



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, June 25, 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	Santa Rosa, Gadsden	Santa Rosa EM Mtg / Capabilities Assessment / NWS Mtg / RC Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Santa Rosa	Capabilities Assessment
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Marion	G-141 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Miami-Dade, Hillsborough	Travel to Region 6
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Region 9 Response & Recovery Coordinators Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	County EOC Exercise / FIFA Meeting / RC Meeting

Region 4 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 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	Citrus / Leon / Walton	Travel to HQ/F-ROC Tour/Travel Home
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	F-ROC Training Tour Kickoff
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Taylor	G400 Training /Hurricane Preparedness Event
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Reunification Exercise /On Call Region 4 Response
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leon	F-ROC Exercise
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Manatee / Pinellas	LMS Meeting /Dunedin Hurricane EXPO/Region 6 Response Coverage 0000-0800
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brian Geoghegan	Lee	Region 9 Meeting with Response
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	MSB Functional Exercise

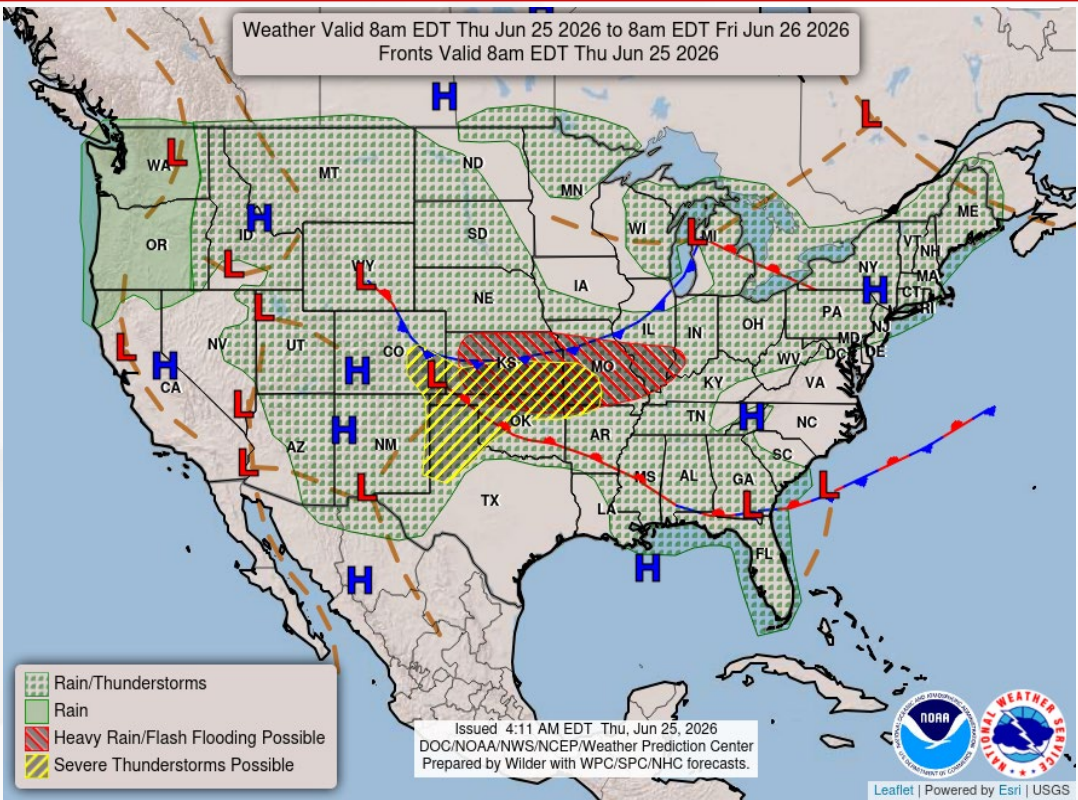
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In Region / Delayed Response
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Out of Service / Unavailable

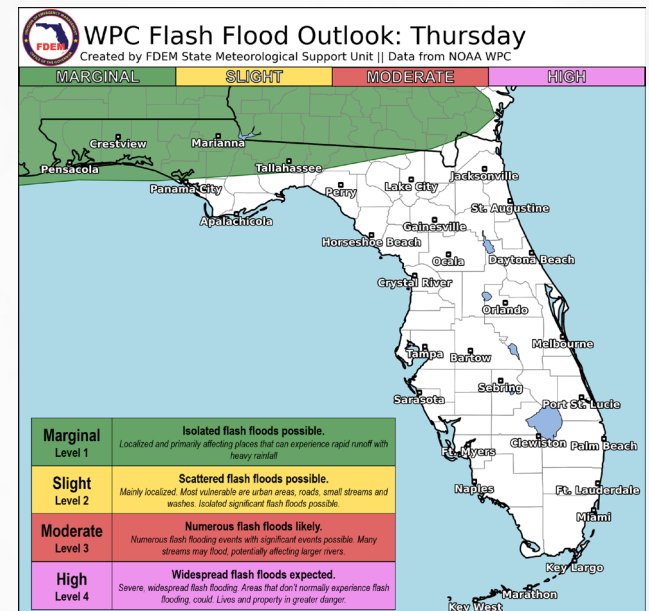
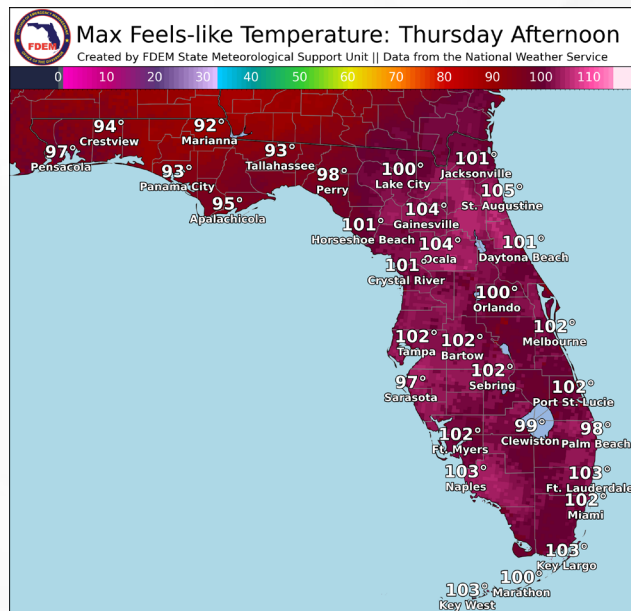


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	M	H	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L	L						
Extreme Heat			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.97 ft. (2.30 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	345 (+15) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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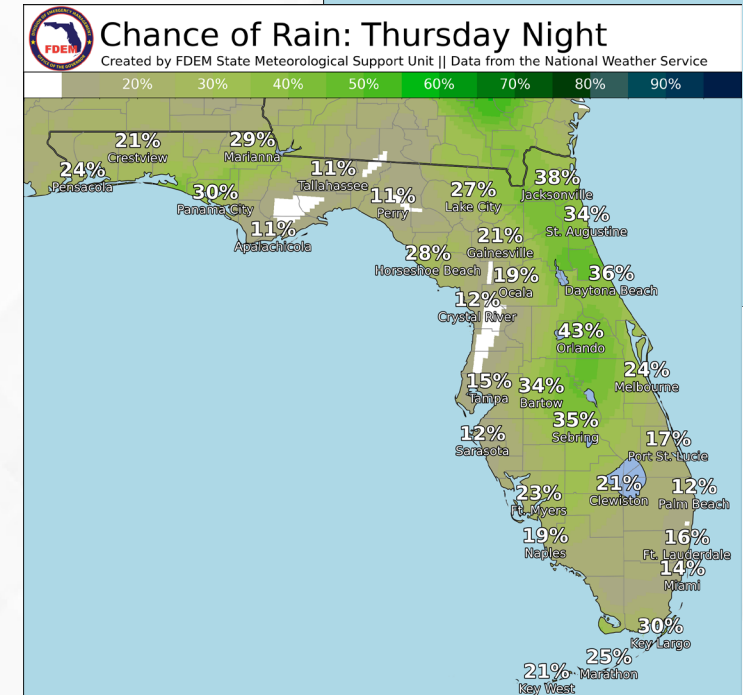
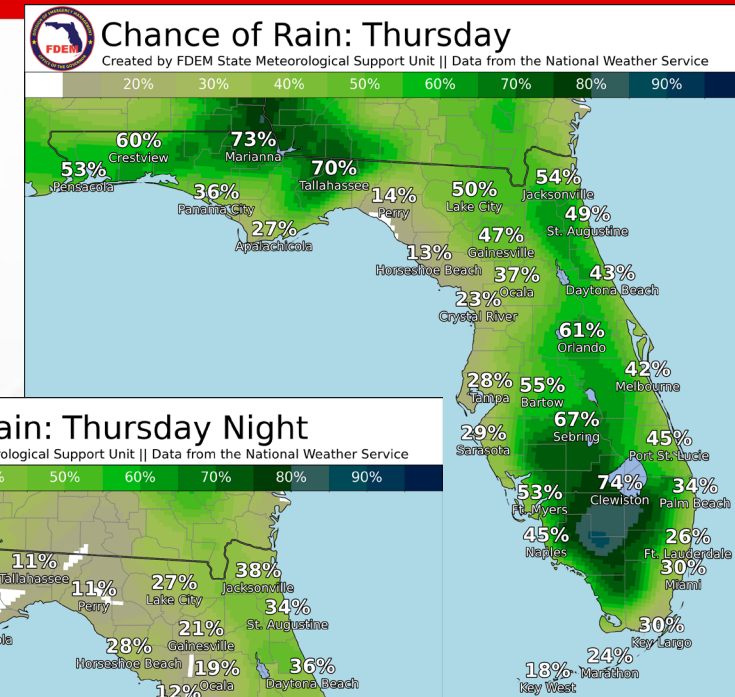
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The cold front that settled across North Florida yesterday will begin to dissipate and lift back north today allowing abundant moisture to filter back into the region ahead of a remnant mid-level disturbance currently over the western Panhandle. This remnant disturbance currently producing a few showers and thunderstorms across the western Panhandle this morning will begin to trek eastward towards South Georgia today. Paired with the Gulf sea breezes, these features will promote the development of afternoon showers and thunderstorms along the I-10 corridor of the Panhandle and Big Bend (50-75% chance of rain). A few of these thunderstorms may become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph), and **torrential downpours**. These heavy downpours may lead to areas of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water** in urban and poor drainage locations and a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked.

Throughout the Peninsula, another rinse and repeat day is expected with showers and thunderstorms developing along the East and West Coast sea breezes as they push inland, eventually colliding over the central Peninsula (50-75% chance of rain). The focus for activity is expected to be across interior South Florida (80-90% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding throughout the Peninsula, thunderstorm activity could become **locally strong** with gusty winds and **heavy downpours** the primary hazards. Rainfall amounts will generally remain below 1" for most locations, however locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out in areas that see repeated rounds of slow-moving storms.

High temperatures will climb into the upper 80s to **middle 90s** statewide this afternoon. Paired with the humidity, feels-like temperatures will top out in the **lower to middle 100s** throughout the Peninsula. Heat indices will remain in the 90s across the Panhandle given more cloud cover and rainfall this afternoon.

Tonight, shower and thunderstorm activity will linger into the evening hours before dissipating or pushing offshore after dark (25-40% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the 70s to lower 80s statewide.

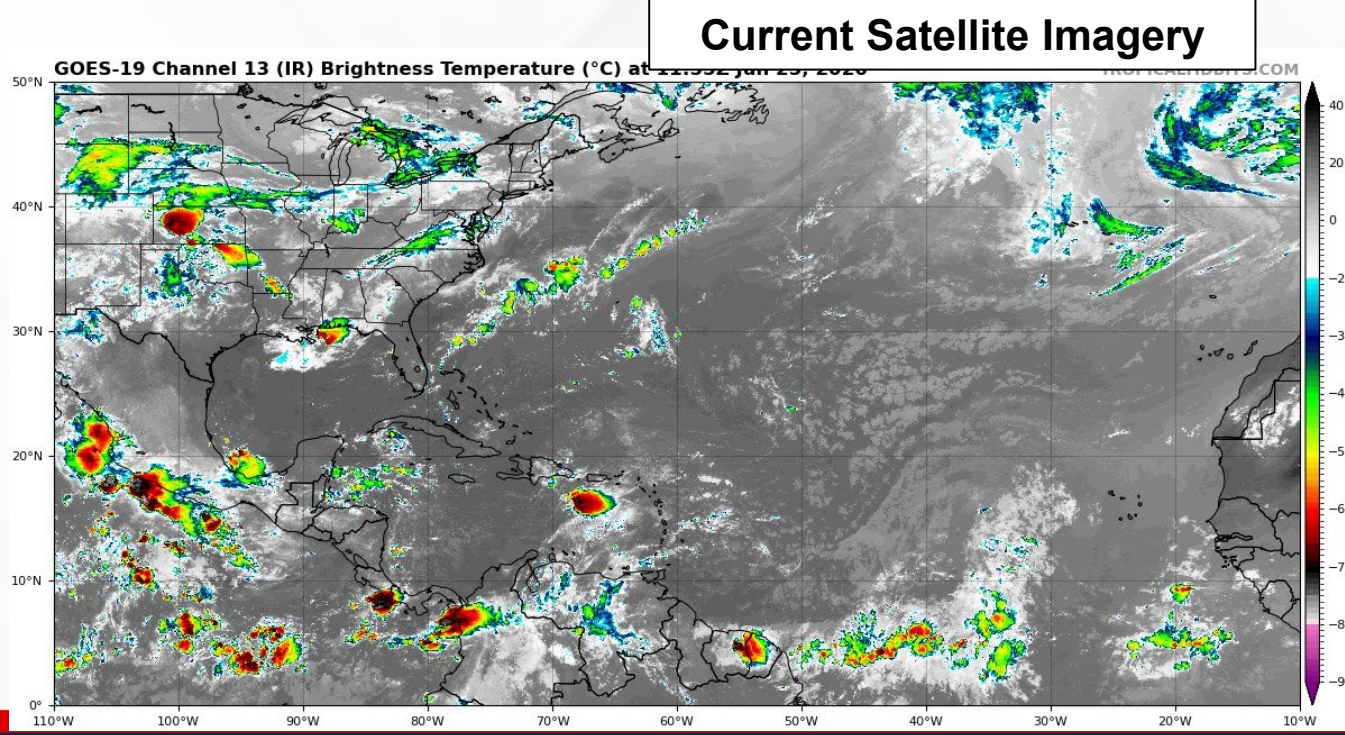
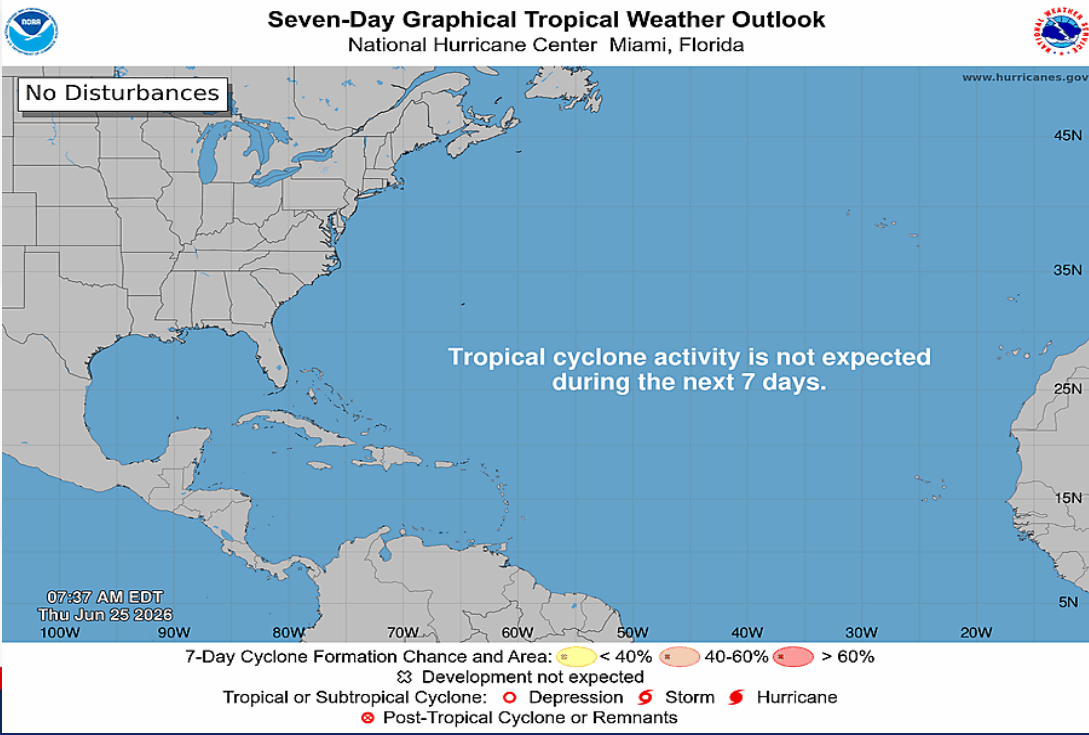




Tropical Weather

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

*Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic.*





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is outlooked for eastern Panhandle and Northeast Florida beaches today. A low risk is expected for all other beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf heights remain limited for all beaches today. The highest surf heights will be around 2-3' across Northeast and Space Coast beaches. Surf heights of 1-2' are expected for most other beaches today.

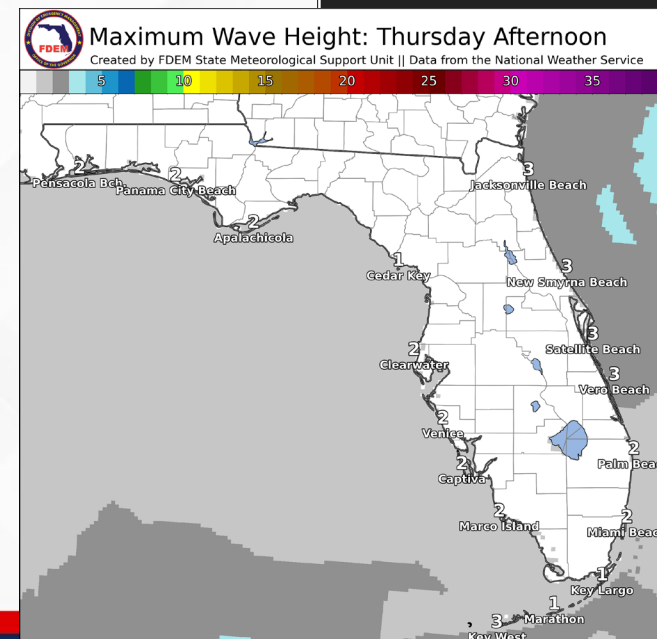
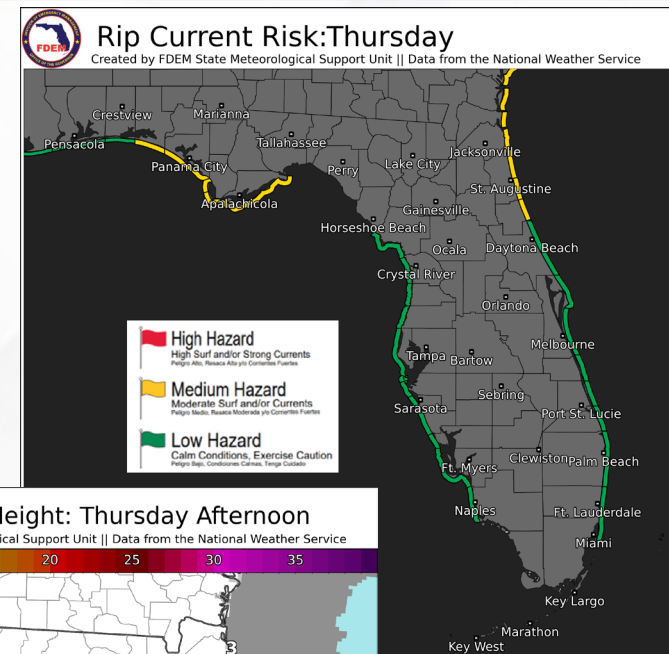
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations offshore Pinellas and Hillsborough counties over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 6/19/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the northern Panhandle and Big Bend today where a remnant mid-level disturbance passing north of the region, paired with the Gulf sea breezes, will promote scattered showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. A few storms could produce **locally heavy downpours** and lead to **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, mainly in urban and poor drainage locations. Although there is no organized risk for flash flooding throughout the Peninsula, slow-moving afternoon thunderstorms may also lead to **localized urban flooding**. Rainfall amounts will generally remain below 1" for most locations, however locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out.

Riverine Flooding: Water levels have begun to slowly recede across much of the western Panhandle following the episode of flash flooding late last week and weekend. Many rivers, creeks, and streams have diminished back down to Action Stage (*bank-full*). However, the [Escambia River near Century](#) and [Choctawatchee River near Bruce-Ebro](#) both remain in **minor flood stage** and are forecast to remain there until this weekend. **River Flood Warnings** remain in effect for the Escambia River near Century and Choctawatchee River near Bruce. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.97 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.30 feet below normal for this time of year.



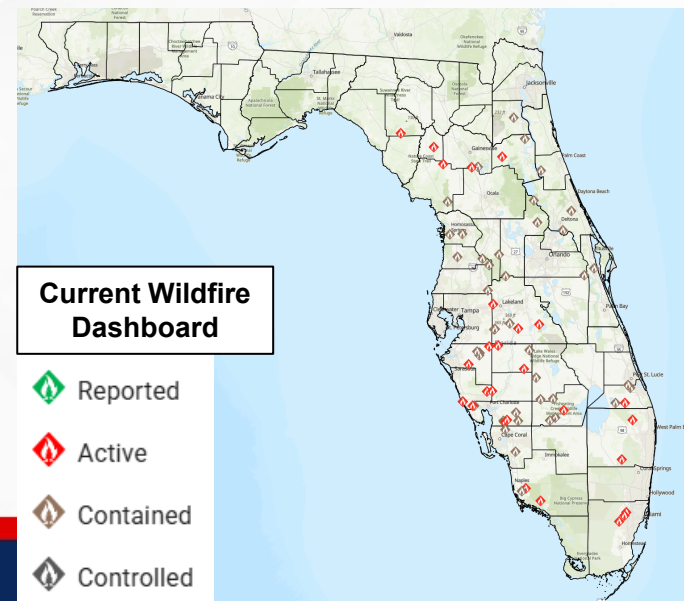
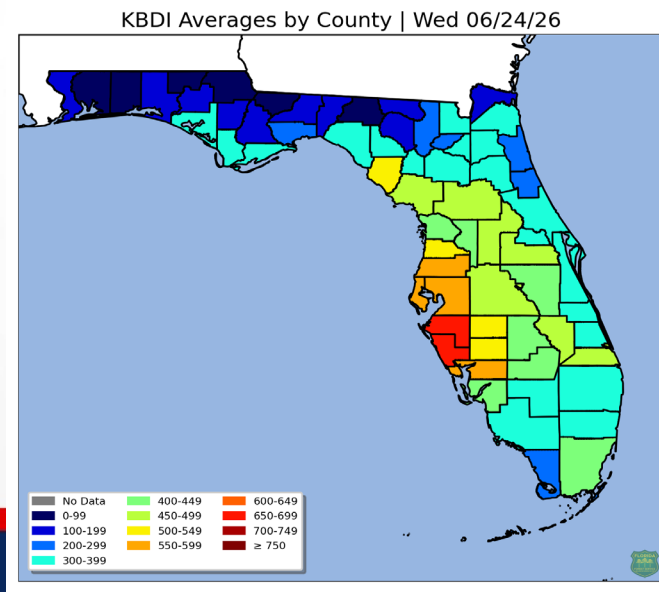
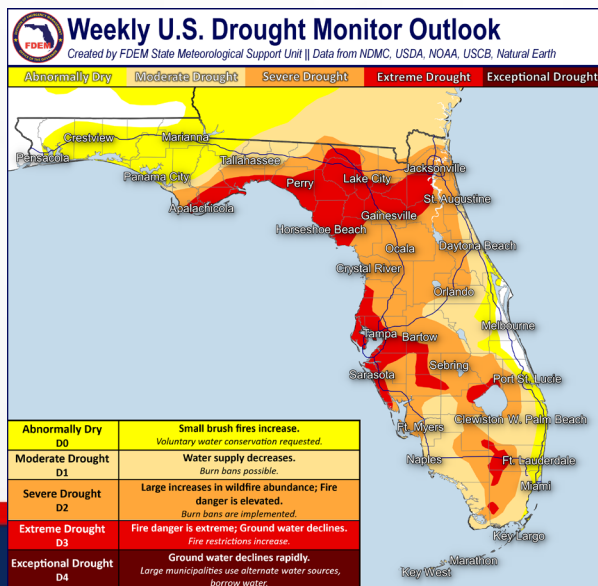


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Moisture will begin to filter back into North Florida today as southwesterly flow increases ahead of a mid-level disturbance passing north of the region. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop later today which will keep relative humidities above critical thresholds and the overall wildfire threat low. Scattered showers and storms are also expected across the Peninsula today with a focus on Interior and Southwestern regions. Any thunderstorm could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds, which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. Much drier conditions have developed locally over West-Central Florida where a predominate westerly flow has kept thunderstorm activity off to the east. As such, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** have developed here amidst ongoing **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**. Have expanded the area of **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** to include most of the Florida Peninsula as well to reflect the threat of lightning-based ignitions today and the uptick of fire activity seen across these areas in recent days. A few active wildfires across Southeast Florida may lead to **dense smoke** in and around the fires, leading to poor air quality. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 71 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 43,290 acres.

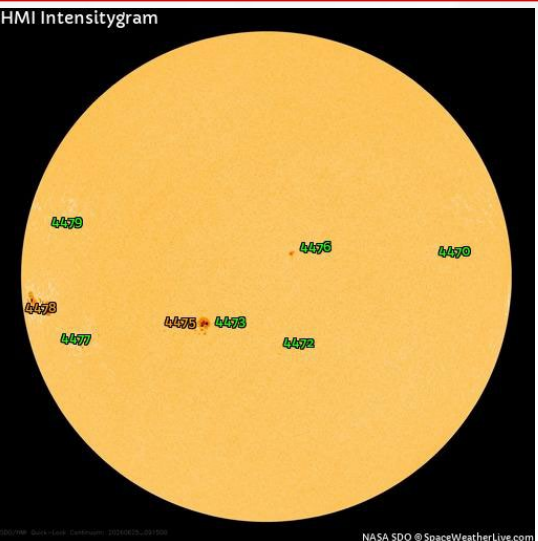
Drought (6/23/26): It was a very wet week across much of the state as we saw a nearly stationary front bring repeated rounds of showers and thunderstorms to the I-10 corridor and active sea breezes promote daily showers and thunderstorms throughout the Peninsula. Some of the biggest changes on this weeks Drought Monitor update were observed across the Panhandle. Rainfall amounts between 4-8 inches, with locally as much as 12 inches in the northern Panhandle, has resulted in all moderate drought (level 1 of 4) west of the Apalachicola River to be downgraded to abnormally dry (*receding drought*) conditions. The far northern portions of these Panhandle counties, where the heaviest rainfall fell, have now been completely removed from any drought category. Rainfall departures here are now between **10-15 inches above normal or more** in the last 90 days. Further east, much of the Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley received between 3-6 inches of rainfall over the course of the past week. This has resulted in all localized pockets of exceptional drought (level 4 of 4) to be downgraded to **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** conditions. This area of extreme drought extends along the Forgotten Coast and into the upper Suwannee River Valley and interior Northeast Florida. **Moderate to Severe Drought (level 1-2 of 4)** surround this area across the remainder of the Big Bend, Northeast and North-Central Florida. Across the Peninsula, much of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along the West-Central coastline remains. Rainfall totals here over the past 7 days have been negligible, which has kept the persistent drought around. Sea breeze activity focused across East-Central Florida brought rainfall amounts of 2-4" last week, ridding coastal Brevard, Indian River, and St. Lucie counties of any drought category this week. Areas of **moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** persist across much of the I-4 corridor and interior Central Florida. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** are also found in southwestern Polk and central Hardee and DeSoto counties. In South Florida, heavy rains focused across the southwestern region bringing severe drought conditions down to **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** along coastal Monroe and Collier counties, as well as interior Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties. Only a small pocket of **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)** persists across interior Miami-Dade, Broward, Collier, and Hendry counties. Looking ahead, sea breeze showers and thunderstorms will largely persist daily across the state, especially focused across the Peninsula. A brief stretch of drier conditions is expected this weekend before increasing moisture returns to the state beginning on Monday. Some localized improvements in the drought are possible in areas that do see heavy rains. However, areas that fail to see the scattered rainfall will largely see drought conditions persist amidst hot summer temperatures.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **345 (+15)** 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).

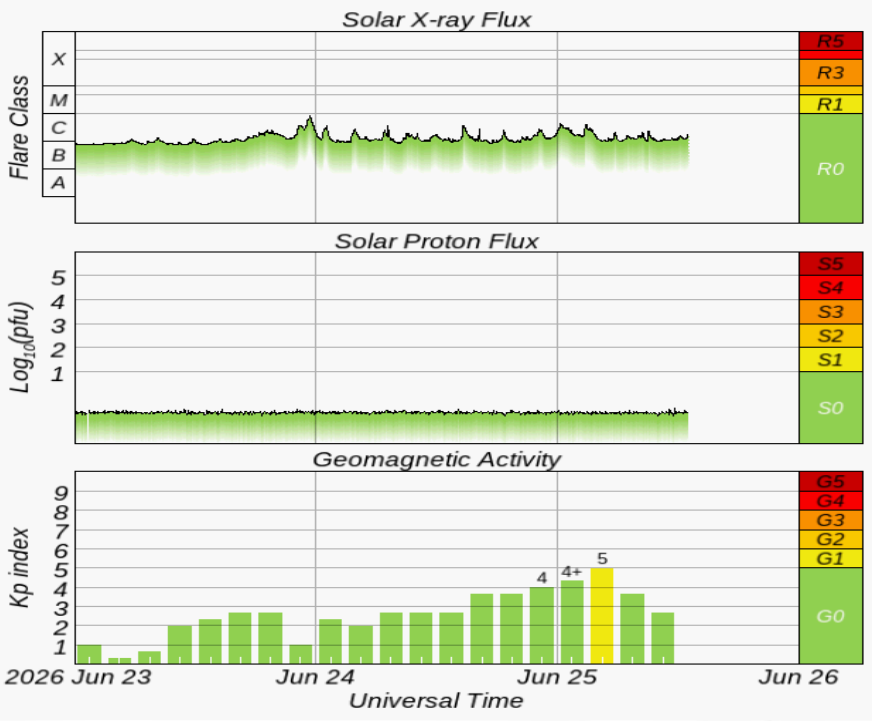
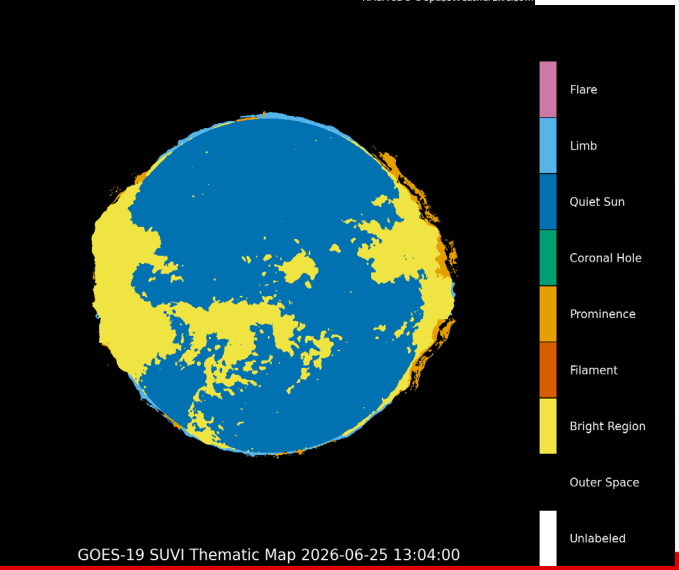




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 50%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C4 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
6/25	6/26
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at predominately low levels through Saturday with an increasing chance of an M-class flare and a slight chance of an X-class flare, primarily driven by sunspot Region #4478. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and X-class flares strong (R3) radio blackouts. Elevated solar wind conditions are expected to prevail through Saturday due to weak negative polarity effects from a Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS). Active geomagnetic periods are expected through Saturday from the onset of the negative polarity CH HS. 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
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Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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