



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, June 19, 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	Jackson	Vehicle Maintenance / Weather Monitoring
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Training Planning Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Vehicle Maintenance / Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	G-235 Course Instruction Prep
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Orange	Outreach Prep / Office Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Vehicle Maintenance / Office Admin
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA Meeting / Quarry 2 / Well Fire Support

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response 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	Walton	TS Arthur
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Arthur Monitoring & Internal Calls
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Hamilton	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Not Available	Leave
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	Leon / Lee	Travel to Lee County From HQ
Region 10: Brian Lee	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 4 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 3

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

Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 5 & 10

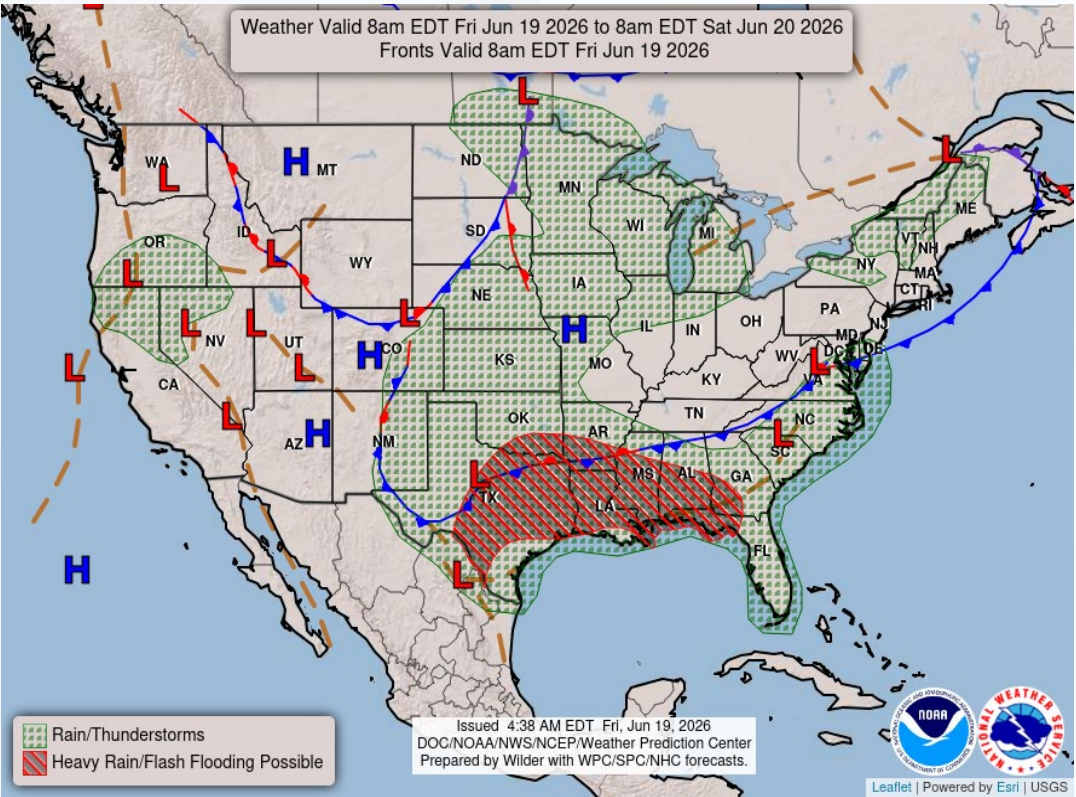
Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 10 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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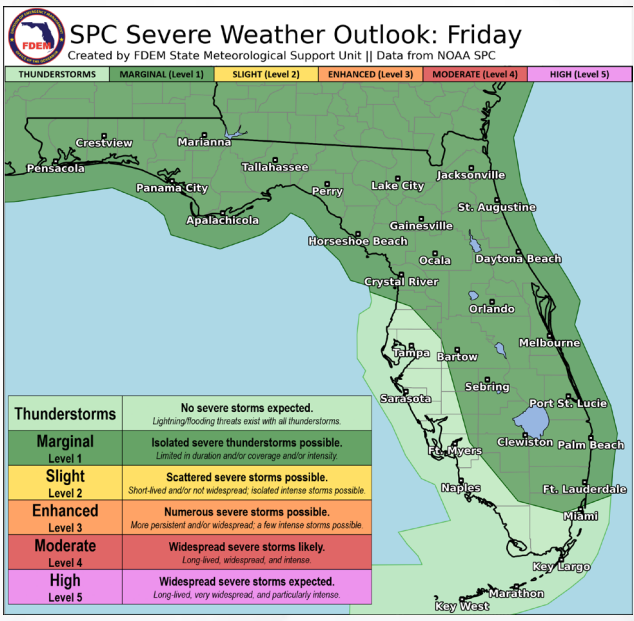
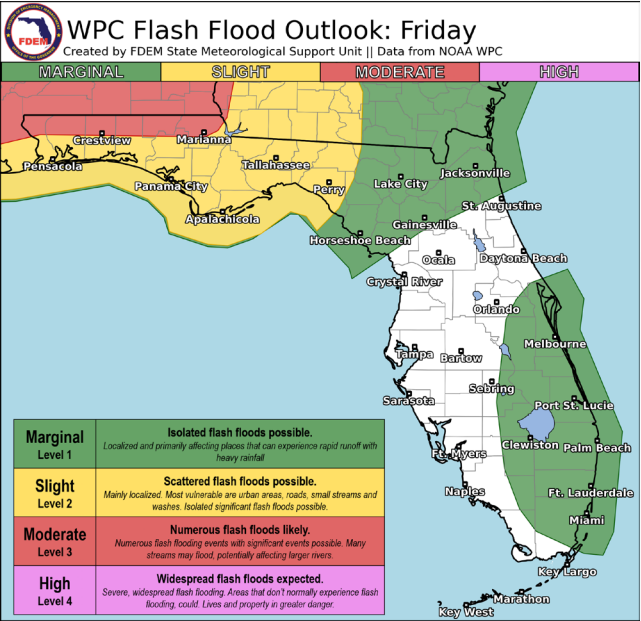


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	H	H	M	L	L	M	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	H	M	M	L	L		L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L					
Rip Currents	H	H	M	M	M	H		M	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.03 ft. (2.16 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	378 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





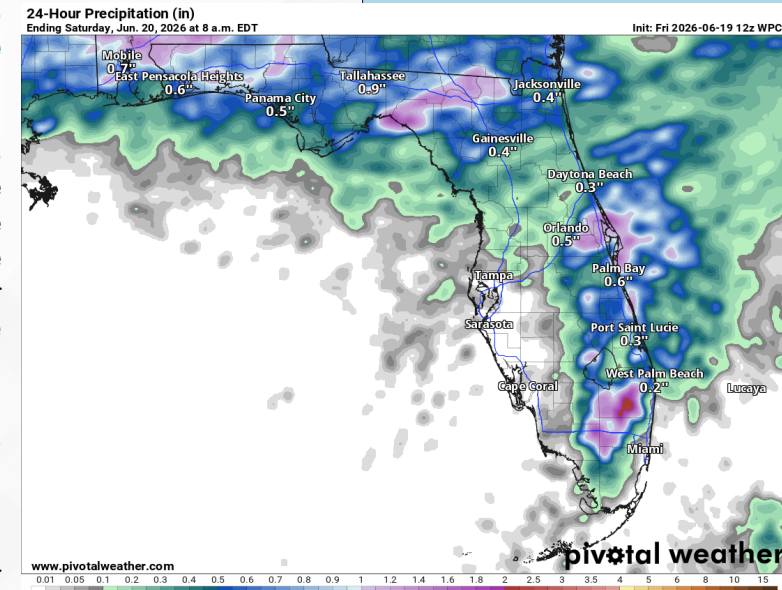
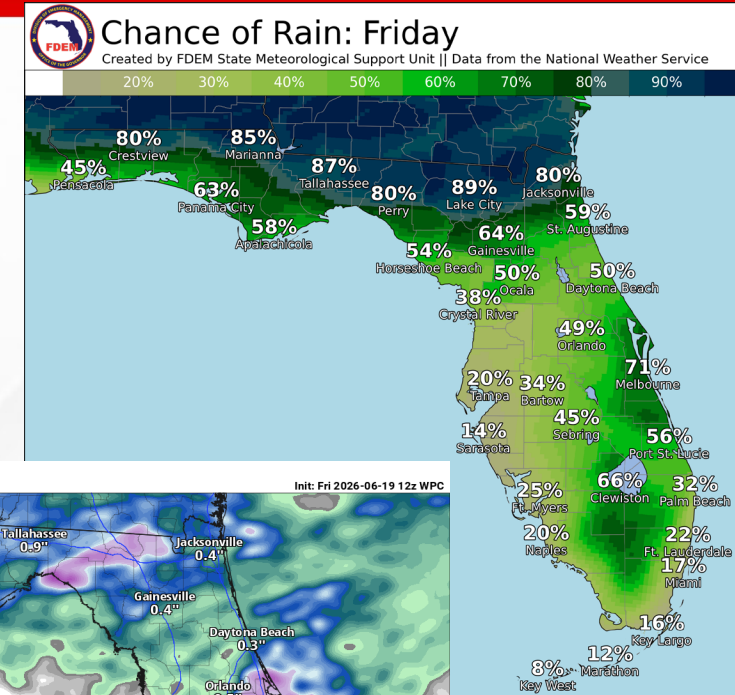
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

One more round of very heavy rainfall is anticipated across North Florida today as remnant moisture will promote the development of numerous thunderstorms late this morning / early this afternoon. Today's activity will likely take the form of a broken line of southward moving storms. While the threat of training/back-building storms are much lower than yesterday, some of these storms may be very prolific rain-makers – up to 3”/hr per the Weather Prediction Center (WPC). Furthermore, these storms will be occurring over highly saturated soils from previous day's flash flooding events. So, while the overall forecast rainfall accumulations will be much less than yesterday's event (between 1-2” across the Panhandle and Northeast Florida), much less rain will be required to trigger isolated to scattered instances of flash flooding. For these reasons, the WPC has outlooked a **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across portions of the Northwest Panhandle, with a **Marginal (level 1 of 4) to Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** outlooked across the rest of the Panhandle and Northeast Florida. A **Flood Watch** remains in effect across the Western Panhandle to reflect these threats. In addition to the heavy rainfall potential, strong atmospheric destabilization across North Florida will promote the risk for isolated severe weather with some of today's storms. The primary hazards will be isolated damaging winds (40-60mph). The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** outlooked across North Florida.

Across the southern half of the state, another day of **very hot and humid** conditions is in store. Heat indexes will once again climb into the **middle 100s** for most of the peninsula. A **Heat Advisory** is in effect for the entire Florida Peninsula south of Ocala. Moisture associated with Arthur's remains is steadily eroding some of the mid-level dry air that was previously suppressing convection. Surface flow will be largely out of the South/Southwest, which will focus afternoon thunderstorm development to South Florida and the I-95 Corridor (40-70% chance of rain). Storms across the Peninsula will also likely be efficient rain makers, and thus the WPC has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** today across SE Florida. Additionally, a strongly unstable atmosphere will promote the possibility for an isolated severe thunderstorm or two capable of producing damaging winds (40-60mph) across much of the interior and eastern Peninsula, where a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** has been outlooked.

Rainfall will likely linger across North Florida and along the East Coast during the early overnight hours before dissipating or moving offshore by midnight (20-50% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide overnight.





Tropical Weather

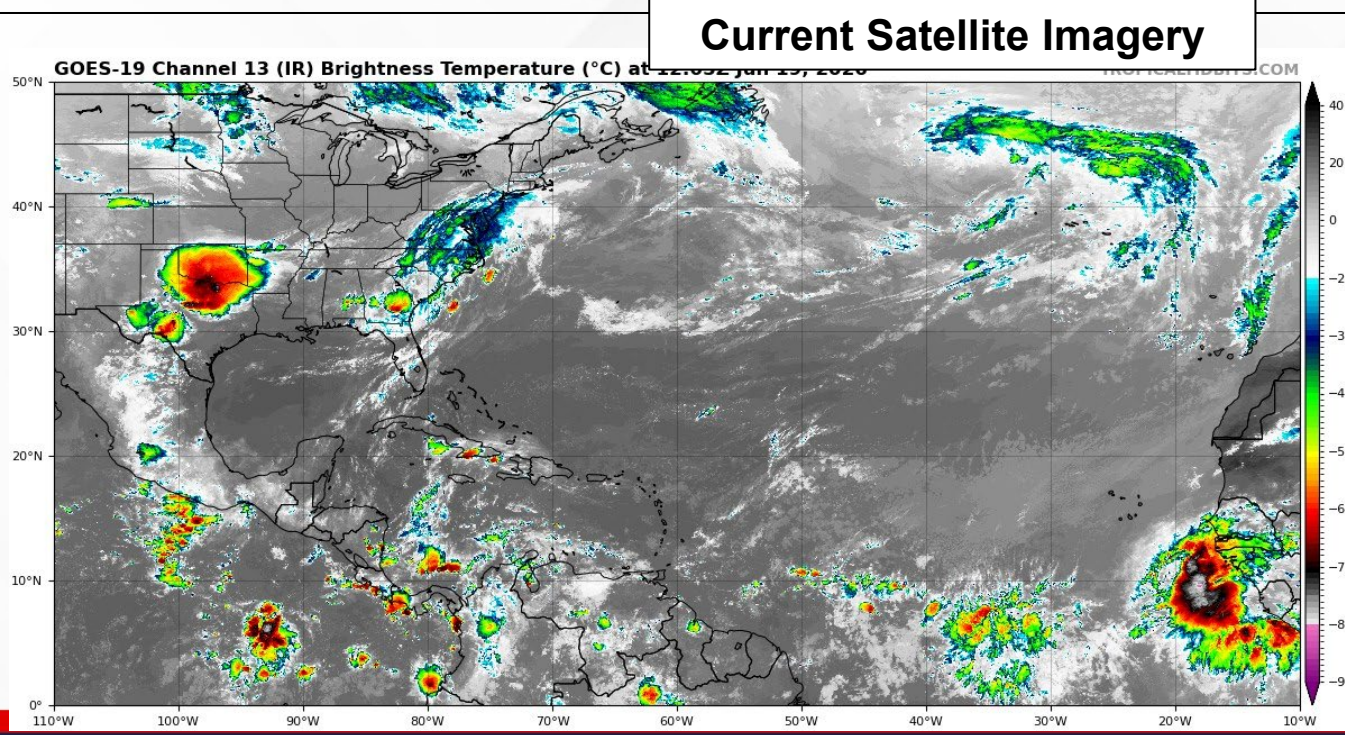
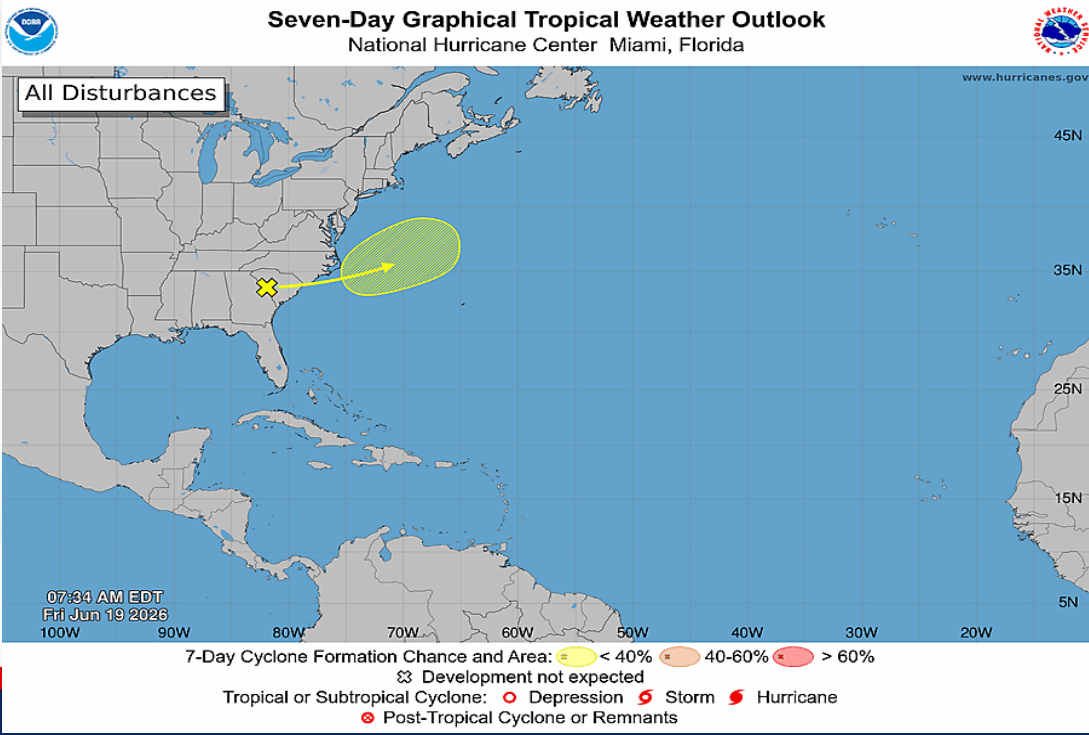
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Offshore East Coast of the United States (Remnants of Arthur):

Showers and thunderstorms associated with a trough of low pressure (the remnants of Arthur) are located over the southeastern United States. The system is expected to emerge offshore the east coast of the United States later today. Environmental conditions appear to be marginally conducive for some subtropical or tropical development tonight or Saturday as the system moves northeastward at around 20 mph across the Western Atlantic Ocean. Regardless of development, heavy rainfall with the potential for widespread and life-threatening flash flooding is likely across portions of the Southeast United States through tonight.

*Formation chance through 48 hours... **low... 10%.**

*Formation chance through 7 days... **low... 10%.**



Current Satellite Imagery



Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Persistent onshore winds along the Panhandle and West Coast today has resulted in a **moderate to high risk for rip currents**. A low to **moderate risk** is expected for the East Coast of Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf remains elevated at around **3-5'** across the Western Panhandle, with surf heights closer to 2-3' across the Eastern Panhandle/Big Bend. A **High Surf Advisory** remains in effect through this afternoon for Western Panhandle Beaches. Surf will be at around 1-2' across all other Florida beaches today, with localized areas across Northeast Florida seeing surf heights closer to 2-3'.

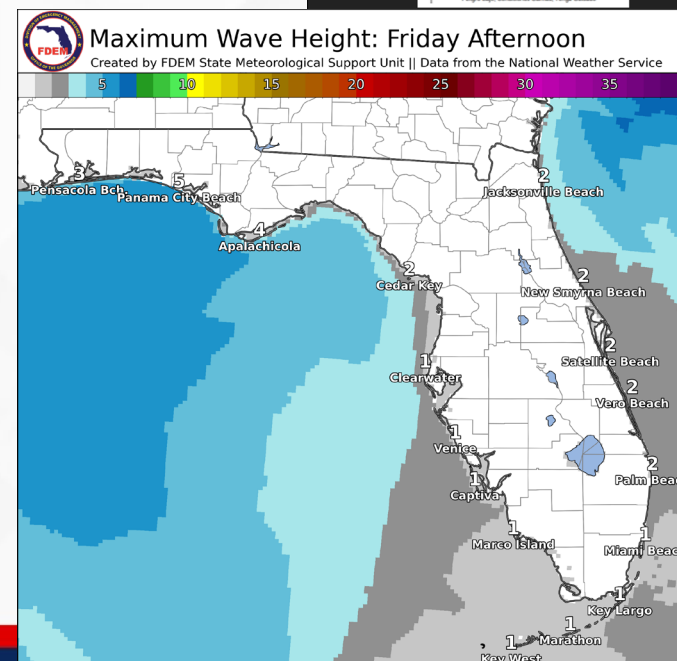
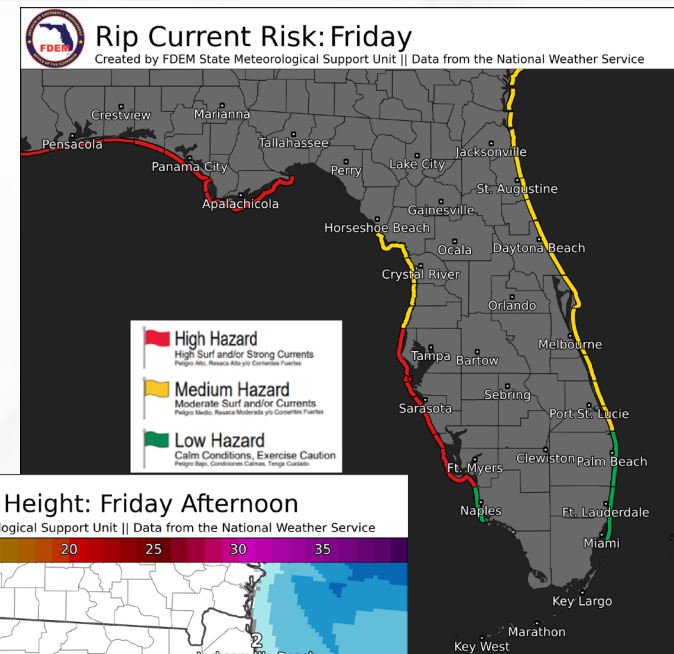
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations offshore Taylor County over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 6/12/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no current coastal flood alerts for the state.

Flash Flooding: Another round of heavy rainfall is expected today across North Florida. While these storms will not be as slow-moving or widespread as yesterday, they will be both very efficient rain-makers and be occurring over highly saturated soils. For these reasons, the WPC has outlooked a **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across portions of the Northwest Panhandle, with a **Marginal (level 1 of 4) to Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** outlooked across the rest of the Panhandle and Northeast Florida. A **Flood Watch** remains in effect across the Western Panhandle to reflect these threats. Today's storms across the Peninsula will also likely be efficient rain makers, and thus the WPC has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** today across SE Florida.

Riverine Flooding: Flash flooding over the past few days has prompted riverine responses across the Florida Panhandle. The following gauges are expected to reach **Minor flood stage** in the coming days: [Perdido River near Barrineau Park](#), [Escambia River near Century](#), [Big Coldwater Creek near Milton](#), [Blackwater River near Baker](#), and [Yellow River at Milligan](#). **Flood Warnings** have been issued for the Perdido River, Escambia River, Big Coldwater Creek, Blackwater River, and Yellow River. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.03 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.16 feet below normal for this time of year.



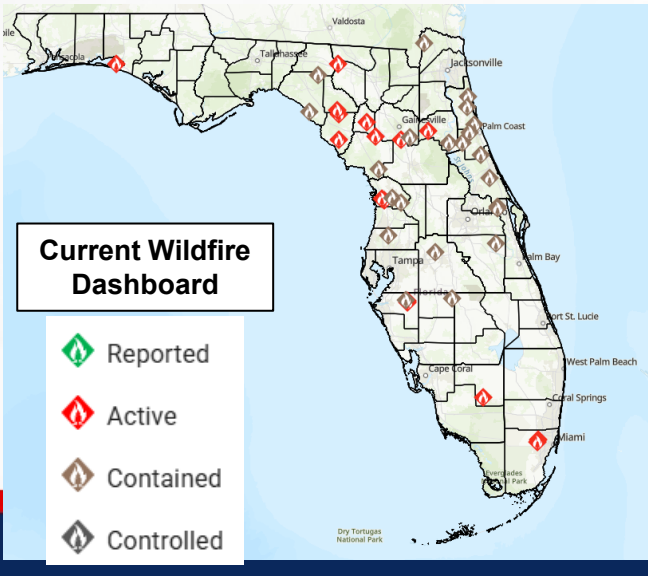
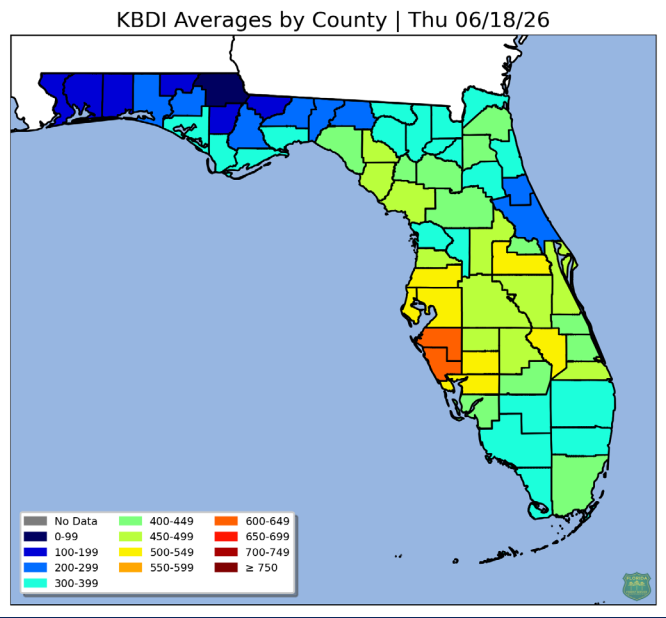
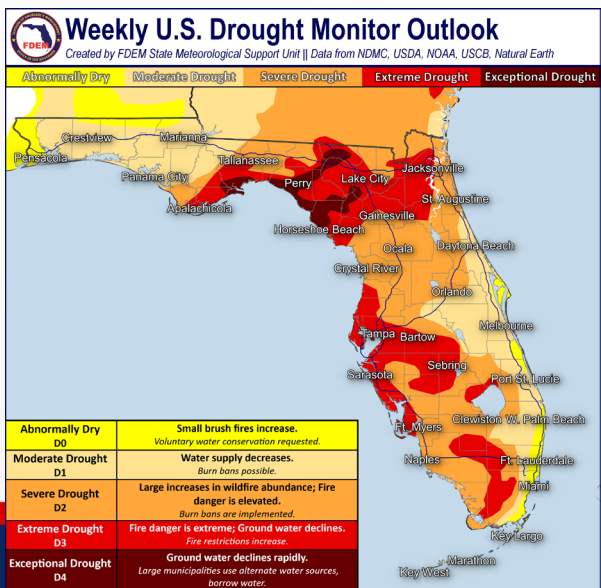


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Deep tropical moisture entrenched across the state of. Widespread swaths of rainfall are expected in the Panhandle later today, with seasonable patterns of daily showers and storms expected in the interior and eastern Peninsula. Any of today's thunderstorm activity may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds. Have only kept **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** for portions of West-Central Florida where very little rain has fallen in recent days/weeks. Expected rainfall today/over the past few days should limit fire weather threat elsewhere beyond a generalized threat of lightning-based ignitions and gusty/erratic winds that come with typical summer thunderstorms. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 38 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 24,227 acres.

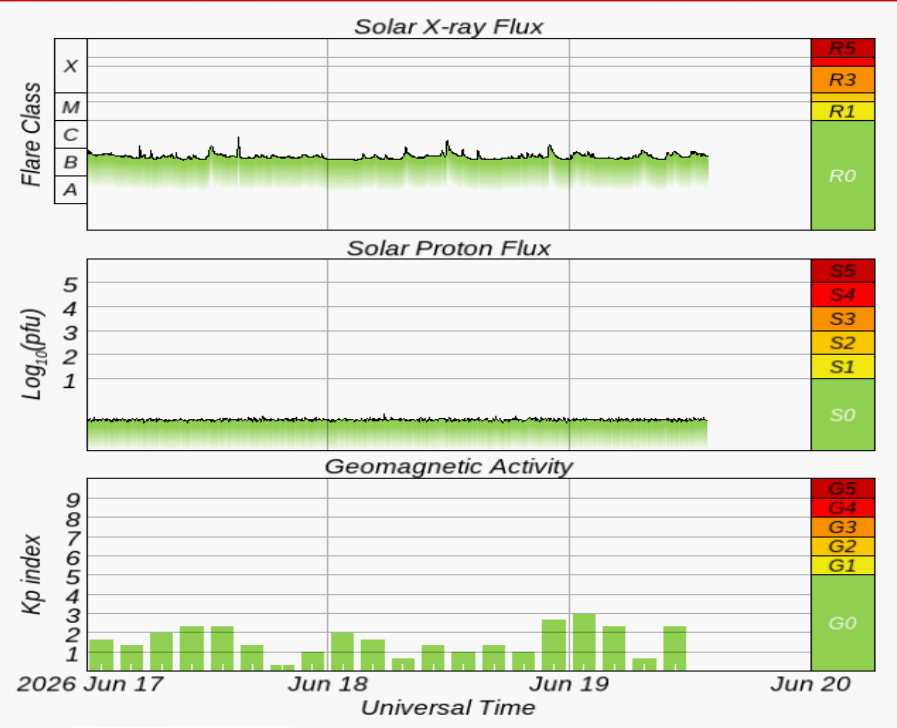
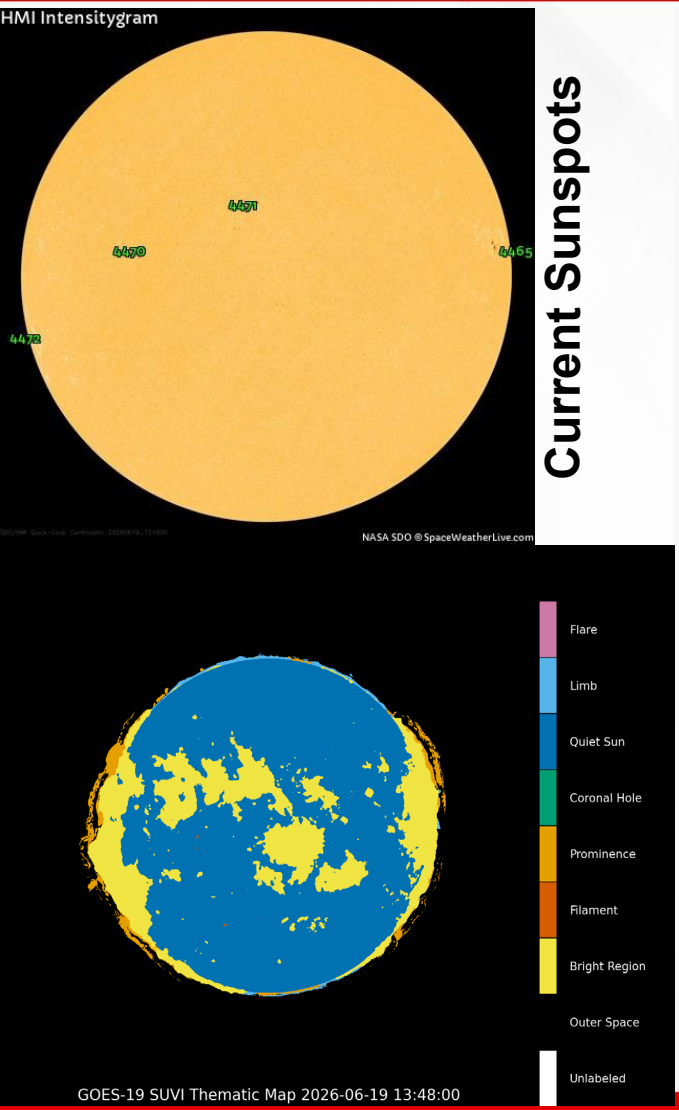
Drought (6/16/26): Very little to no changes were made to the drought across North Florida on this week's update, with many areas keeping their drought category from last week's update. **Exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** remains across localized portions of the coastal Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley, with **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** surrounding that. Throughout Central and South Florida, some reductions in the drought were observed across West-Central and interior South Florida. Some of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** in these areas has been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**, including in Collier, Hendry, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Charlotte, and Lee counties. Coastal areas of Collier and mainland Monroe counties is now under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Some heavy rainfall along the I-95 corridor has brought moderate drought conditions down to abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions in Brevard, Indian River, and St. Lucie counties. All other remaining drought areas saw little to no change in this week's update. Recent flash flooding over North Florida will likely promote more substantial drought improvements across these areas in next week's update, with more seasonable distributions of showers and storms across the Peninsula likely providing some localized categorical improvements. Limited observed rainfall across the Western half of the peninsula will likely lead to degradations in the drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **378 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **9 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
6/19	6/20
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Sunday with a slight chance for an M-class flare. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Minor enhancements to the solar wind conditions are likely due to weak positive polarity effects from a Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS). Active geomagnetic field conditions are likely today and tomorrow from the CH HSS before declining to unsettled on Sunday. 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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