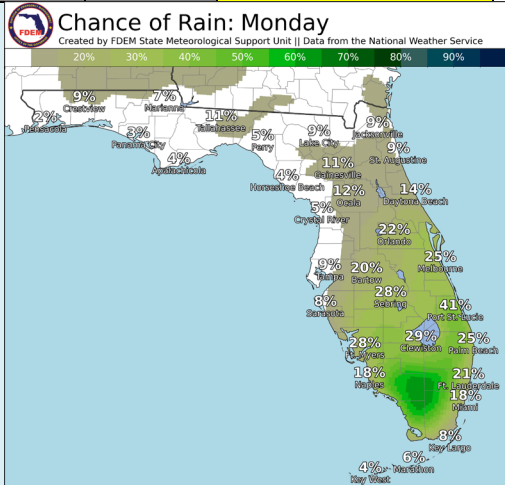
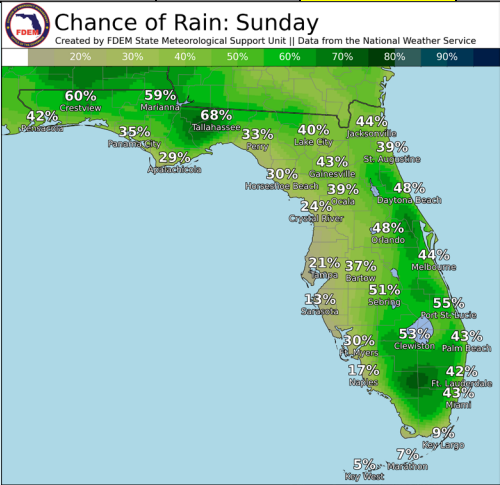
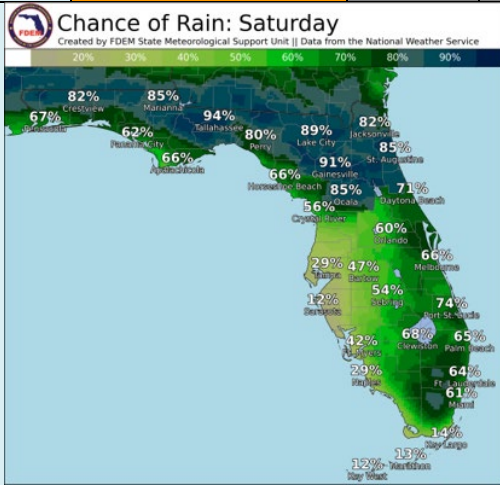


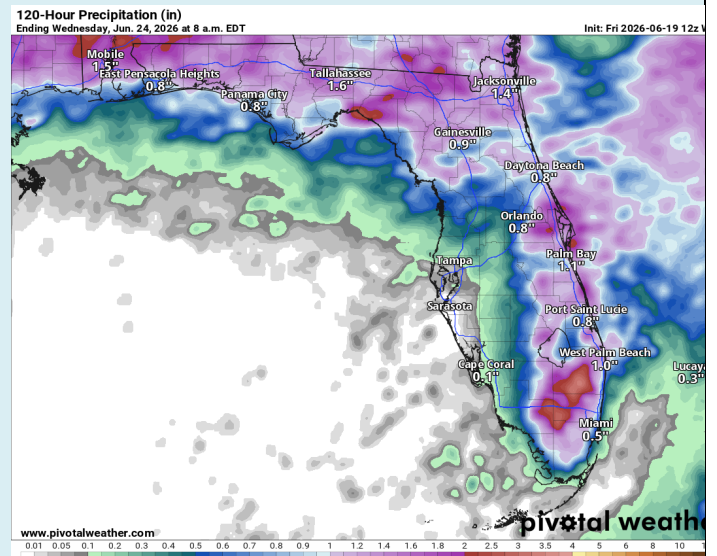
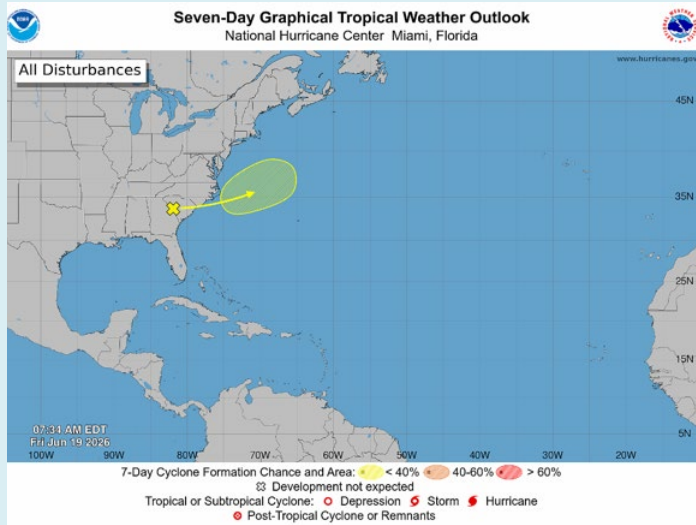
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

No Threat		Low Threat			Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri	Inland Panhandle, Northeast FL East Central FL & Interior S Florida Rest of State	North FL	Panhandle & Big Bend Northeast & Southeast FL		Peninsula Western Panhandle	Locally Panhandle	Iso. Statewide	Locally Gulf County Panhandle, West Coast, East-Central FL Rest of State
Sat	North Florida, East Coast Interior Peninsula West Coast	Iso. Statewide	Western Panhandle North FL, I-95 Corridor		Iso Northeast FL Peninsula		Iso. Statewide	Panhandle Rest of State
Sun	Panhandle, I-95 Corridor, Interior S FL Rest of State				Peninsula		Iso. Statewide	Eastern Panhandle W Panhandle & NE FL Rest of State
Mon	Interior Southwest FL Rest of State				Peninsula Rest of State		Iso. Statewide	Eastern Panhandle W Panhandle & NE FL Rest of State
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**WPC Flash Flood Outlooks: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**



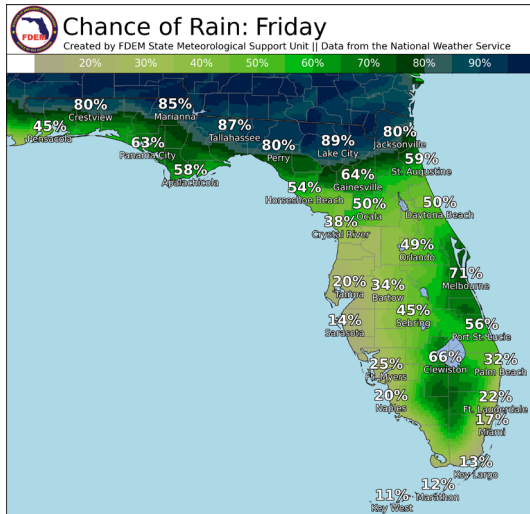
7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook

WPC 5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals



**...More Heavy Rainfall Across North FL and the East Coast to Start off the Week...Recent Flash Flooding Across Northwest Florida Makes Soils Especially Sensitive to Flooding...Moderate Risk For Flash Flooding For Northwest Florida Today...Slight to Marginal Risk For Flash Flooding Elsewhere Across Panhandle Today and Tomorrow...Return to Seasonable Pattern of Showers and Storms Starts Sunday...Upper-Level Ridge Builds in Starting Monday...Ridge Increases Heat and Reduces Rain Chances Statewide Early Next Week...High Risk of Rip Currents Across Panhandle Beaches, Moderate to Low for all Other Beaches Through Tuesday...**

**Friday-Saturday:**



A slow moving cold front will set the stage for frequent rainfall in the northern part of the state during the first two days of the forecast period. A seasonably moist airmass off the Gulf Coast will assist in heavier rains during this period. Flash flooding concerns will continue in the Panhandle due to additional rainfall on top of what has already fallen. To put into perspective, between **3-6"** of rain has already fallen across the Western Panhandle since Thursday morning. Frequent rounds of thunderstorms are expected today and tomorrow, which will put even more stress on soils. Due to the expected heavy rainfall, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked numerous excessive rainfall outlooks over the next two days. For today, a **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across northwestern portions of the Florida Panhandle where the highest rainfall accumulations have been observed over recent days. A **Marginal (level 1 of 4) to Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** is outlooked across the rest of Panhandle

and Big Bend, as well as across Southeast Florida where slow-moving sea-breeze driven thunderstorms may cause isolated **nuisance flooding**. In addition to the flooding rain threat, the Storm Prediction Center (SPC) has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** across all of North Florida and the interior and Eastern Peninsula, primarily driven by the risk of isolated damaging wind gusts.

Heavy rainfall is expected to continue Saturday as storm development focuses along the cold front in North Florida and along sea-breeze boundaries focused on the East Coast across the Peninsula. The Western Panhandle is once again outlooked in a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding**, with the rest of the Panhandle and East Coast under a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding**. While there is no organized risk for severe weather across Florida for the remainder of the forecast period at this time, a few **locally strong to severe storms** cannot be ruled out.

With high pressure sitting over the Gulf, and a vigorous upper-level trough impeding on the Panhandle & Big Bend, a notable temperature difference will exist. Increased sunshine over the Peninsula will permit temperatures to climb into the **mid-90s** with heat index values between **105-110 degrees**. A **Heat Advisory** is in effect for the entire peninsula where hotter temperatures are expected. Tomorrow, the upper-level trough over the Northeast breaks down the high pressure, which will slightly lower heat index values across the Peninsula to **100-105 degrees**. The Panhandle will continue to see lower temperatures and heat index values thanks to increased cloud coverage and thunderstorms.

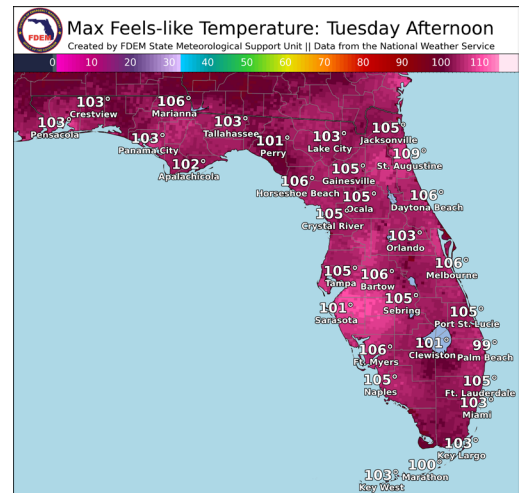
**Sunday-Tuesday:**

A pattern change begins on Sunday as the upper-level trough shifts further to the northeast, causing the cold front to dissipate and washout. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will occur throughout much of the state on Sunday (30-60% chance of rain). Prevailing westerly flow over the state will focus rain chances to the I-95 Corridor on Monday and Tuesday. The overall coverage of showers and storms will be lower on Tuesday, however, as strong high pressure builds in.

The primary story in the second half of the forecast period will be the heat. Each day will be hotter than the last as a ridge of high pressure continues to build over the state. This, along with light winds, will

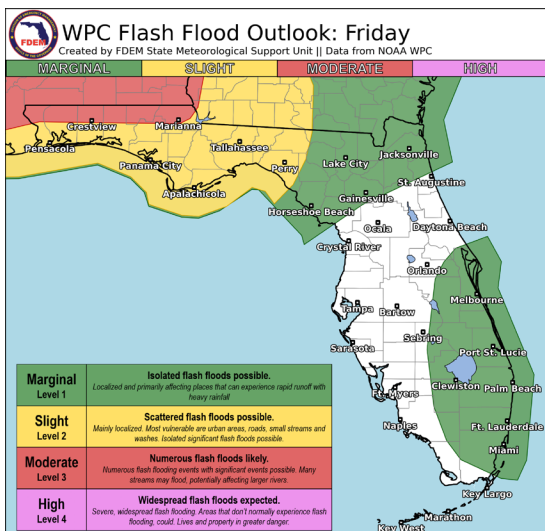


create an environment of seasonably hot conditions for this time of year. High temperatures will be in the **low to mid 90s** statewide, with heat index values **approaching 100 degrees**. Heat continues to increase Monday with Panhandle temperatures in the upper 80s to low 90s. The Peninsula will continue to be the primary focus for rising heat, with afternoon temperatures climbing to the **mid 90s** on Monday and Tuesday. Muggy dew points will result in heat index values between **100 and 105 degrees** statewide. High pressure peaks Tuesday, which will result in the hottest day for the forecast period. A very hot summer day will be in store for the state with widespread high temperatures in the **low to mid 90s**. Seasonable muggy low-level humidity will result in heat index values between **100-105 degrees** for most across the state. While this is below **Heat Advisory** thresholds, isolated locations away from the coastline may briefly reach or exceed this criteria next week.



### Tropical Weather:

An area of disturbed weather associated with remnants from Tropical Storm Arthur is currently located over the Carolinas. Some tropical development may occur as this disturbance moved northeastward over the open Atlantic in the next couple of days. Formation probabilities are low (10% through 7-days), and there is no threat to Florida. Please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) [website](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) for the latest on the tropics.



### Hydrology & Flooding:

Another round of heavy rainfall is expected today across North Florida. While today's storms will not be as slow-moving or widespread as Thursday's, they will be both very efficient rain-makers and be occurring over highly saturated soils. For these reasons, the Weather Prediction Center (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. Storms across the Peninsula this afternoon 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.

A lingering frontal boundary will remain draped over the SE U.S., promoting one more day of widespread to numerous showers and storms on Saturday across North Florida. Once again, given the extremely saturated soils from recent heavy rainfall events, isolated to scattered instances of flash flooding are likely despite comparatively lower rainfall accumulations. This is reflected in a **Marginal (level 1 of 4) to Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) of flash flooding** across North Florida. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4)** is also once again outlooked across the I-95 Corridor associated with the threat of slow-moving, efficient rainmakers in any sea-breeze-based showers and storms.

No other flooding concerns are outlooked by the WPC over the forecast period at this time. A brief return to a typical sea-breeze driven shower and storm regime is expected on Sunday before high pressure and drier air build on early next week and act to suppress much of the state's daily convection. 5-Day rainfall forecasts are generally between 1-2" across North Florida and the Interior and Eastern Peninsula. Isolated locations may record up to 3-4" this week. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the WPC [website](http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov).

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](#)

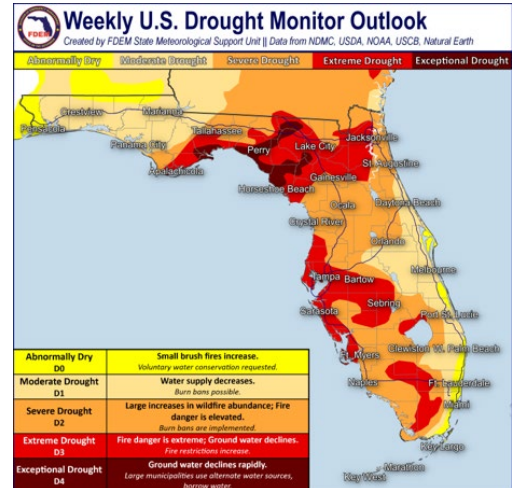


near Baker, and [Yellow River at Milligan](#). **Flood Warnings** have been issued for the Perdido River, Escambia River, Big Coldwater Creek, Blackwater River, and Yellow River. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

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

**Drought & Fire Weather:**

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 reasonable distributions of showers and storms across the Peninsula likely providing some localized categorical improvements. Limited observed and forecast rainfall across the Western half of the peninsula will likely lead to localized categorical degradations in drought conditions.



As a reminder, the cutoff for rainfall on this week's update was Tuesday (6/16) at 8 AM EDT, thus any rainfall that fell after this point was not included in the drought update. Next week's drought monitor update will be released next Thursday and will include all rainfall up until today (6/23) at 8 AM EDT.

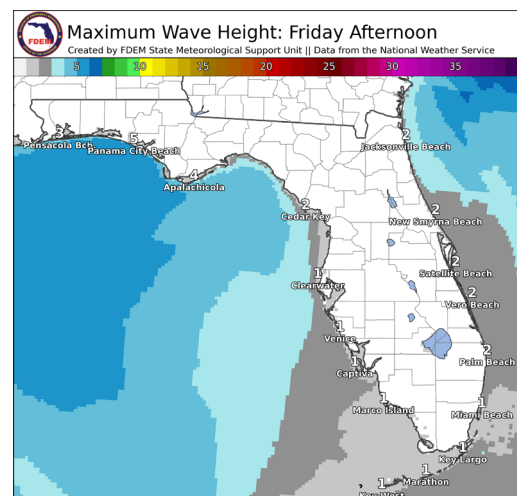
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **378** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **9** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Surface humidities will remain well above critical thresholds across the state through the forecast period. This, alongside very weak transport winds will work to limit the extent of fire weather danger through the week. However, **sensitive wildfire conditions** will exist throughout the Peninsula with lightning ignition from thunderstorms. Several days of heavy rainfall over the Panhandle this week will limit any wildfire risk. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 35 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 24,215 acres (as of 11:00 AM EDT).

**Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:**

A **High Risk for Rip Currents** is currently expected across most Panhandle beaches through the forecast period. This risk becomes more localized to just the Eastern/Central Panhandle by Sunday and continuing through the forecast period. **Moderate Risks of Rip Currents** will be generally confined to the Western Panhandle and Northeast Florida this weekend and into early next week, with a low risk of rip currents for all other beaches expected.

Surf gradually declines across all Florida beaches with each day of the forecast period. The highest observed surf is



likely to occur on Friday, with wave heights of **3-5'** across the Western Panhandle, and 1-3' across all other beaches. Waves decline to 1-2' for all beaches by Monday and continue through the forecast period as a ridge settles in and weak surface flow establishes.

The latest **Blue-Green Algae** dashboard shows there have been 117 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in Georges Lake, Lake George, Saddleback Lake, Lake Marian, Lake Thonotosassa, Fellsmere Water Management Area, Lake Jesup, C43 Canal, and Lake Okeechobee. **Moderate levels** have been observed in Royal Spring, Crescent Lake, Lake Bryant, Lake Monroe, Lake Howell, Lake Killarney, Deep Lake, Silver Lake, Sail Drive Canal, Lake adjacent to C24 Canal near SW Slade PI, Auburn Waterway, Lake Okeechobee.

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Have a wonderful weekend!

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