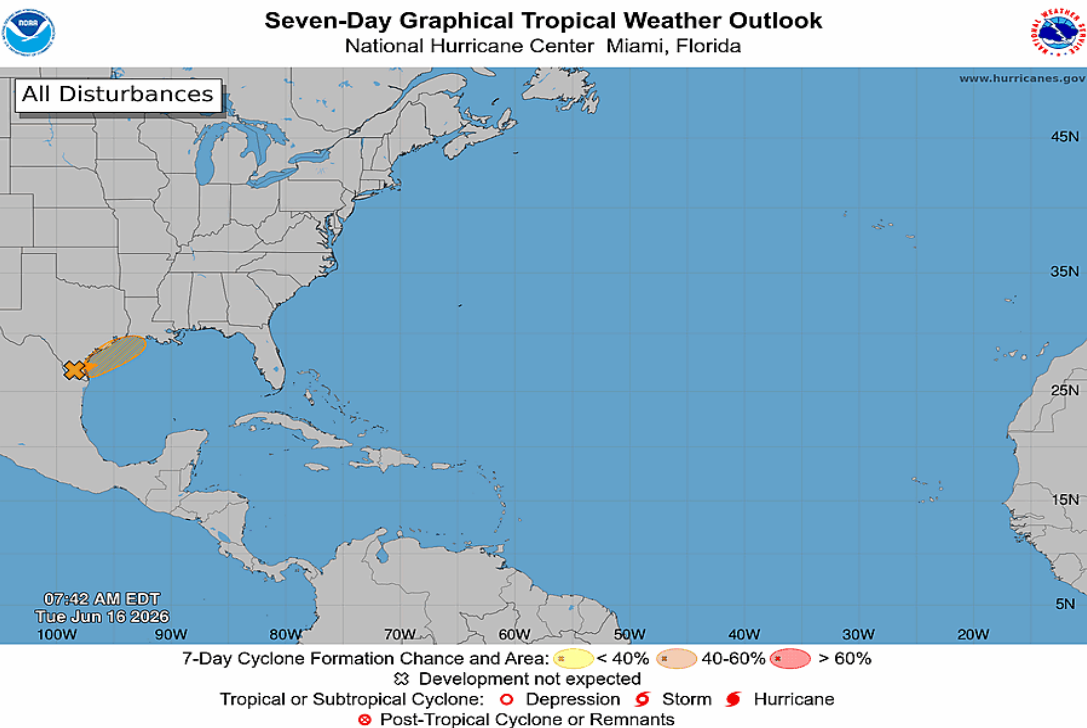


Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Northwestern Gulf: A broad area of low pressure located over south Texas is producing a large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. The system is forecast to move northeastward along the Texas coast and could emerge over the northwestern Gulf of America later today or tonight. Environmental conditions are expected to be marginally conducive for the formation of a short-lived tropical storm late today or on Wednesday, especially if the system moves far enough offshore. ***This system poses no direct threat to Florida. However, periods of heavy rainfall will continue daily across portions of the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend this week which may lead to isolated instances of flash, urban, and river flooding.***

- Formation chance through 48 hours... **medium... 60%.**
- Formation chance through 7 days... **medium... 60%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Onshore winds will remain elevated along the Panhandle coast today where a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is expected for all beaches. A **moderate risk** is also expected for West Coast beaches due to increasing onshore winds. Winds will shift out of the east this afternoon along the Space and Treasure Coast behind the Atlantic sea breeze, bringing a **moderate risk for rip currents**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will begin to increase for Panhandle beaches today, with waves near 2-3' this afternoon and overnight. Waves will remain near 1-2' for all other statewide beaches.

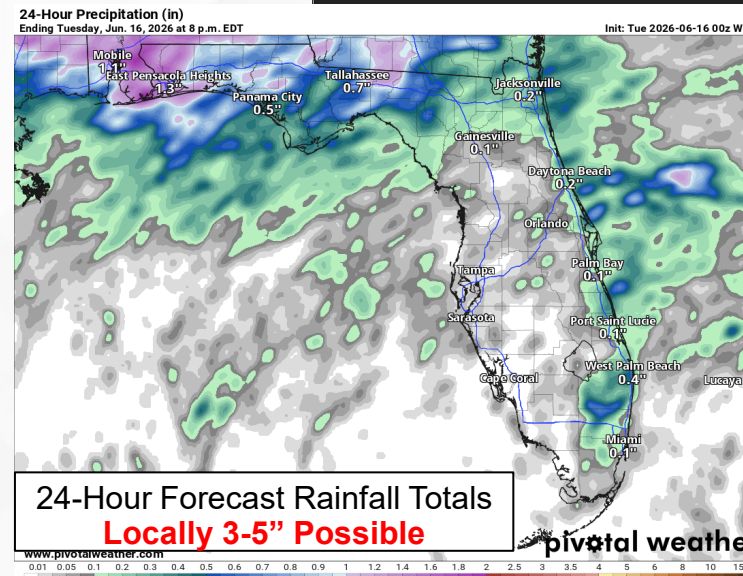
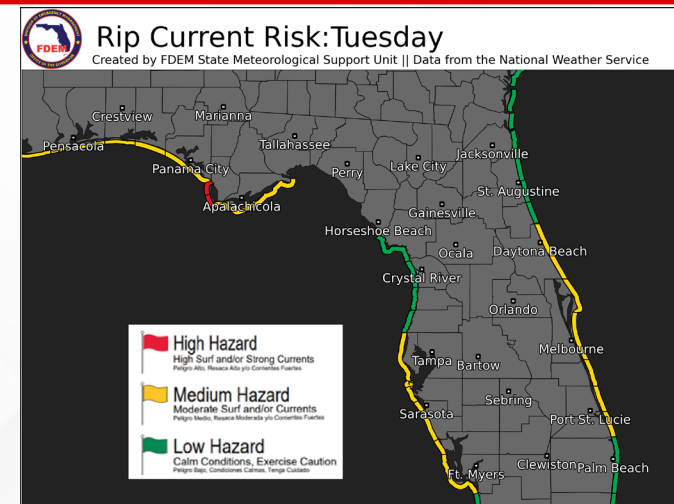
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations offshore Taylor County over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 6/12/26).

Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for Mainland Monroe County for isolated minor saltwater flooding near and during times of high tide this afternoon.

Flash Flooding: A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Panhandle and Big Bend today where rounds of locally heavy showers and thunderstorms may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. *Isolated instances of flash flooding cannot be ruled out.* A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across Northeast Florida and the Southeast Florida metro region where flooding concerns are less, though any slow-moving **heavy downpours** may lead to isolated **urban street flooding**. Rainfall amounts will generally remain around 1-2" for most locations along the I-95 corridor and across the Panhandle/Big Bend. Locally higher amounts **upwards of 3-5"** cannot be ruled out across North Florida in any areas that see repeated rounds of heavy rainfall.

Riverine Flooding: The [Shoal River near Crestview](#) and [Big Coldwater Creek near Milton](#) are expected to reach Action Stage (*bank-full*) later this week due to multiple days of heavy rainfall over the water basins. Additional riverine responses are possible across the Panhandle and Big Bend and updates are expected later this week as daily rainfall continues to bring increasing water levels to area rivers, creeks, and streams. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 11.06 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.12 feet below normal for this time of year.



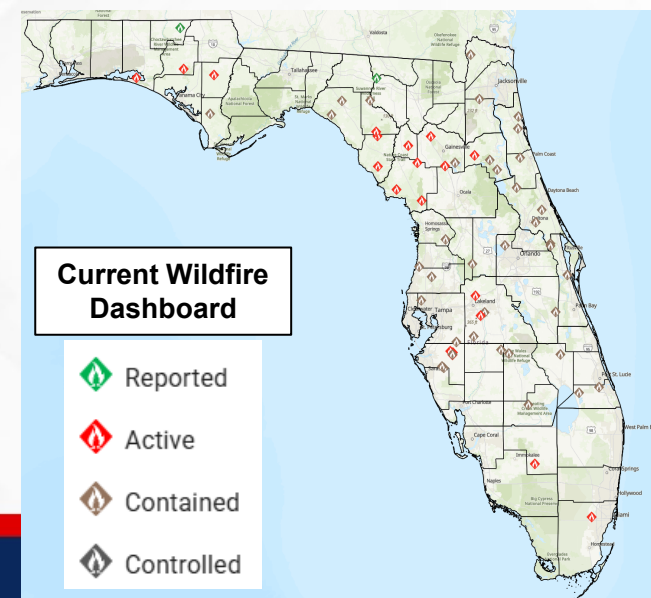
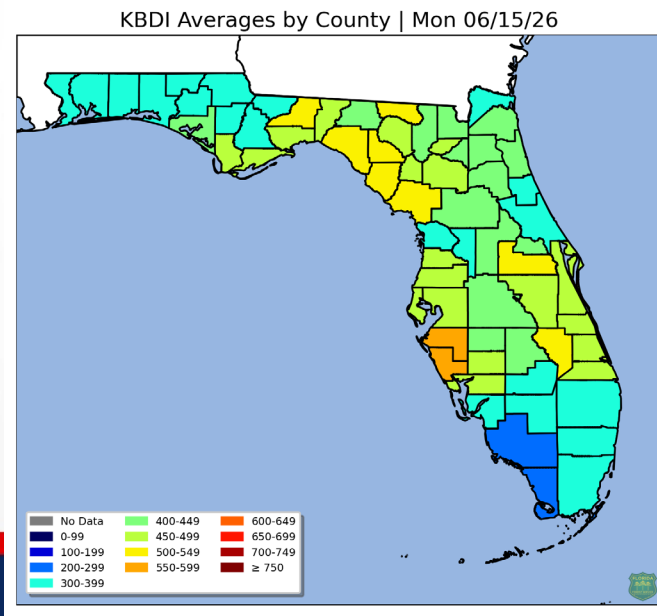
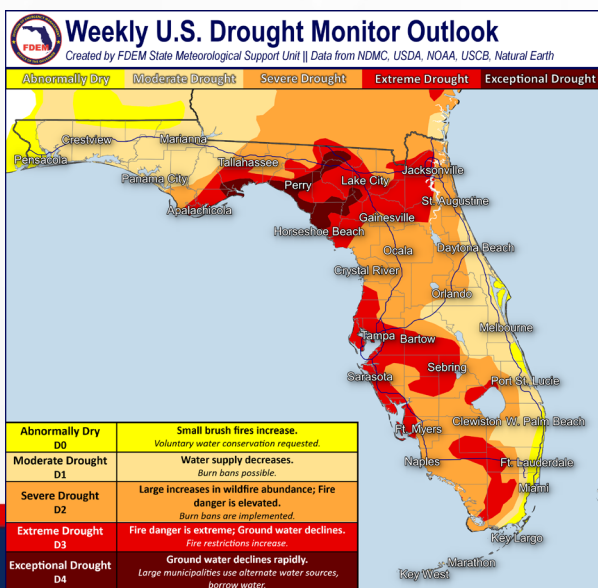


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Deep tropical moisture continues to pool across much of North Florida today along and south of a stalled frontal boundary over the Southeast U.S. Scattered to widespread showers and storms are expected as a result, primarily along the I-10 corridor. Seasonable moisture will reside across the remainder of the Peninsula with sea breeze showers and storms expected to develop along the I-95 corridor. Any of today's thunderstorm activity may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds. Recent hot and dry weather combined with long-term drought conditions will promote at least **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** across the Peninsula, especially with the risk of lightning-based ignitions. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 56 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 7,344 acres.

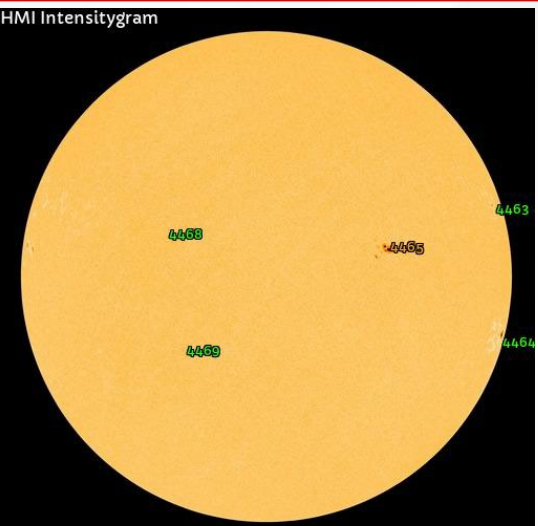
Drought (6/9/26): Additional improvements were made on this week's Drought Monitor update throughout much of the state with the recent wet pattern bringing beneficial rainfall. Across portions of the northern and far western Panhandle, areas of moderate drought have been reduced to abnormally dry (*receding drought*) conditions on this week's update. These areas have seen rainfall departures 8-10 inches above normal since the beginning of May which has quickly brought an end to the worst drought conditions. Many areas in the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** to **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida have also seen one or even two category drought reductions with recent rainfall over the past month. The areas of **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** are now found in localized pockets of the Suwannee River Valley and along the Forgotten Coast. The heaviest rainfall in the past 7 days was observed across South Florida and along the I-95 corridor. Many of these areas have also seen one category of drought reduction after receiving 1-3" of rainfall, or more, since last week. Localized pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remain across West Central and interior South Florida due to the scattered nature of recent thunderstorm activity. In general, however, much of the I-75 corridor has been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** with 30-day rainfall departures returning closer to normal or even above normal. Drought conditions along the immediate Southeast Coast continue to lessen with abnormally dry conditions (*receding drought*) expanding. 95% of Florida remains in at least moderate drought, with only ~4% of the state under exceptional drought – a 6% reduction in exceptional drought coverage compared to last week. Looking ahead, a wetter pattern is expected over North Florida, and scattered shower and thunderstorm activity will continue to favor the Peninsula with daily sea breeze activity. Additional drought improvements appears likely.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **418 (0)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **10 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





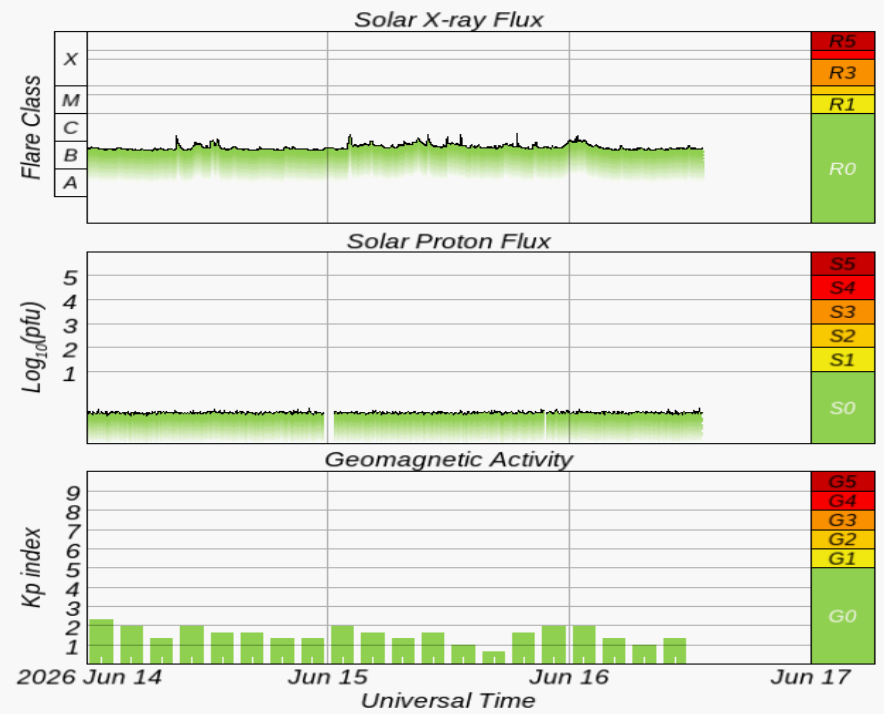
Space Weather



Current Sunspots



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-06-16 13:16:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
6/16	6/17
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Thursday with a slight chance for an M-class flare. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain mildly enhanced through Thursday due to a possible glancing-blow coronal mass ejection (CME) that left the sun last Friday, as well as onset of positive coronal hole influences. Periods of unsettled to active geomagnetic storming levels will result. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very 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
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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