



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, August 1, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Brian Carey	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Unavailable
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

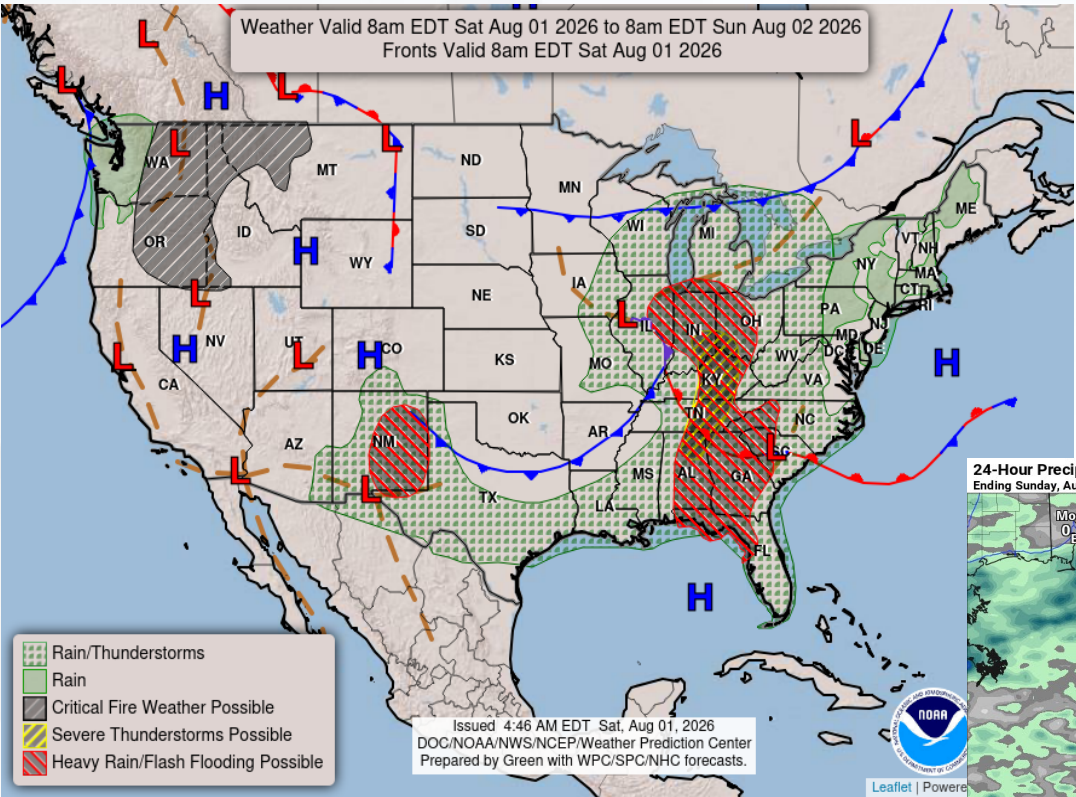
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

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

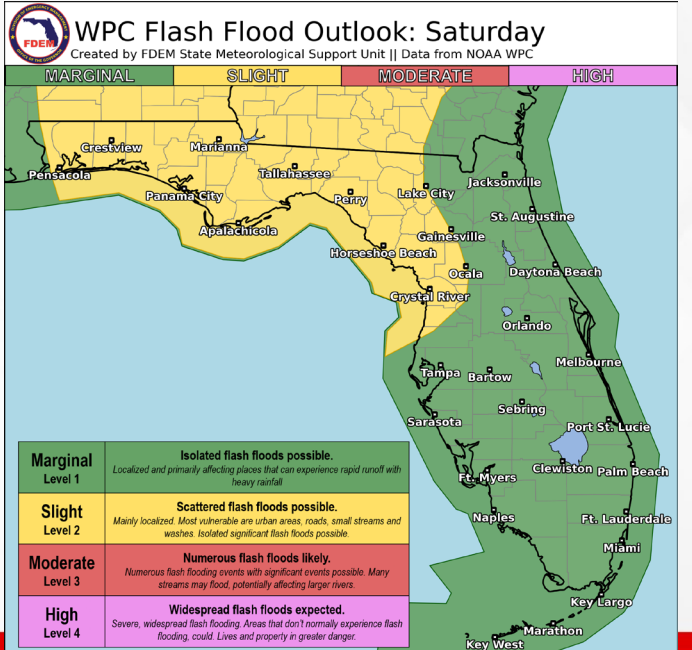
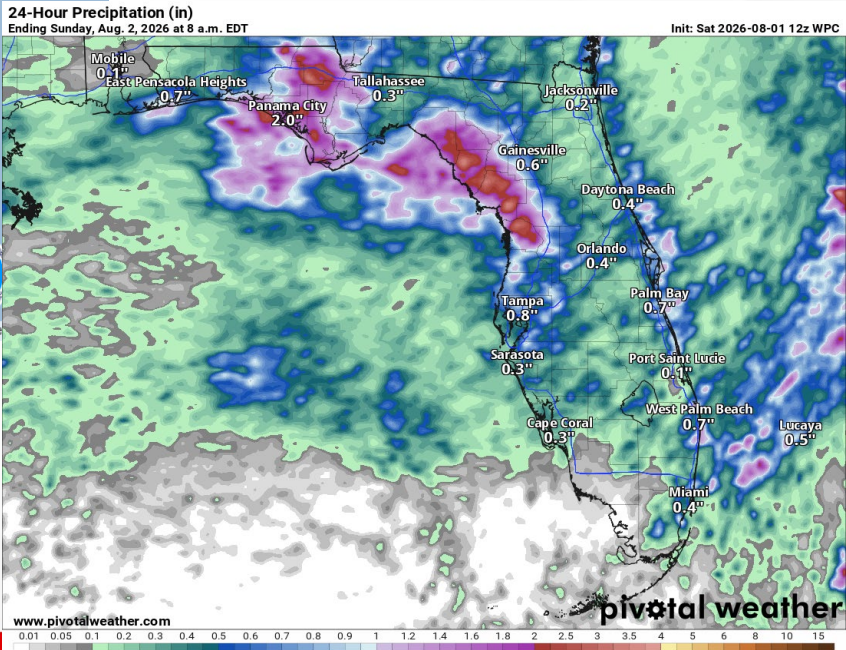


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	H	H	H	M	M	M	M	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	L	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	M	M	H		M	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.89 ft. (2.87 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	363 (-27) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





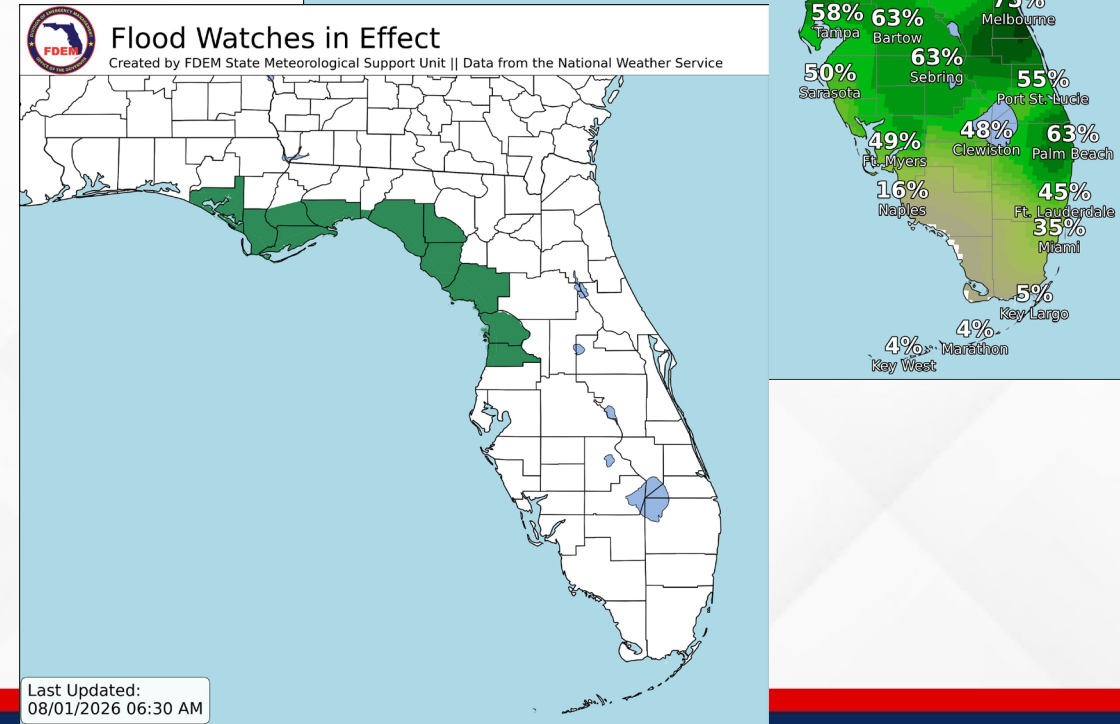
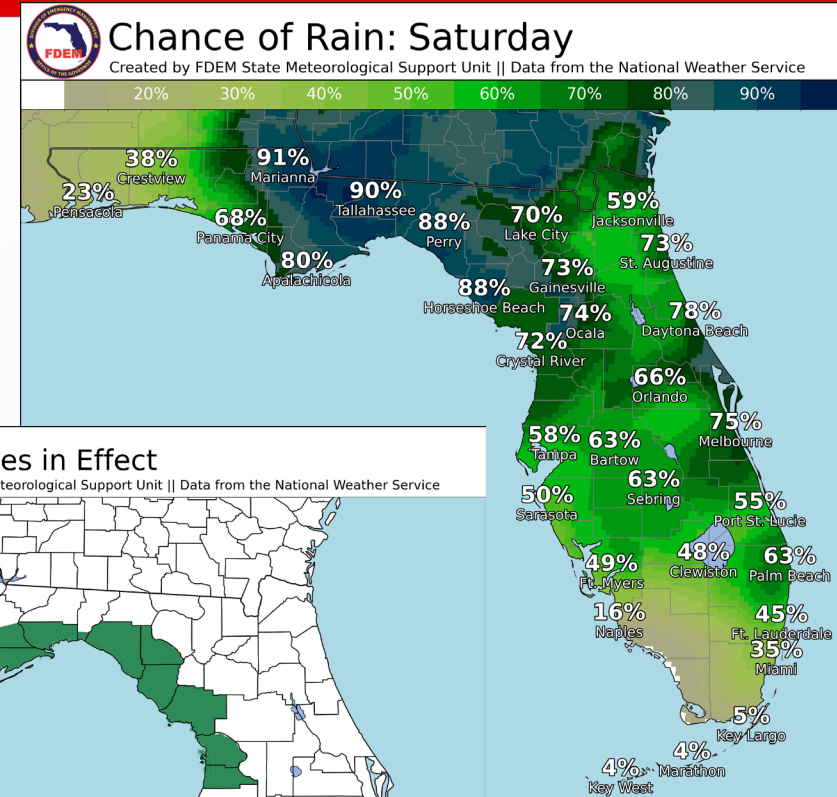
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A large cluster of showers with embedded thunderstorms is evident on morning radar imagery, spanning much of the Emerald, Forgotten, and Nature coasts. Radar estimates highlight some of the heaviest activity producing upwards of 2-3" per hour rainfall rates with some areas already receiving between 1-3" of rainfall since sunrise. This will set the stage to what will be a rather wet and unsettled weekend across much of North Florida as a deep upper-level low pressure begins to dig into the Ohio Valley and Mississippi River Valley with an attendant cold front draped across the Deep South. Abundant tropical moisture will continue to stream ahead of and along this front across North Florida today, with additional rounds of **heavy showers and thunderstorms** expected to develop focused by the approaching front as well as thunderstorm outflow boundary interactions (60-90% chance of rain). A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked today throughout much of the Panhandle, Big Bend, and Nature Coast where areas of **flooding and ponding of water** are expected in areas that receive the heaviest rainfall. Additionally, any areas that see **training thunderstorms** could experience instances of **flash flooding**. A **Flood Watch** is in effect along the Emerald, Forgotten, and Nature Coasts where the heaviest rain is expected to set up through this weekend. Throughout the remainder of the Peninsula, scattered showers and thunderstorms will likely begin to blossom around 12-2 PM as the West Coast sea breeze advances inland, with activity spreading eastward across the Peninsula this afternoon (60-80% chance of rain). Activity will likely be higher in coverage compared to a typical summertime day given an additional source of lift from the nearby front. Any of this activity could contain **locally heavy downpours** and a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout the Peninsula today. The driest portion of the state today will likely be Southwest Florida and the Keys. Any thunderstorm activity today may contain **frequent lightning** and **locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph)**.

Temperatures will begin to return to more seasonal levels today as ample cloud coverage and rainfall act to mute daytime heating. Highs will reach the middle 80s to lower 90s across much of the state. However, oppressive humidity levels will still bring feels like temperatures into the **lower to middle 100s** for many areas, with the potential for **upper 100s** in Southeast Florida where a **Heat Advisory** is in effect for this afternoon. How hot portions of North Florida get today will be determined by coverage of rainfall and clouds this afternoon.

Tonight, showers and thunderstorms will largely begin to diminish before midnight across the state. However, activity is expected to linger along the Emerald, Forgotten, and Nature Coasts through the overnight hours (50-75% chance of rain). Some of this activity overnight along the coast may remain **locally strong** and contain heavy downpours capable of producing **flooding and ponding of water**. Like this morning, shower and thunderstorm activity will quickly begin to spread onshore and increase in coverage across North Florida shortly after sunrise Sunday. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide.



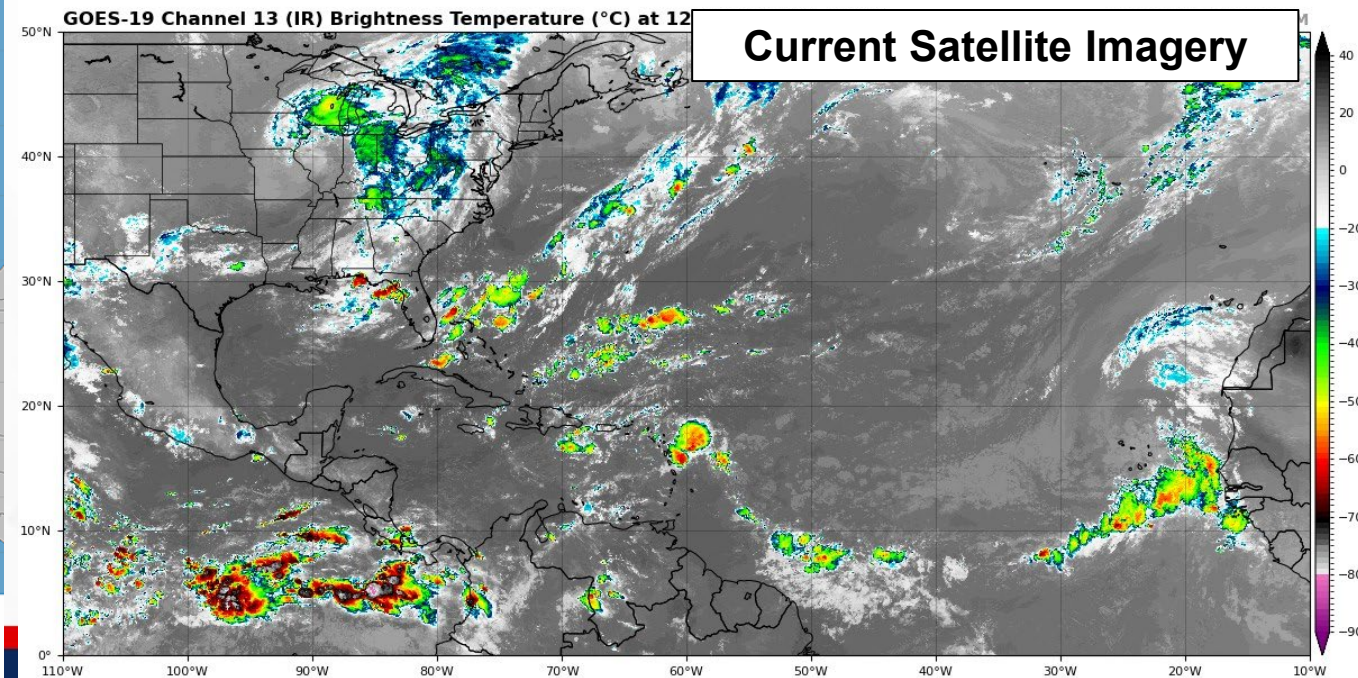
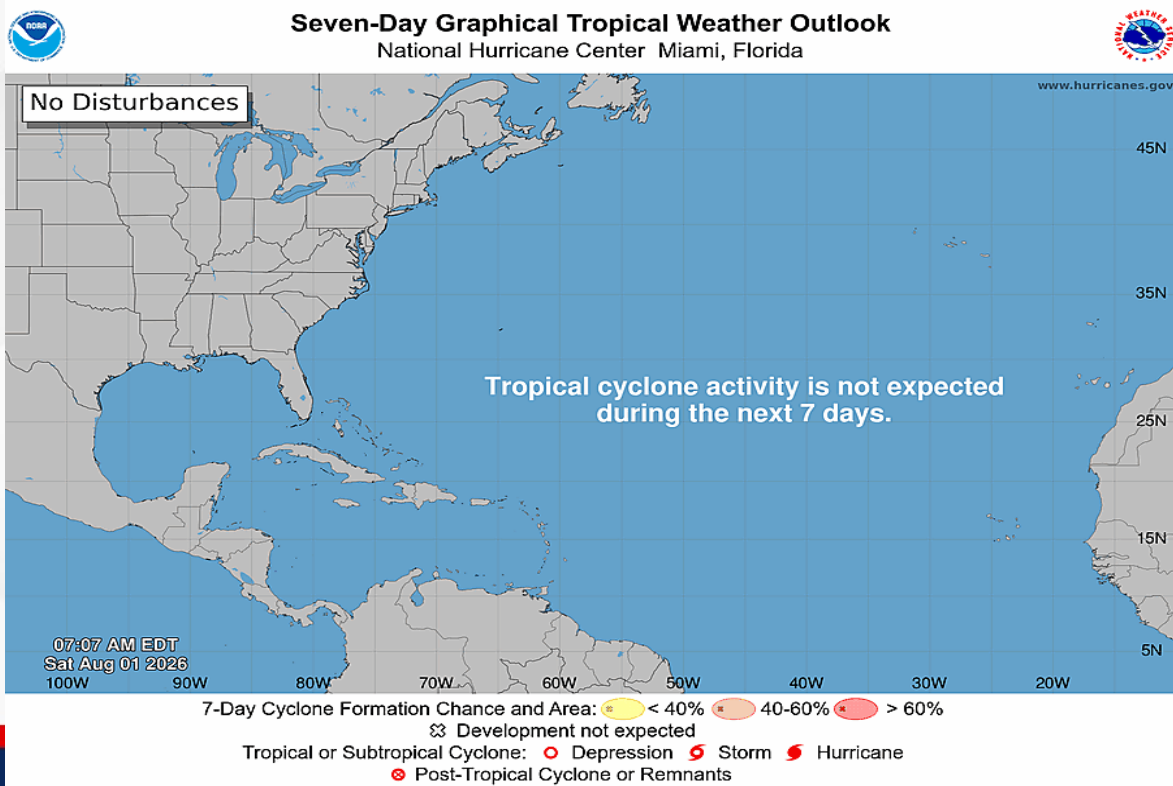
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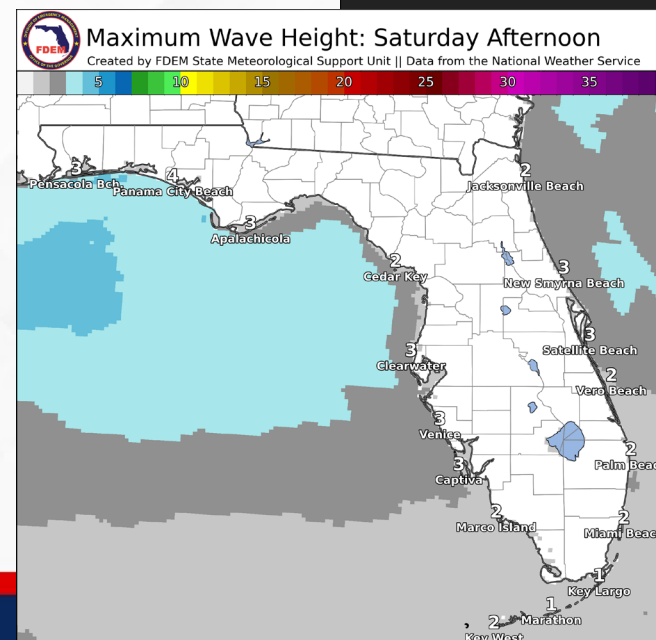


Tropical Weather

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.*





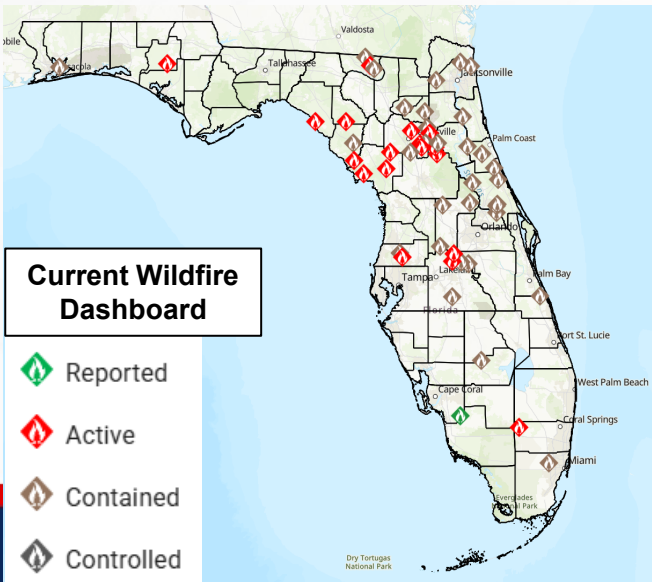
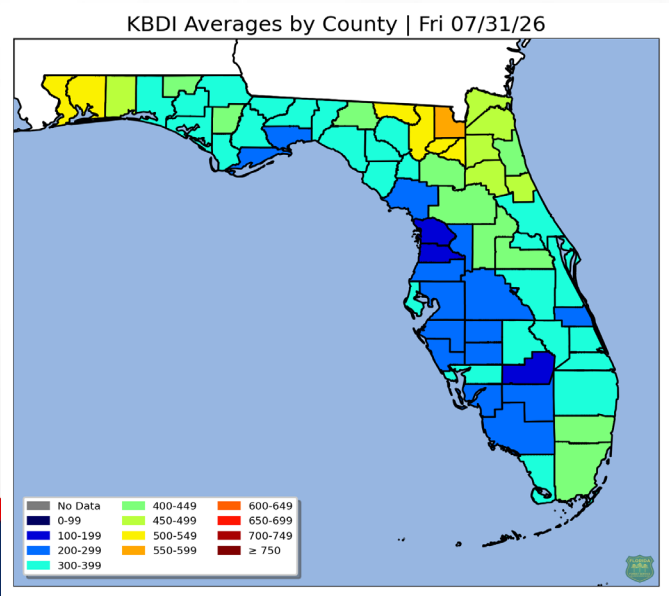
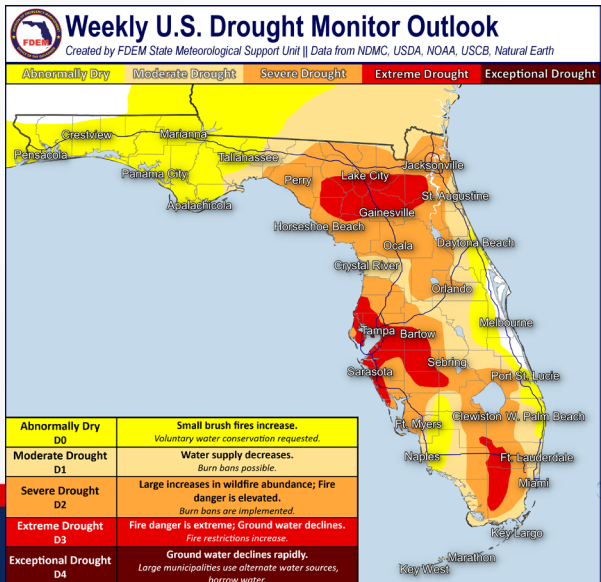


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Widespread showers and storms are expected throughout much of the state today, focused across North and Central Florida. Any thunderstorm could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds, which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 42 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 4,091 acres.

Drought (7/28/26): Some minor drought improvements have been noted across portions of the Big Bend this week, with areas of moderate to severe drought in Leon, Wakulla, and Franklin counties reduced one category to abnormally dry (*receding drought*) or **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. This area has seen a general 1-3" of rainfall over the past week, with additional rains in recent weeks courtesy of Tropical Storm Bertha and other sea breeze activity. Across the Panhandle, however, areas of abnormally dry conditions (*emerging drought*) have returned. 60-day rainfall departures along the Panhandle coast have now reached near 2-4" below normal, with above normal rainfall departures still evident across the northern Panhandle counties from June's Tropical Storm Arthur. Throughout the Peninsula, very few changes were observed this week. Rainfall departures over the past 2 months remain below to well below normal in many locations, including interior Northeast Florida, West-Central Florida, and interior South Florida where pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remain with **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** generally surrounding that. Portions of northern Duval and southern Nassau counties have returned to a **severe drought (level 3 of 4)** with coastal St. Johns and Flagler counties upgraded to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Higher rainfall totals of 2-5" in the past week across Citrus and Sumter counties has led to severe drought being reduced to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Some slight drought improvements were also observed across interior Collier, Hendry, and Glades counties. 14% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** with only 3% of the state now under no drought designation, a ~7% decrease from last week. Looking ahead, a frontal boundary and a few upper-level impulses in the atmosphere will help to spark daily rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms across much of North and Central Florida through this weekend. Some drought improvements are expected in areas that receive the heaviest rainfall. Moisture will also begin to make a return to South Florida by this weekend, encouraging scattered shower and thunderstorm activity. Any areas that fail to receive rainfall, however, may see drought conditions endure or even worsen, especially with hot summertime temperatures persisting.

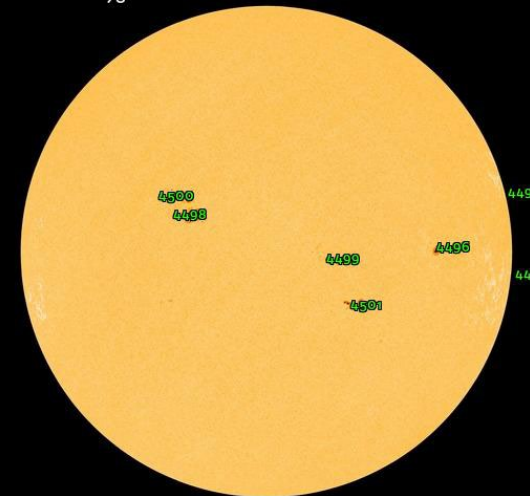
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **363 (-27)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **7 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





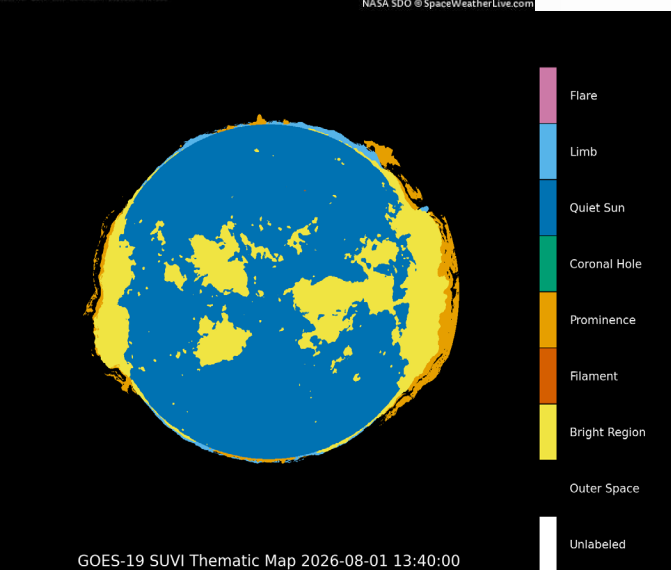
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

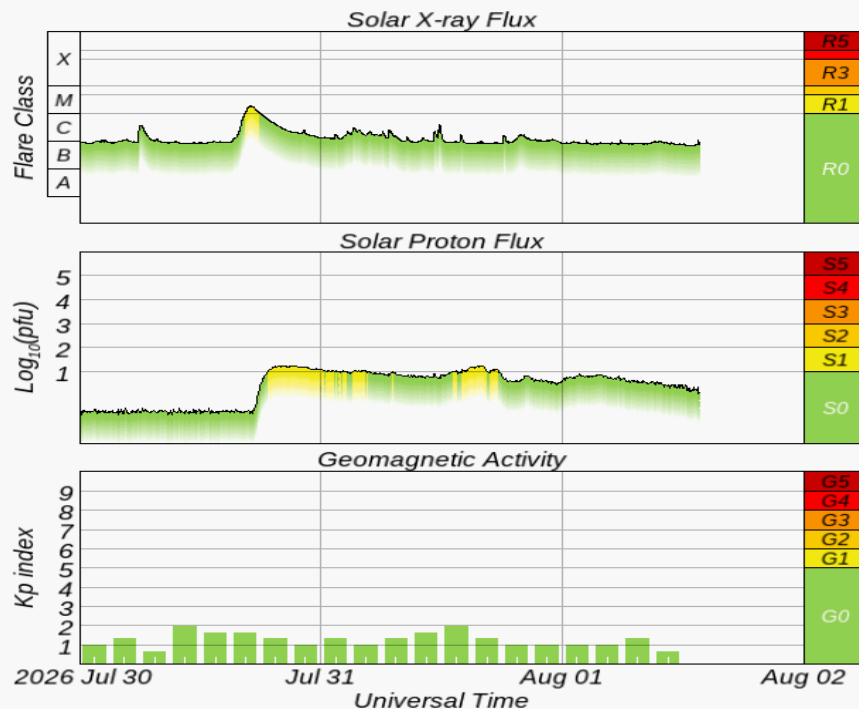


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Current Sunspots



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-08-01 13:40:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 35%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/1	8/2
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 6 (G2)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 15%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for M-class flares. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Nominal solar wind conditions are expected today before enhancements arrive later today and into Sunday with a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on Thursday set to impact Earth. Enhanced solar wind conditions will likely continue through Monday. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic field conditions will prevail today before G1-G2 (minor to moderate) storming conditions arrive on Sunday due to the aforementioned CME. Enhanced conditions will persist into Monday, though gradually taper off. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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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
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