



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, June 26, 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	Leon	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Miami-Dade	Travel to Region 10 (FIFA World Cup)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	Regional Exercise Prep / IMT Meeting Prep
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Volusia	County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	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	FGCU Exercise Final Planning Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA Meeting

Region 2 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 1

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	FL-393 Discussion and Prep/Flex Off
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Internal Call & DR-4794 Mtg
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Hamilton	EM Meeting/City of Jasper
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Madison	EM Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Volusia	EM Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Phoenix Webinar
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brian Geoghegan	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off/Monitoring

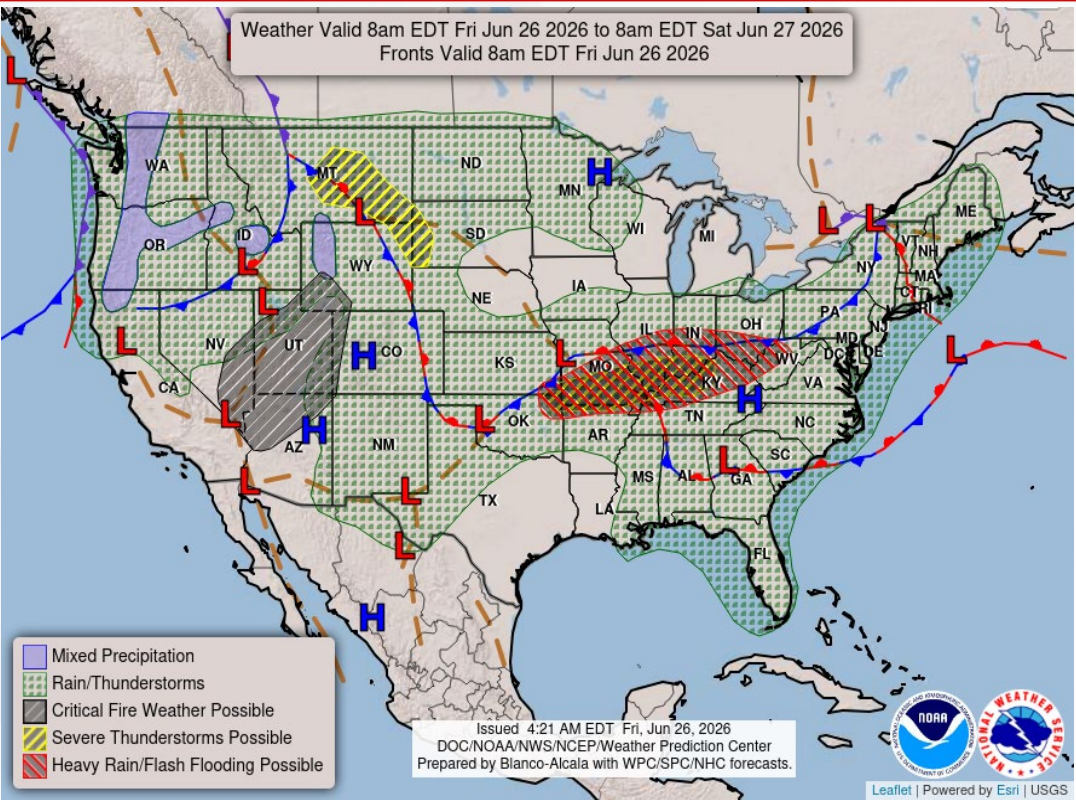
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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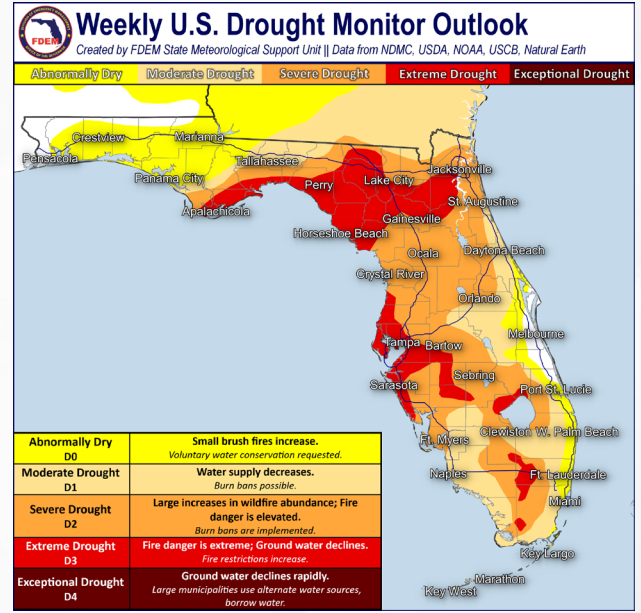
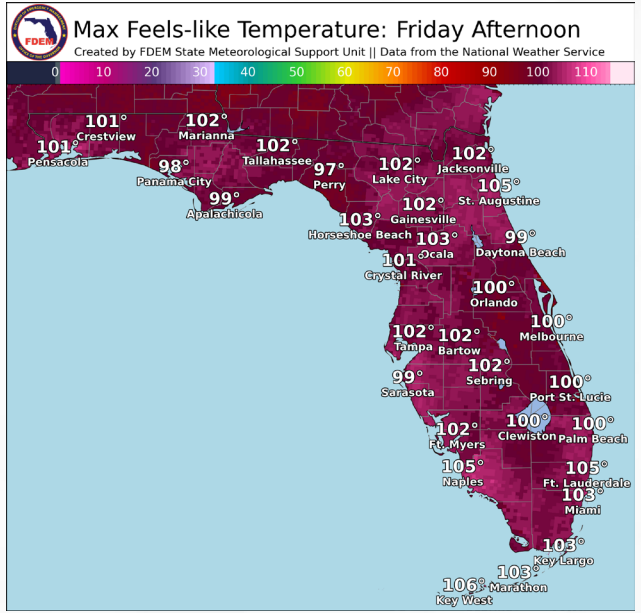


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	L	M	L	M	M	M	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	L	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.98 ft. (2.32 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	342 (-3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





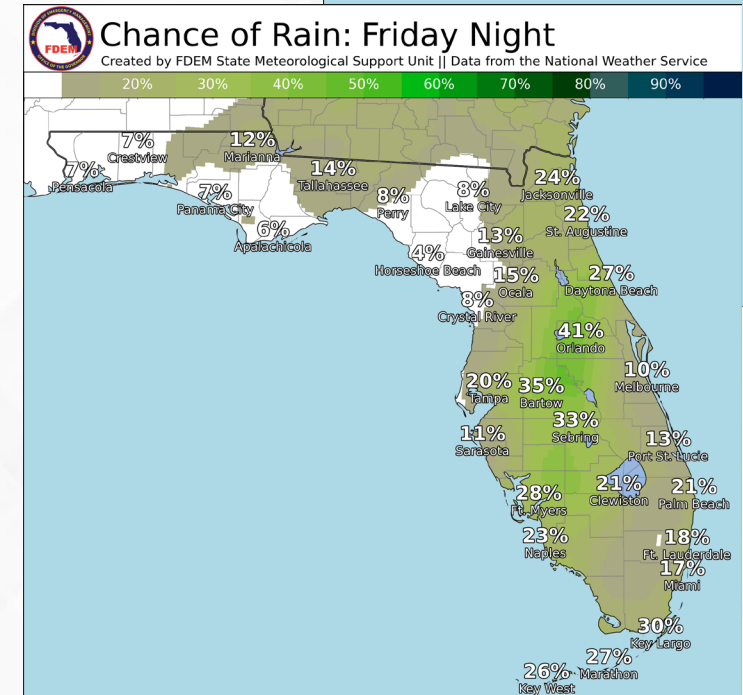
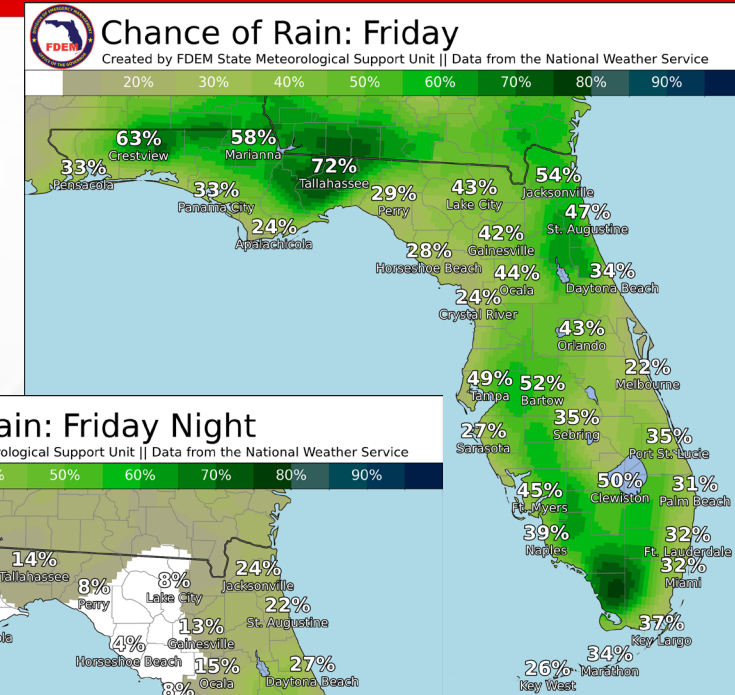
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The western extent of a sprawling high pressure located over the Atlantic is beginning to extend into eastern portions of the state this morning. One more day of seasonable rain chances are expected today before high-pressure takes firmer control this weekend. Flow around the western periphery of this high will invoke southeasterly flow across the Peninsula and southwesterly to westerly flow across North Florida. Morning radar imagery is already tracking scattered showers and storms developing across Southeast Metro areas and along the Central Panhandle. These storms will continue moving with their respective environmental flow directions, increasing in both coverage and intensity throughout the afternoon hours. The greatest overall chance for rain today will be within the Panhandle and Southwest Florida regions (40-70%). Elsewhere, a medium (30-50%) chance for rain is expected along the I-75 Corridor and Northeast Florida, with generally low (10-30%) chances in all other locations across the state. While there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding with any of today's activity, a few storms may become **locally strong to severe** capable of isolated damaging wind gusts and **very heavy downpours**.

Seasonable heat and humidity is expected today, with high temperatures in the **lower to middle 90s** for most locations across the state today. Feels-like temperatures will soar into the **lower to middle 100s** across much of the state given the abundant low-level moisture in place.

Shower and thunderstorm activity this afternoon will quickly wane following sunset later this evening. Some storms may linger across Central Florida (20-40% chance) or across coastal Peninsular locations (10-30% chance) in the early overnight hours, but the vast majority will dissipate or move offshore by midnight. Overnight low temperatures generally range from the upper 70s to lower 80s, providing little relief from the hot afternoon temperatures of the previous day.

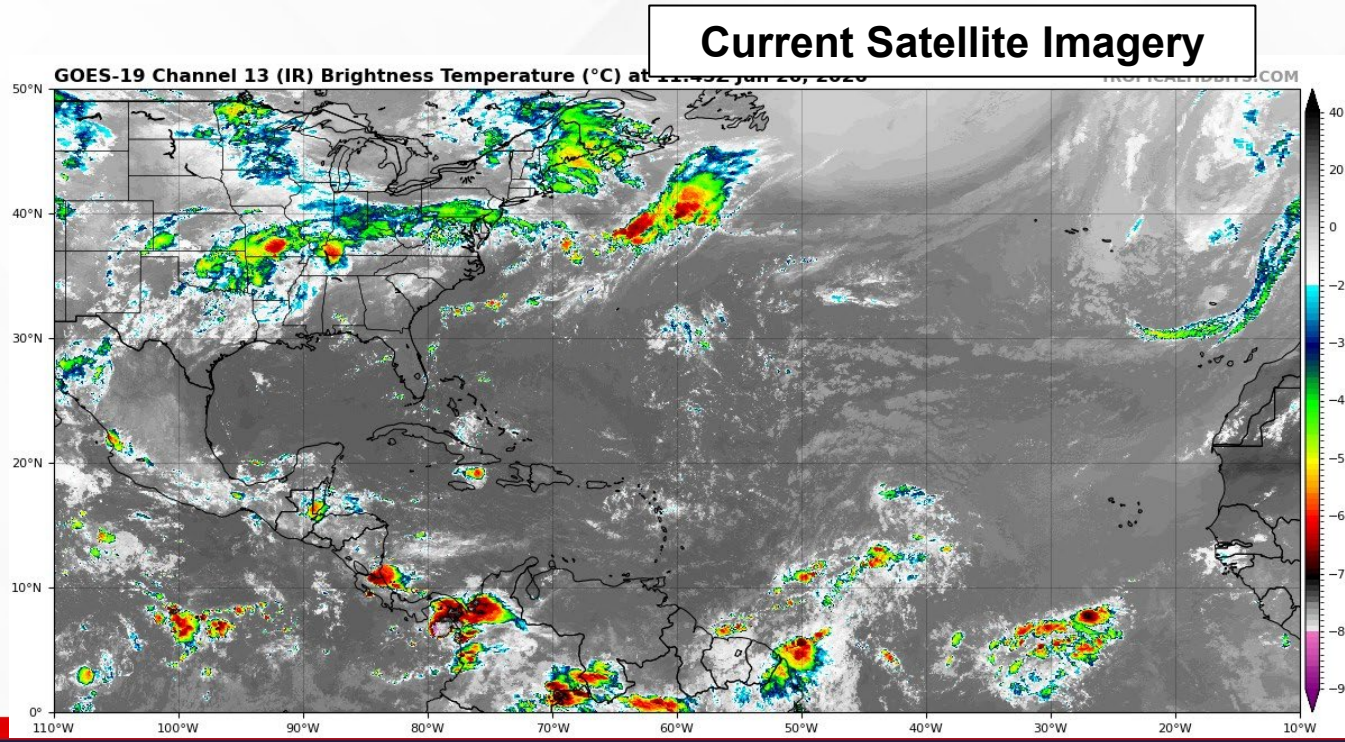
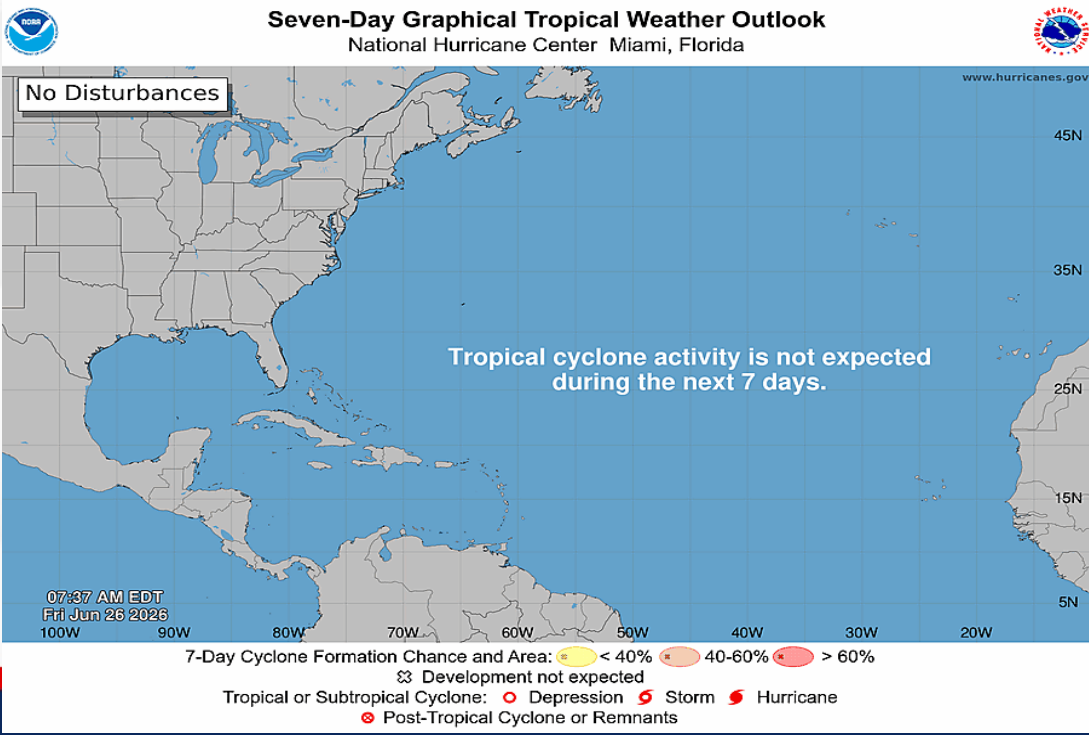




Tropical Weather

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 most Panhandle and all 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 3-4' across Northeast and Space Coast beaches. Surf heights of 2-3' are expected elsewhere along the East Coast, with 1-2' expected for all other Florida beaches today.

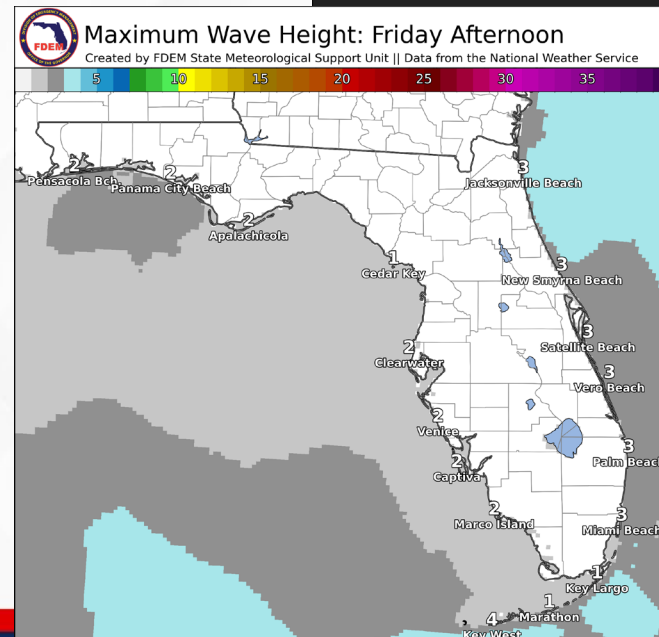
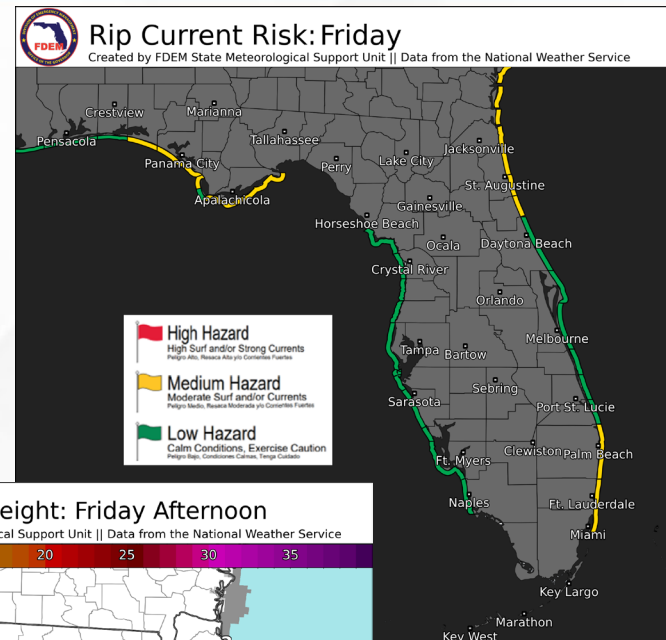
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations offshore Pinellas and Hillsborough counties over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 6/19/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is currently no organized risk for flash flooding expected with any of today's shower and storm activity. Forecast rainfall accumulations generally range from 1-2' across North and Southwest Florida, however locally higher amounts upwards of 2-3' cannot be ruled out, especially in locations that see multiple rounds of storms. For more information, visit the [Weather Prediction Center](http://www.weather.gov/forecast).

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 [Choctawhatchee 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 these rivers. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.98 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.32 feet below normal for this time of year.



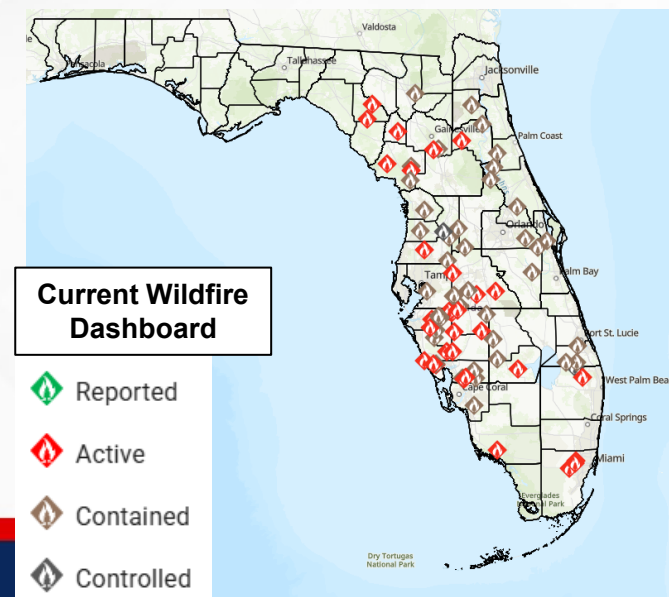
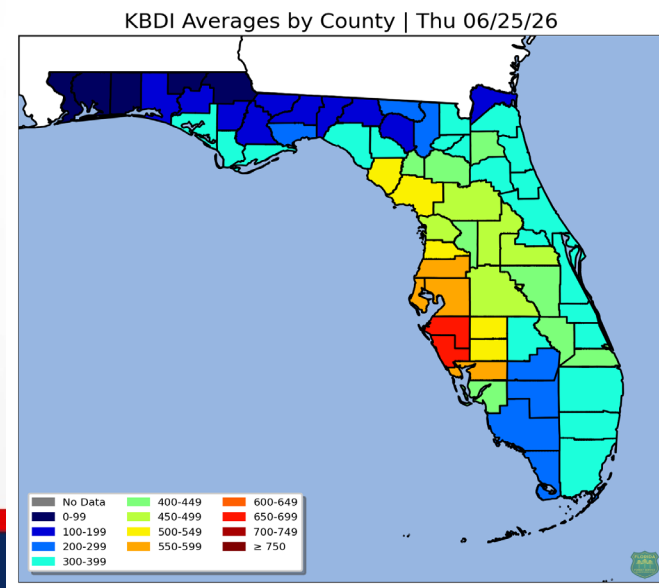
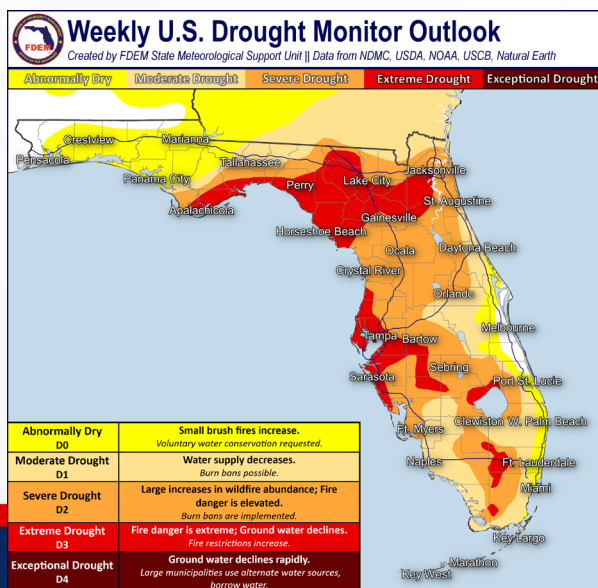


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Morning radar imagery is already tracking scattered showers and thunderstorms developing across Southeast metro and Central Panhandle locations. Coverage and intensity of showers and storms is expected to increase as the day progresses, with a focus on Southwest and North Florida locations. Any thunderstorm could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds, which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. Much drier soil conditions have developed locally over West-Central Florida over the last few weeks 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 76 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 32,657 acres.

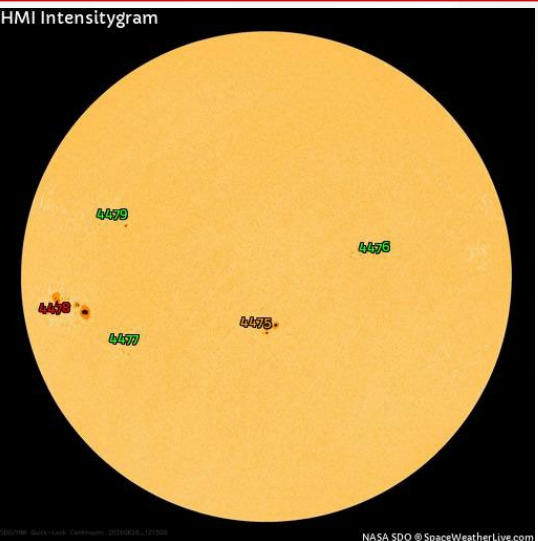
Drought (6/23/26): It was a very wet week across much of the state as we saw a nearly stationary front bring repeated rounds of showers and thunderstorms to the I-10 corridor and active sea breezes promote daily showers and thunderstorms throughout the Peninsula. Some of the biggest changes on this weeks 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 **342 (-3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **11 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

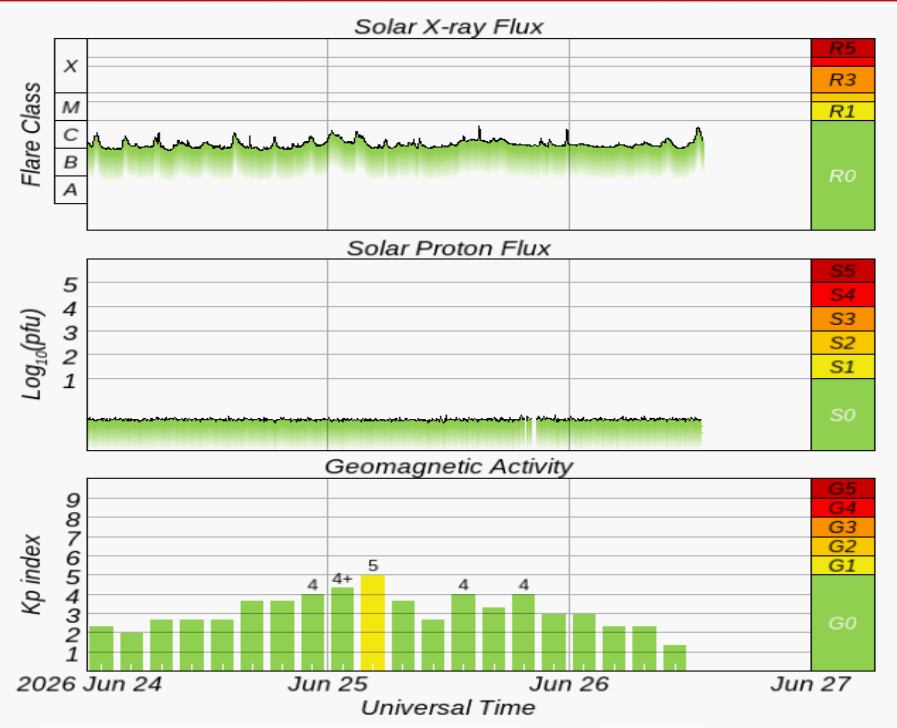
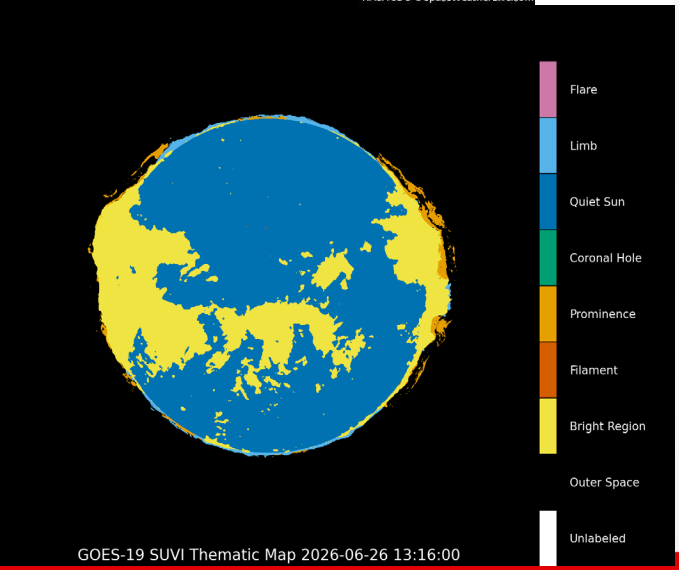




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 50%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
6/26	6/27
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 Sunday with a high 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 to disturbed solar wind conditions are expected to prevail through Saturday due to weak negative polarity effects from a Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS). Further disturbances are possible on Sunday via effects from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). Active geomagnetic periods are expected through Saturday from the onset of the negative polarity CH HS and the CME. 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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