



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, August 5, 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	Gadsden	EVOC Instruction / UAS Coordination Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Marion	Logistics Support (Trailer Movement)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	SAR Flood Intelligence Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Leon, Seminole	EVOC Instruction / Return to Region 5
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Broward	Travel to Region 10
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	County EM Introductory Meeting / R6 & R7 Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade, Orange	Travel to Region 5 (POD Course Workshop)

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

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	Marion	Trailer Movement
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	First Aid/CPR/AED and CEVO Training
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	St. Johns	EM Partners Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leon	Instructing 608 & 609
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hernando	ESF 11 Workshop
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	Leon	First Aid/CPR/AED and CEVO Training

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

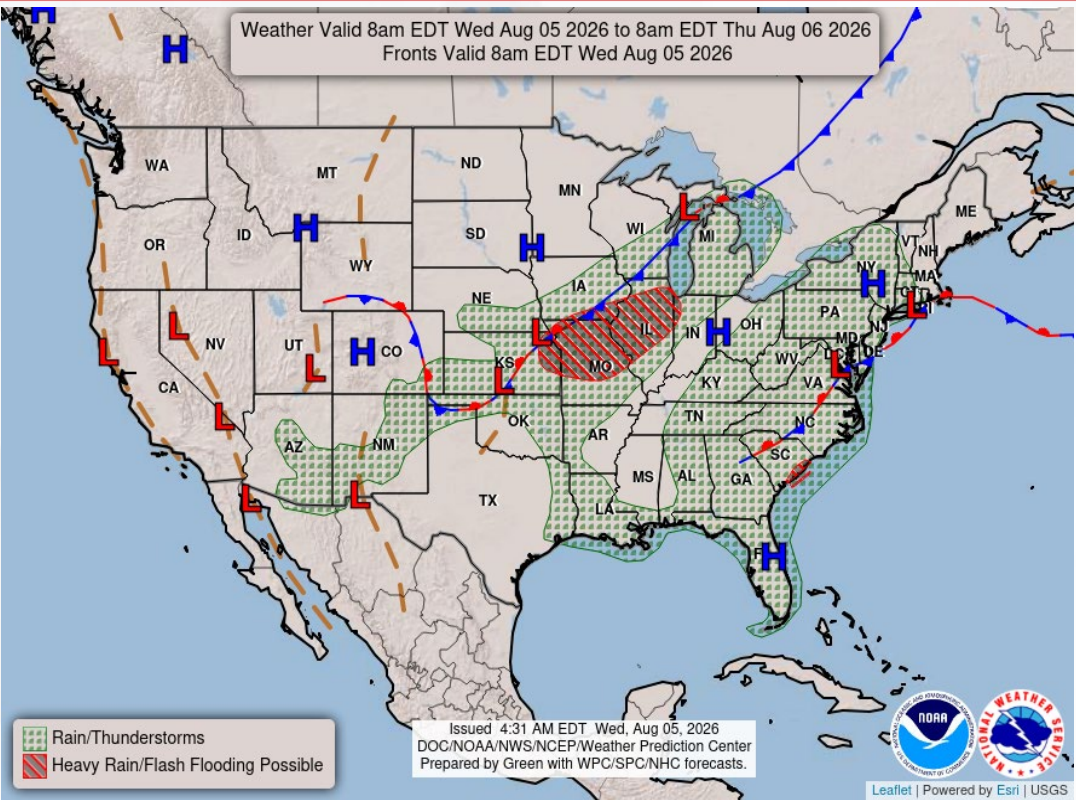
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5, 10

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

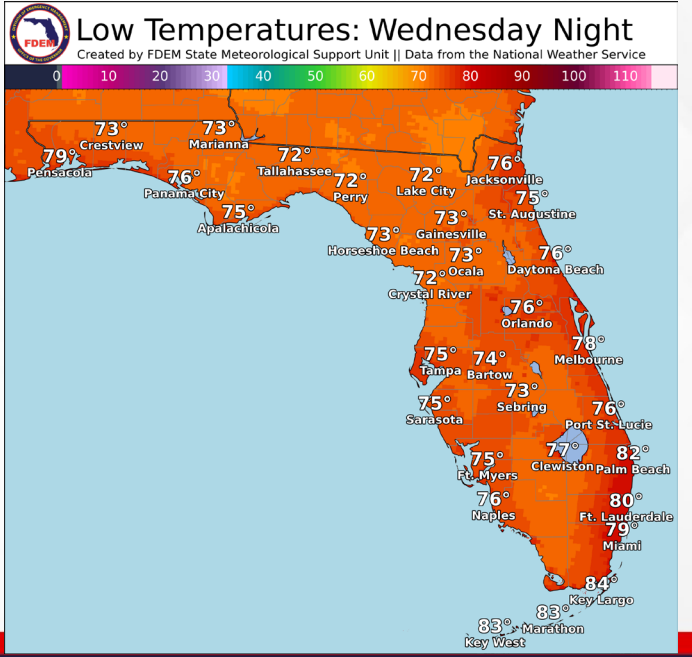
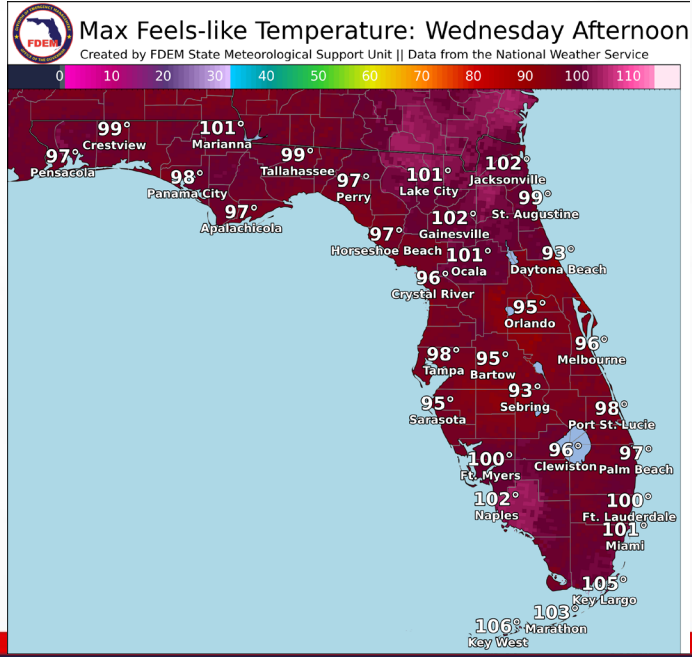


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding						L	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat			L	L					L	L
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	L							
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.89 ft. (2.92 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	286 (-1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





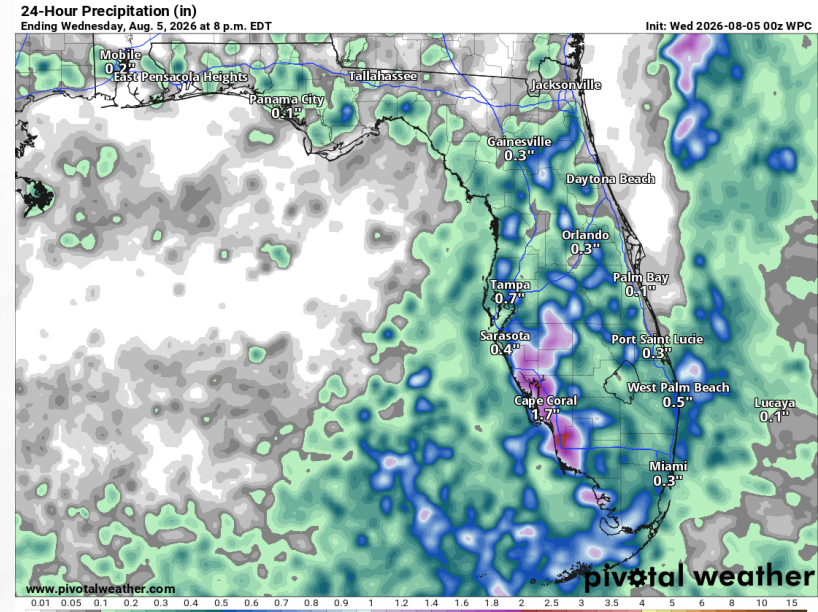
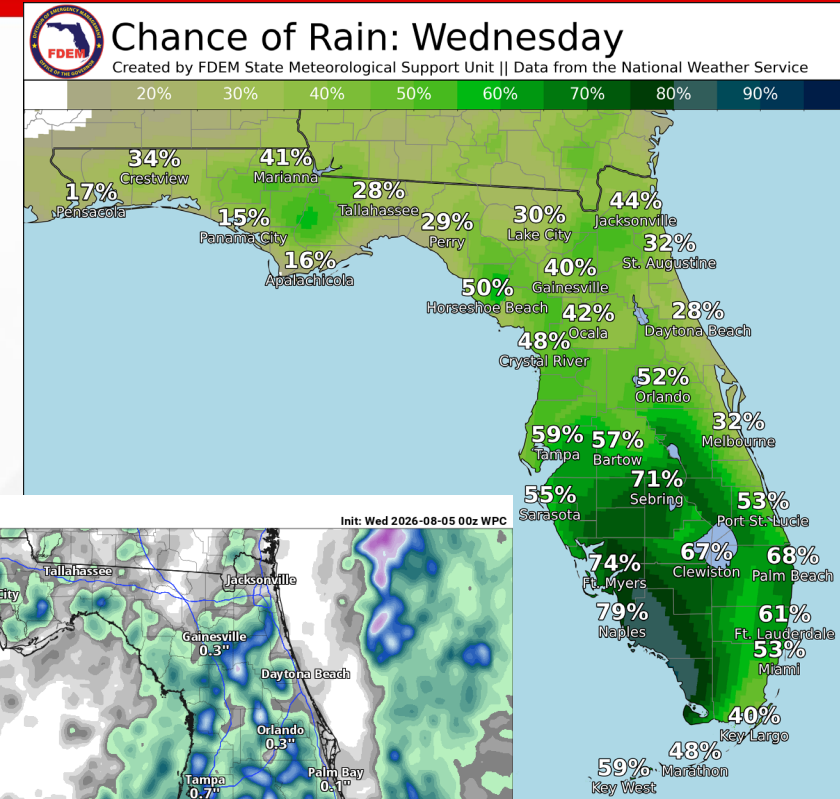
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will continue to build across the Sunshine State today, bringing another typical summertime day with afternoon showers and storms driven by the sea breezes. Ample tropical moisture will remain pooled across Central and South Florida today where coverage of storms will be scattered to numerous in nature (50-80% chance of rain). Predominate south to southeasterly flow will focus most activity across the central and western portions of the Peninsula by later this afternoon, first initiating around 12-2 PM near the East Coast or across the interior and then spreading westward and increasing in coverage throughout the day. Across North Florida, drier air will continue to linger in the atmosphere keeping shower and storm activity more isolated to widely scattered in nature as they develop along the Gulf sea breeze this afternoon (30-50% chance of rain). Any thunderstorm across the state will be capable of producing **lightning**, **gusty winds (40-55 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**. Rainfall rates in the heaviest storms could reach **upwards of 2-3" per hour**, which could lead to **localized flooding and ponding of water** in urban and poor drainage locations.

Highs will remain seasonable today, reaching the upper 80s to lower 90s for most locations. Feels-like temperatures are expected to peak in the **middle 90s** to **lower 100s** across much of the state, remaining below Heat Advisory criteria.

Tonight, showers and storms will generally dissipate or push offshore before midnight. Southeasterly flow will encourage a few coastal showers to linger overnight across Southeast Florida and the Big Bend (25-40% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the 70s for much of the state, with lower 80s in Southeast Florida and the Keys. Areas of **patchy fog** may develop towards daybreak Thursday across portions of the Panhandle and Big Bend.

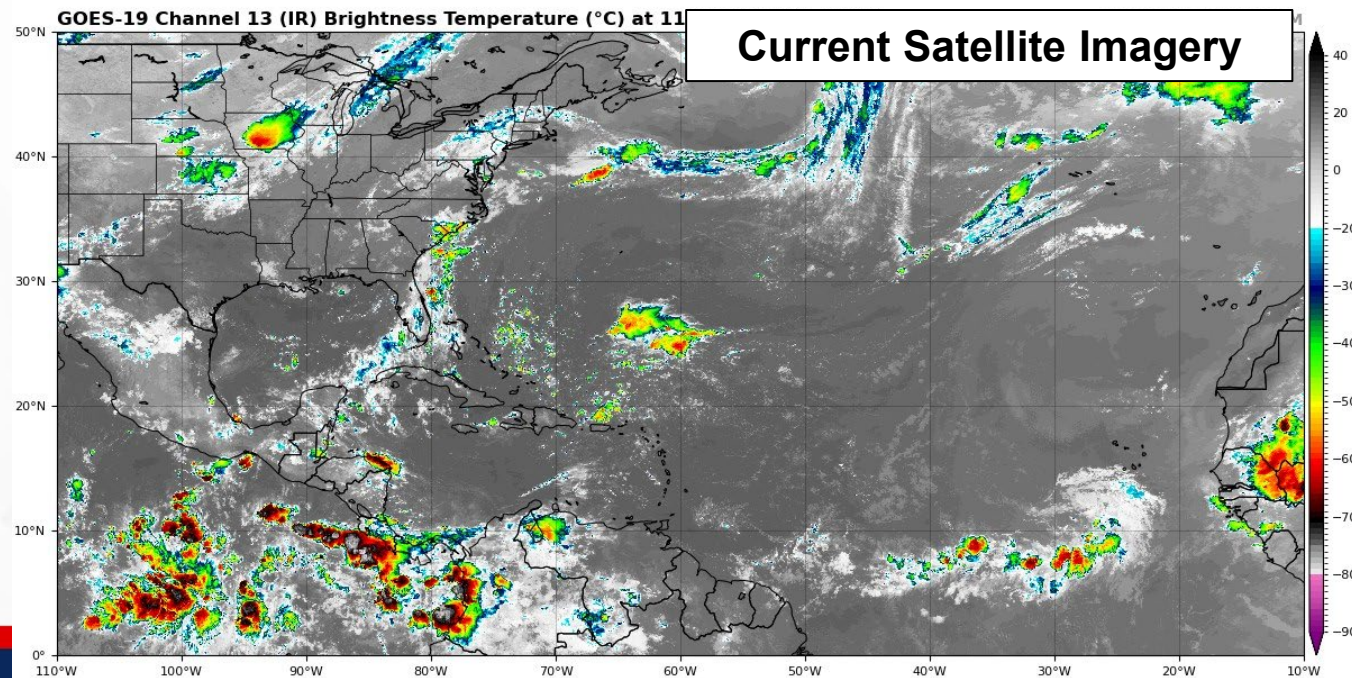
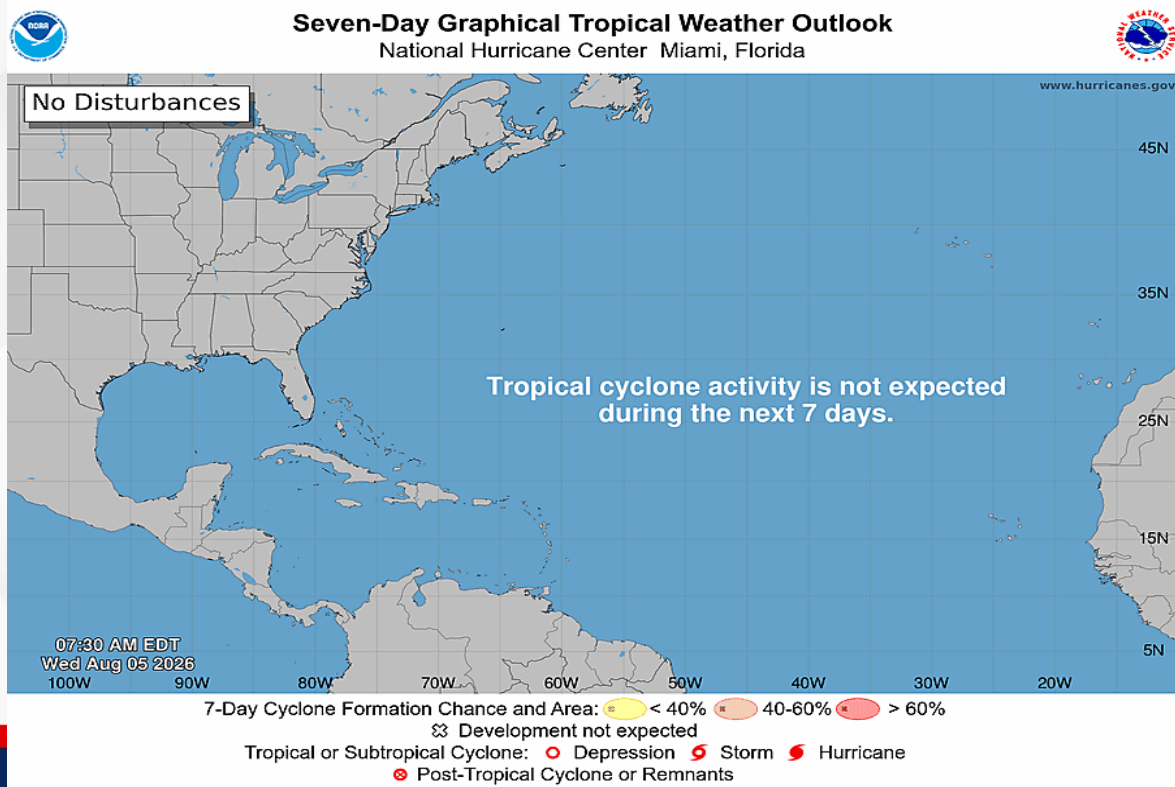




Tropical Weather

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 expected for Eastern Panhandle, Forgotten Coast, and all East Coast beaches today. A low risk is outlooked for the western Panhandle and West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will return to near 1-3' for all statewide beaches today.

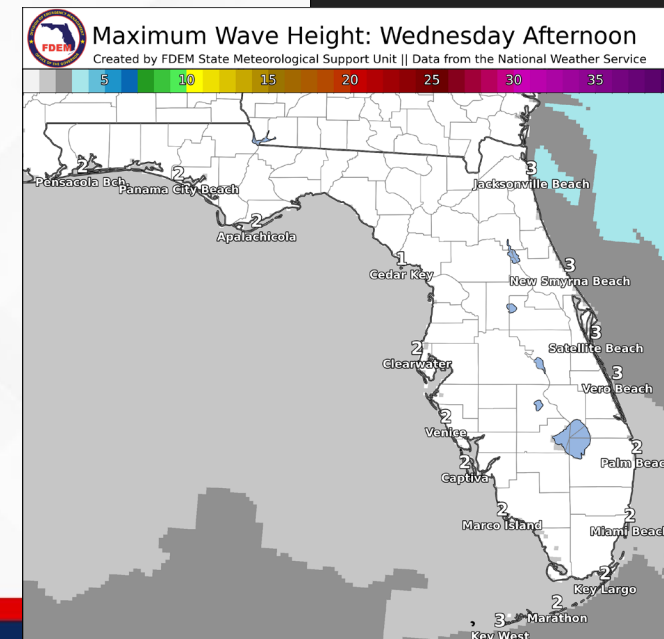
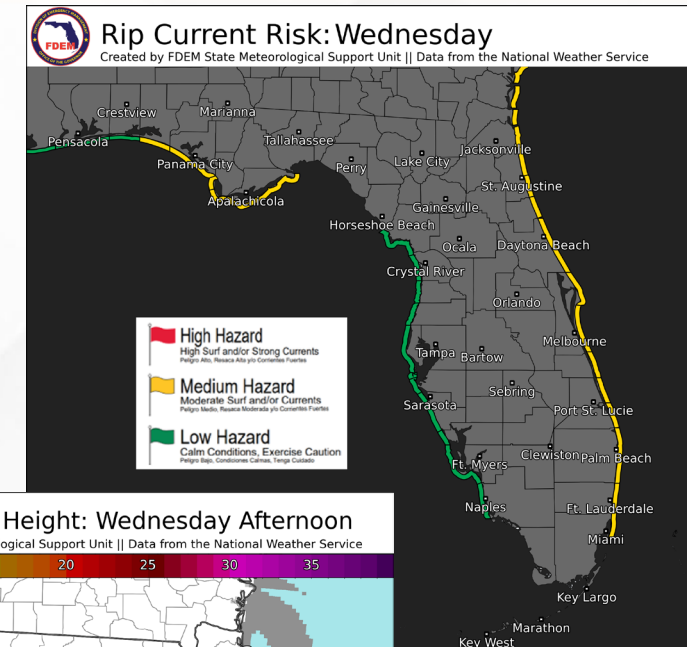
Red Tide: was observed at low concentrations from Nassau County and background to very low concentrations from Duval and Charlotte counties (valid 7/31/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no coastal flooding concerns across Florida.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Scattered to widespread showers and storms across Central and South Florida may contain **torrential downpours** capable of producing a quick **2-3" of rainfall** in short time. Areas of **flooding and ponding of water** may result, especially in urban areas that receive these slow-moving heavy downpours. Saturated soils across North Florida from recent days of heavy rain have also brought lower flash flood thresholds. Localized **flooding and ponding of water** cannot be ruled out in areas that receive any scattered thunderstorms this afternoon. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The [Bear Creek at US 231](#), [St. Marks River at Leckinger](#), and [Fenholloway River at Foley](#) are all in Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning in response to the recent days of heavy rainfall, though are all slowly diminishing back towards nominal levels. No other riverine concerns exist across the state. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 10.89 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.92 feet below normal for this time of year.



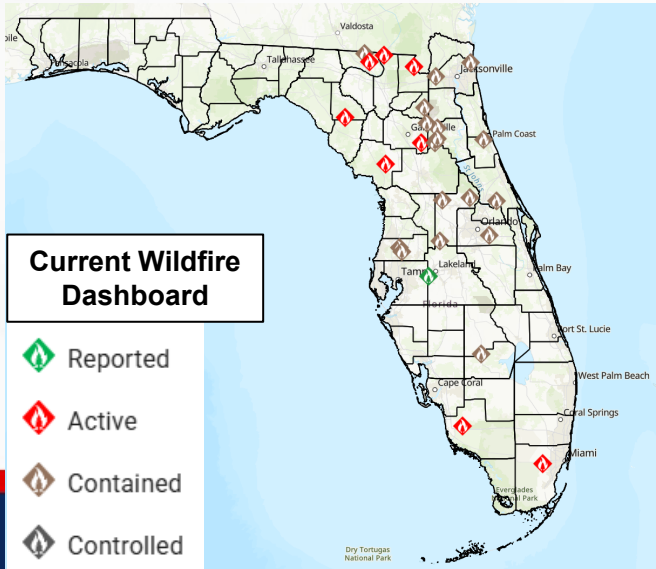
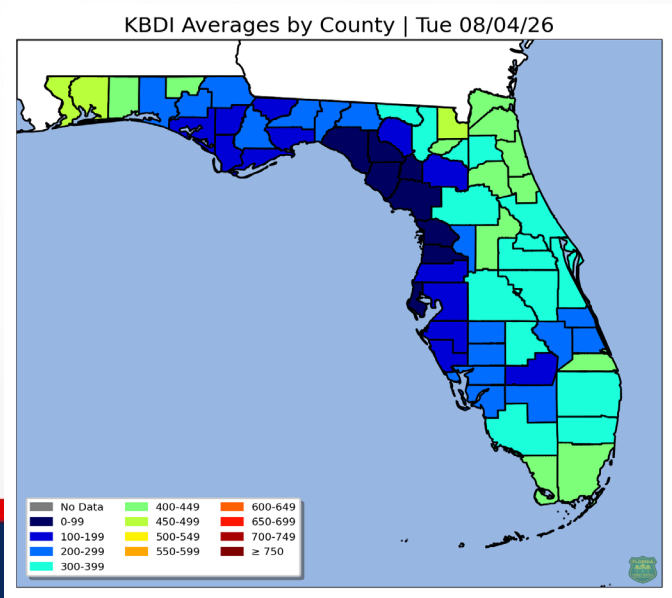
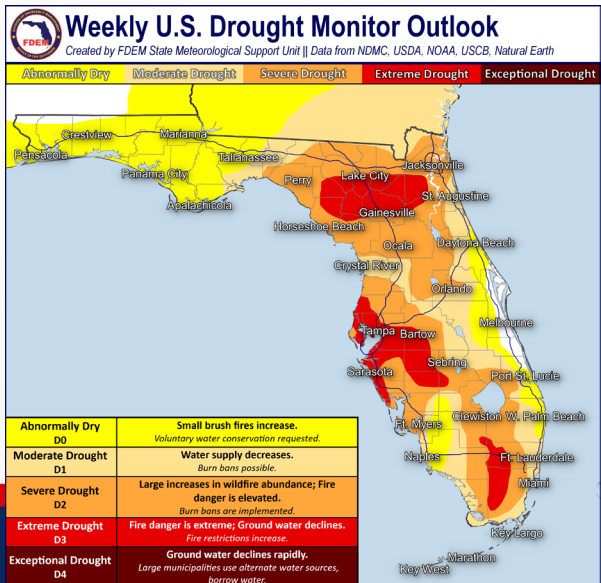


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Scattered to numerous shower and thunderstorm activity is expected throughout Central and South Florida today, with isolated to widely scattered activity across North Florida. Any thunderstorm activity across the state today may 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 20 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 3,268 acres.

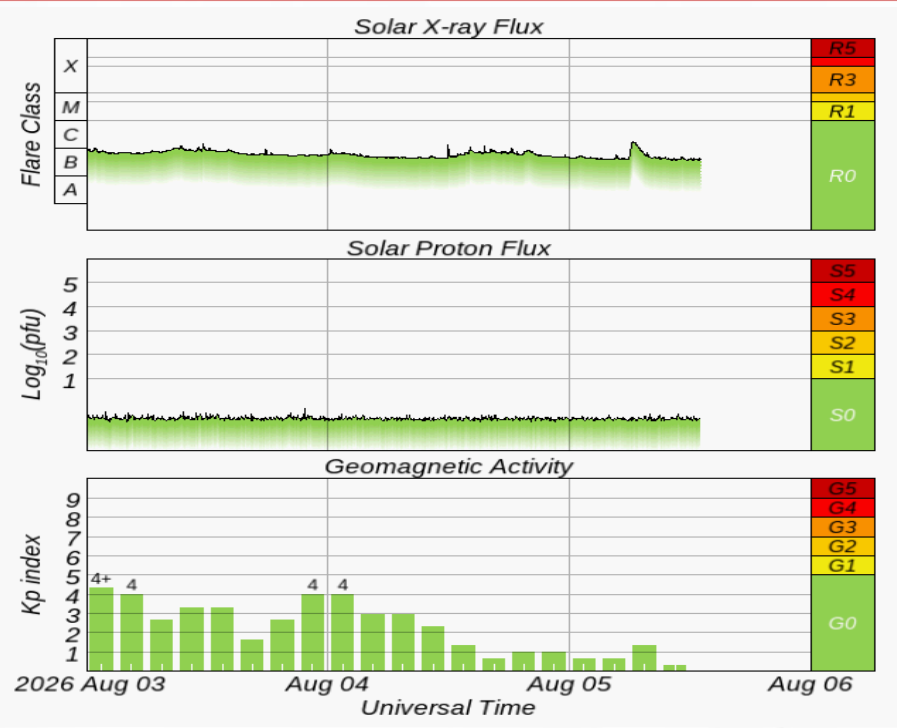
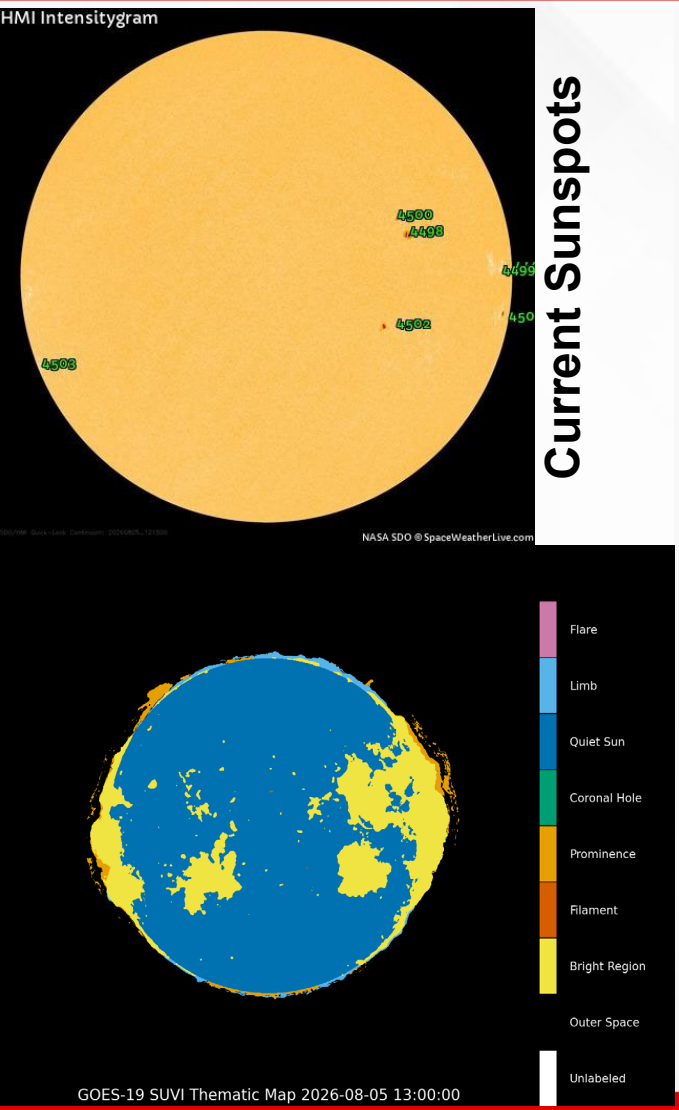
Drought (7/28/26): Some minor drought improvements have been noted across portions of the Big Bend this week, with areas of moderate to severe drought in Leon, Wakulla, and Franklin counties reduced one category to abnormally dry (*receding drought*) or **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. This area 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 **286 (-1)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

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

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for M-class flares primarily driven by sunspot regions 4498, 4499, and 4502. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions are expected to continue trending downward towards nominal background conditions through Friday before another Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on Monday arrives on Saturday. Geomagnetic conditions are expected to remain quiet until Saturday with active conditions then returning due to the CME effects. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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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