



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, August 2, 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 5

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

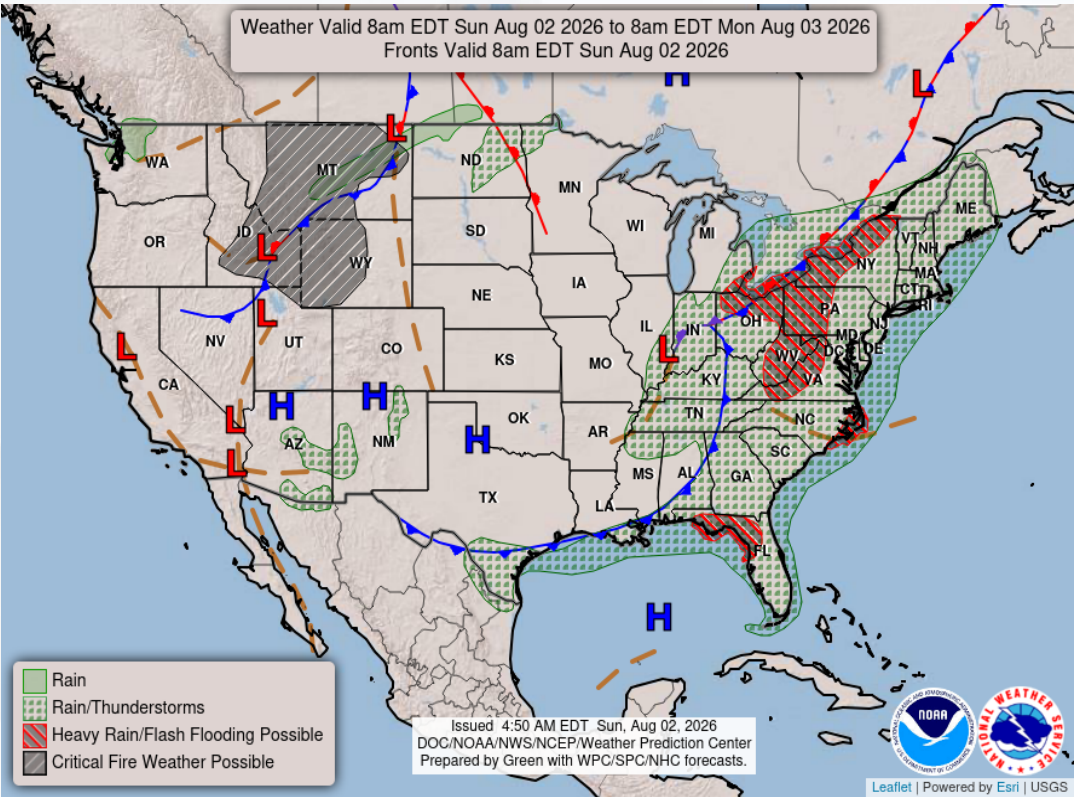
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

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

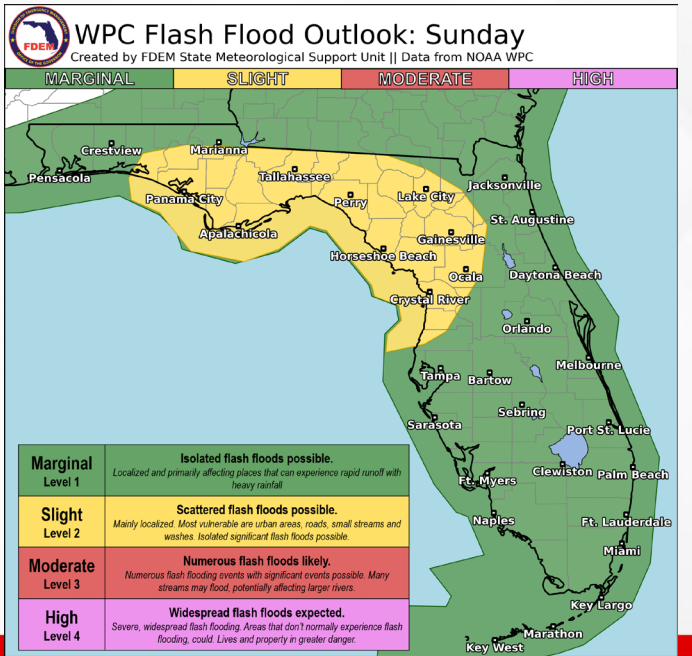
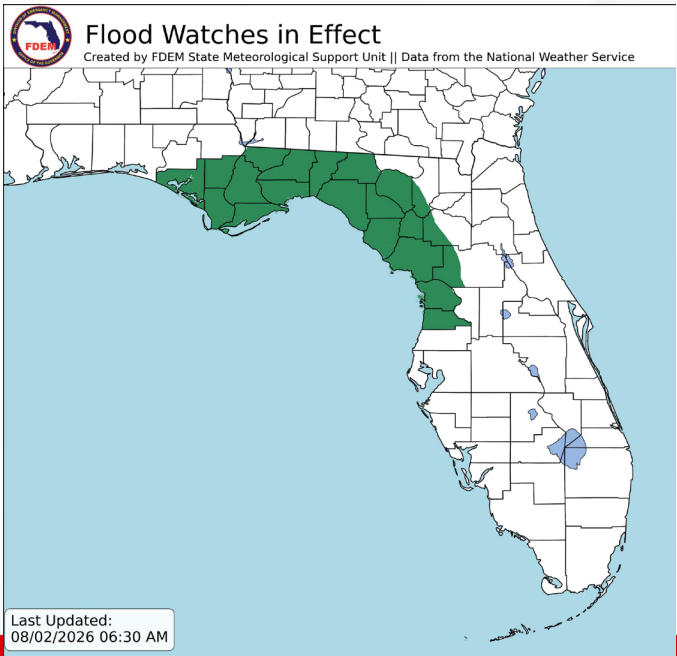


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	H	H	M	M	H	M	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat				L				L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	H	M	L	H		L	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.89 ft. (2.88 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	360 (-3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





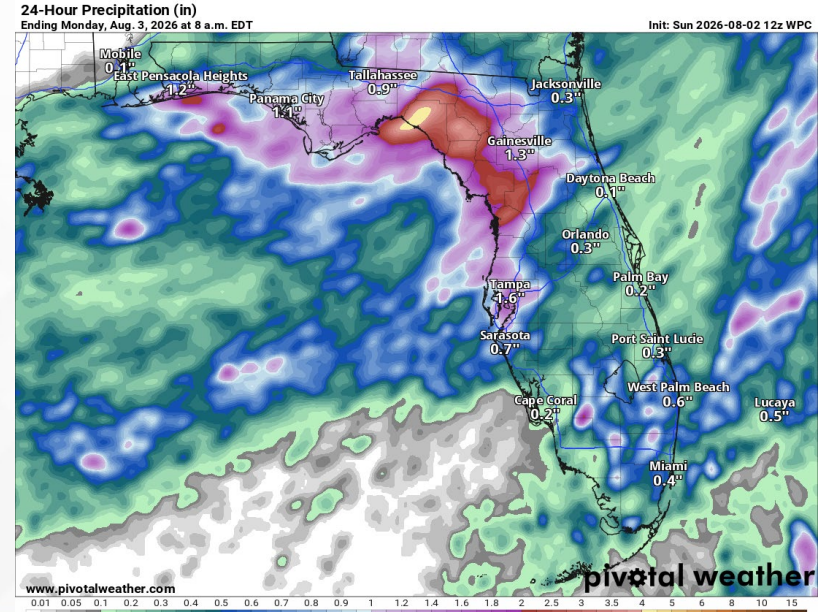
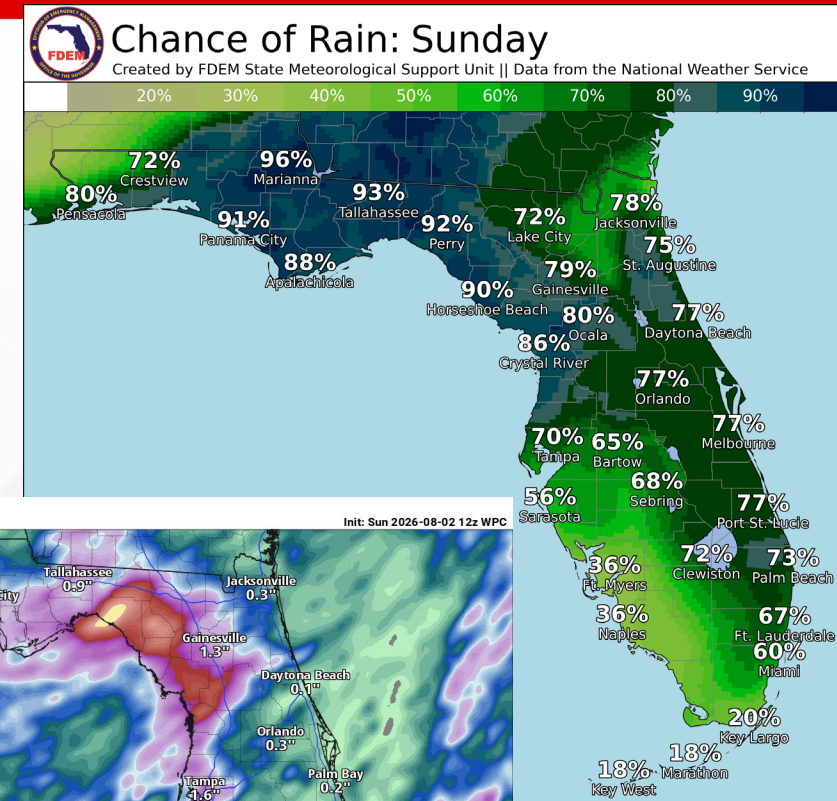
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another washout is in store today for many across North and Central Florida. An upper-level disturbance dives into the Deep South today, strengthening southwesterly flow and pulling in more deep Gulf moisture over North Florida. A largely similar pattern and distribution of rainfall to yesterday's event is thus expected to materialize today as a result. AM radar imagery is already tracking multiple clusters of heavy showers with embedded thunderstorms over the Western Panhandle. These storms should continue tracking westward, building in intensity and coverage as the day progresses. Eventually, this activity will likely congeal into a more congruent swath of moderate-to-heavy rainfall, similar to yesterday. Lightning activity will be largely confined to a few strikes in embedded heavier cells within the larger swath. This is a particularly favorable setup for a few instances of **flash flooding**, especially considering most locations across North Florida and the Big Bend already saw at least 2-4" of rain yesterday. The Weather Prediction Center has again outlooked a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** for portions of the Central/Eastern Panhandle, the Big Bend, and North-Central Florida in anticipation of many locations seeing an additional **2-4"** of rainfall on top of very saturated soils. Some locations, especially across the Coastal Big Bend, may see upwards of **5"+** of rainfall today. A **Flood Watch** remains in effect across the Panhandle and Big Bend to highlight this threat.

Elsewhere in the state, within the Peninsula, predominantly westerly flow will lead to most of the day's shower and thunderstorms activity occurring across the Eastern half of the Peninsula. This activity will generally follow a typical sea-breeze pattern, with thunderstorms initiating along the West Coast sea-breeze in the late morning to early afternoon hours and quickly moving eastward throughout the day. Thunderstorm chances are high (60-80%) along the East Coast today, as a richly moist airmass is still in place courtesy of the upper-level disturbance despite the greatest forcing remaining well to the North of these areas. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Peninsula today, as the day's activity will likely contain storms capable of producing **very heavy rainfall** and isolated **nuisance flooding**. No organized risk of severe weather is expected in any of the state's activity today, however, a few storms may become **locally strong to severe** capable of producing **damaging wind gusts (40-60mph)**, especially across the East Coast later this afternoon and evening.

Persistent cloud coverage and rainfall across the Northern half of the state will keep daytime high temperatures at bay, with most locations struggling to rise out of the low to mid 80s. More seasonable afternoon temperatures are expected across the Southern half of the Peninsula further removed from the disturbed weather across North Florida. High temperatures will climb into the **lower 90s**, with maximum feels-like temperatures rising into the **lower to middle 100s** amidst an extremely moist atmosphere. Low temperatures fall into the middle to upper 70s tonight across the state.

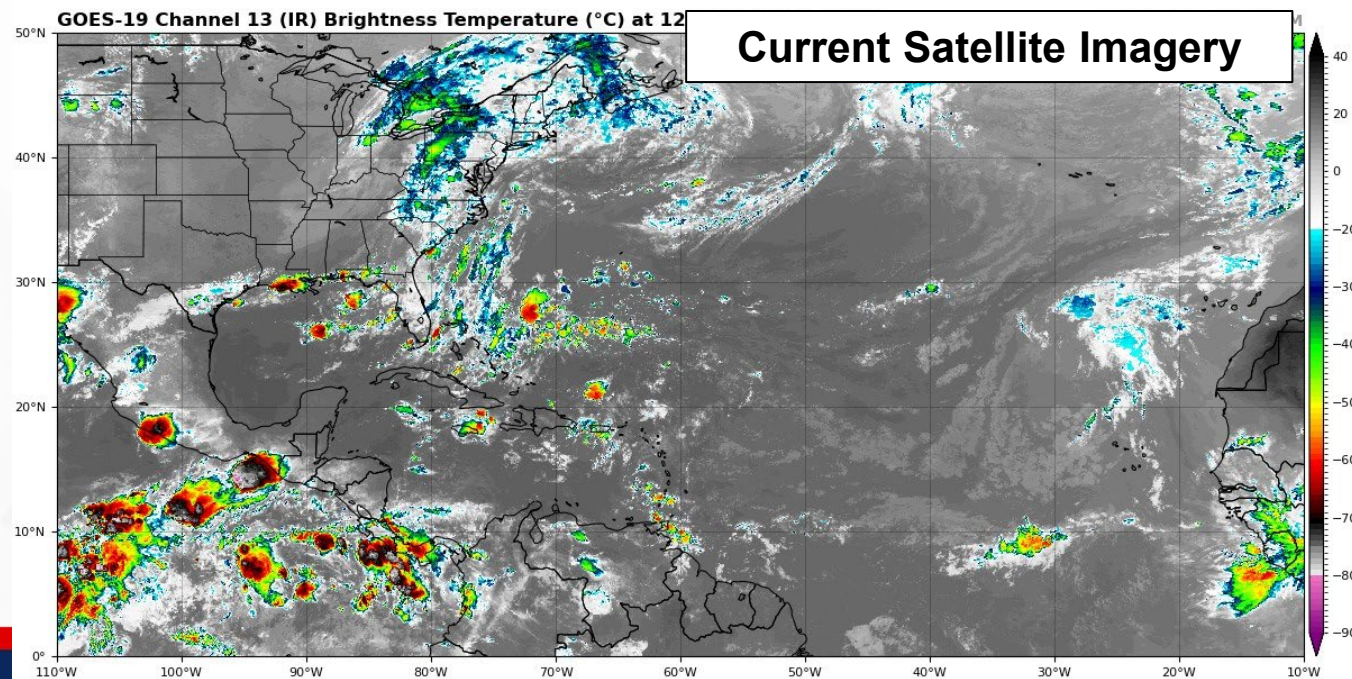
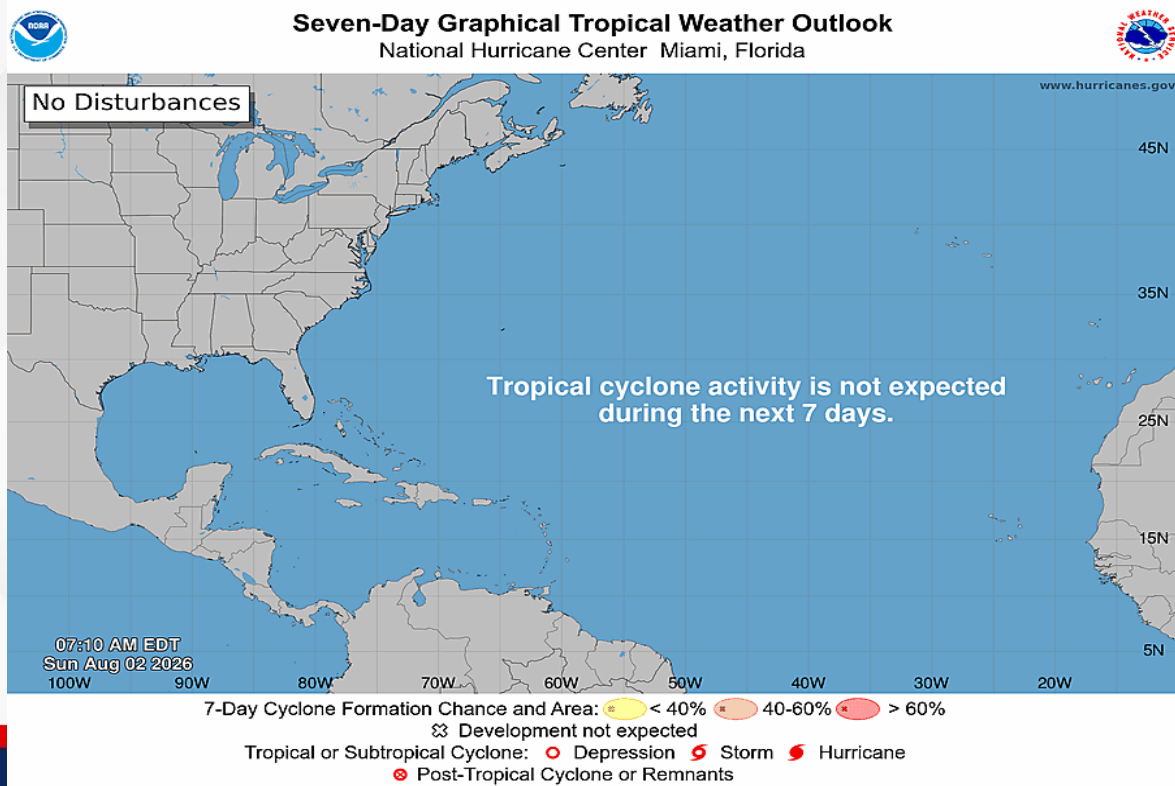




Tropical Weather

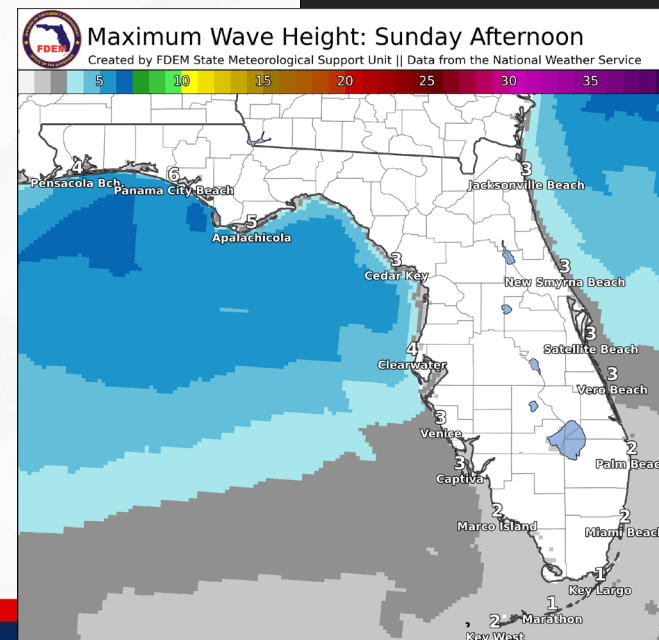
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

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





Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.89 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.88 feet below normal for this time of year.



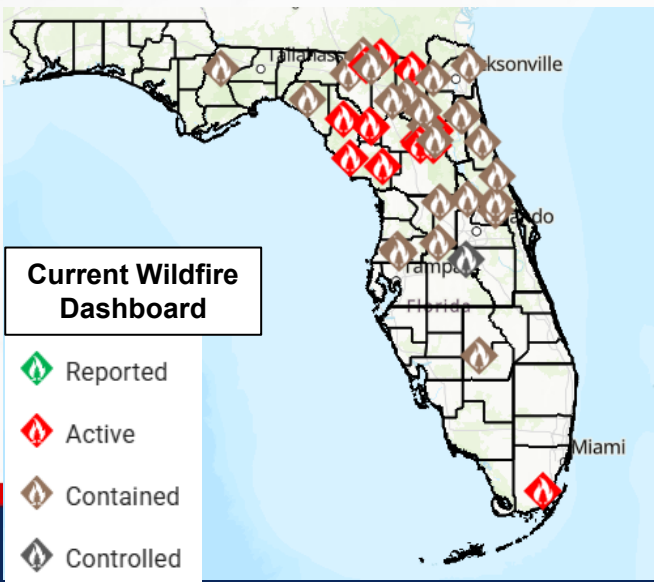
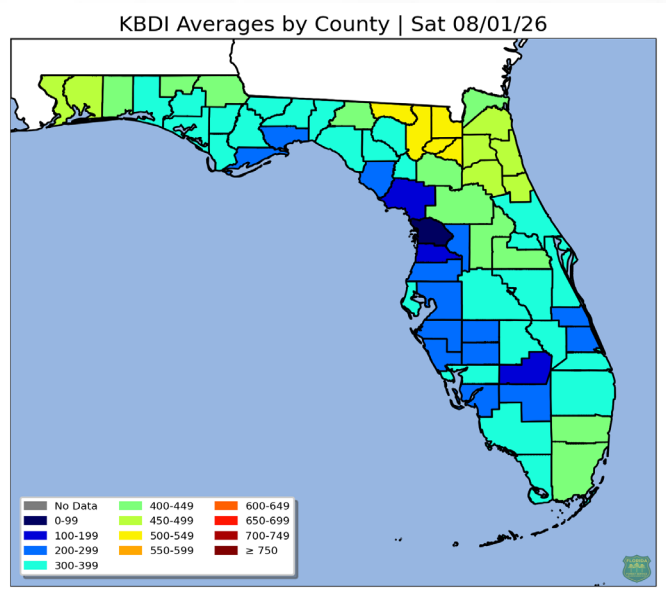
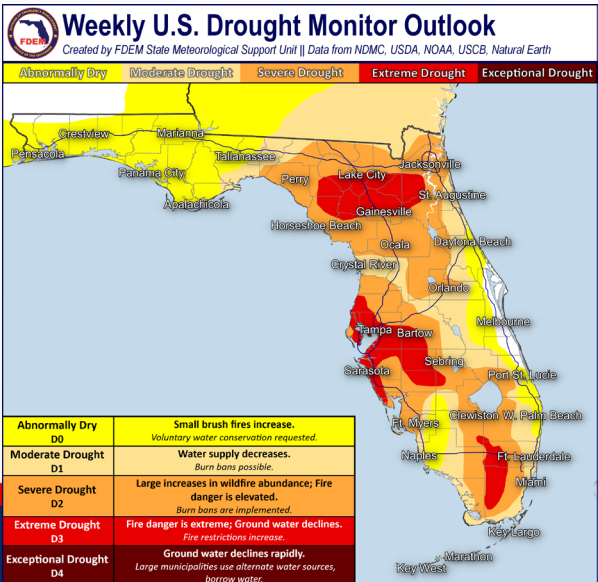


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and heavy rainfall expected for many across North Florida. Still, thunderstorm activity across the Peninsula today will 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 39 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 3,716 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.

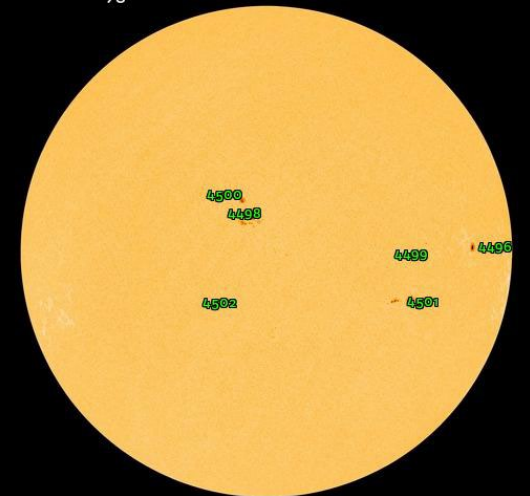
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **360 (-3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **5 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



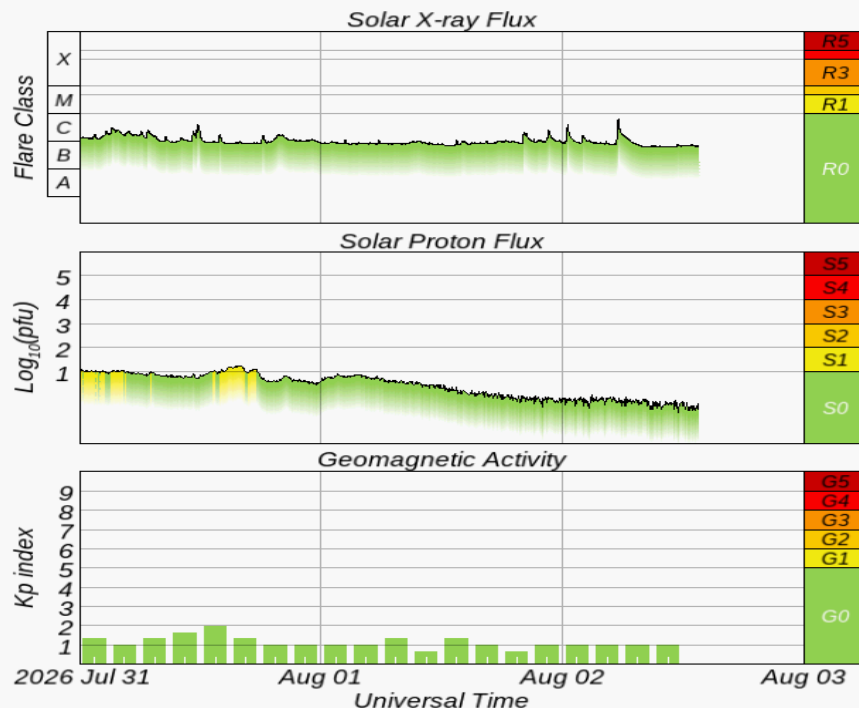
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Current Sunspots



- Flare
- Limb
- Quiet Sun
- Coronal Hole
- Prominence
- Filament
- Bright Region
- Outer Space
- Unlabeled

GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-08-02 13:32:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/2	8/3
Max Kp= 6 (G2)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 15%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 5%

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 through the morning before enhancements arrive later in the day courtesy of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on Thursday. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic field conditions will prevail early today before G1-G2 (minor to moderate) storming conditions arrive later in the day 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
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
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