



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, August 6, 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	County EM Meeting / NWS Meeting / FHA Roundtable Mtg / RC Mtg
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	County EM Meeting / FHA Roundtable Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	FHA Roundtable Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	CPR/First Aid & CEVO/EVOC Course Admind / RC Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Broward	County Functional Exercise
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	DeSoto	PER-294 Course
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Orange	CERT Conference POD Workshop Instruction

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

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	Leon	ESF17/County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Union	Travel Back to Region 3
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Admin Duties
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	F-ROC Training
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hillsborough	LLMS Meeting/ Covering for Reg 6 Response
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	Miami-Dade	Travel to Region 10

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

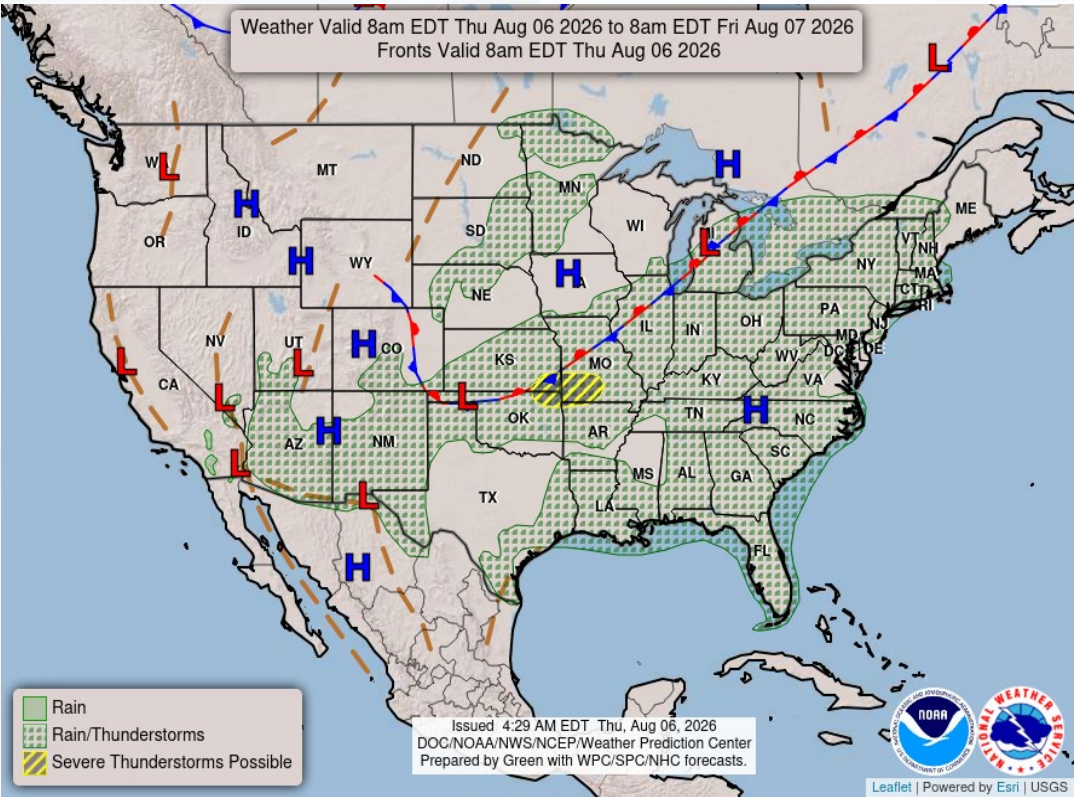
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Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

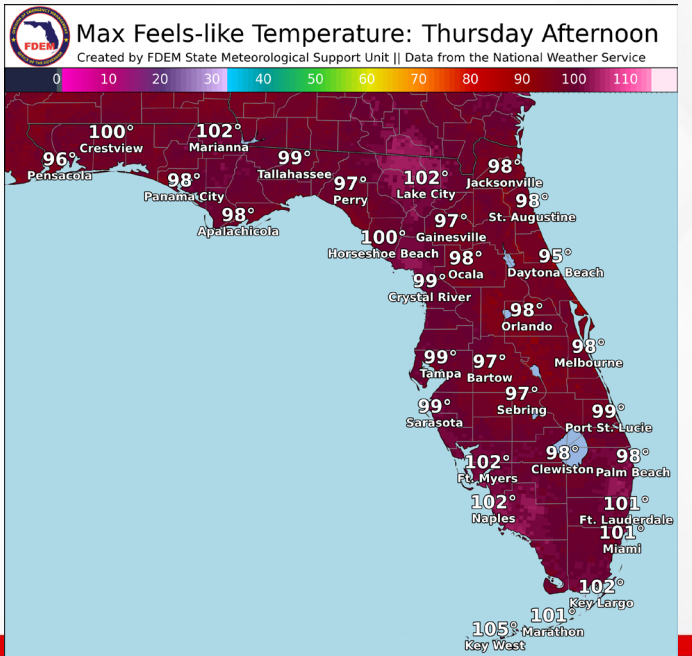
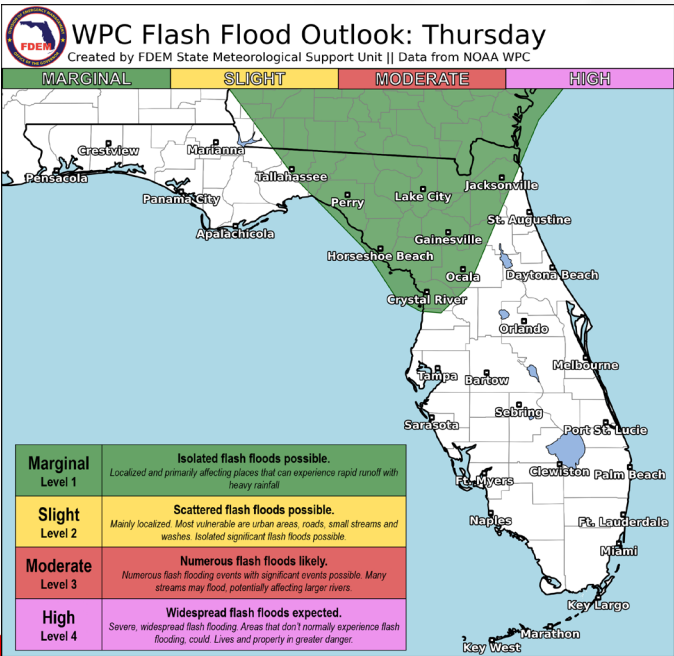


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding		L	L	L	L	L				
Extreme Heat									L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		H	L	H
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)									





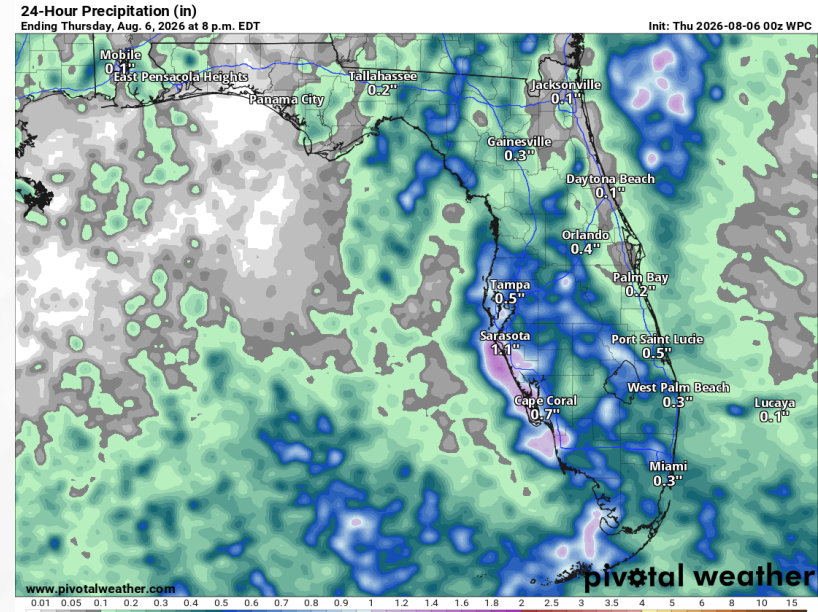
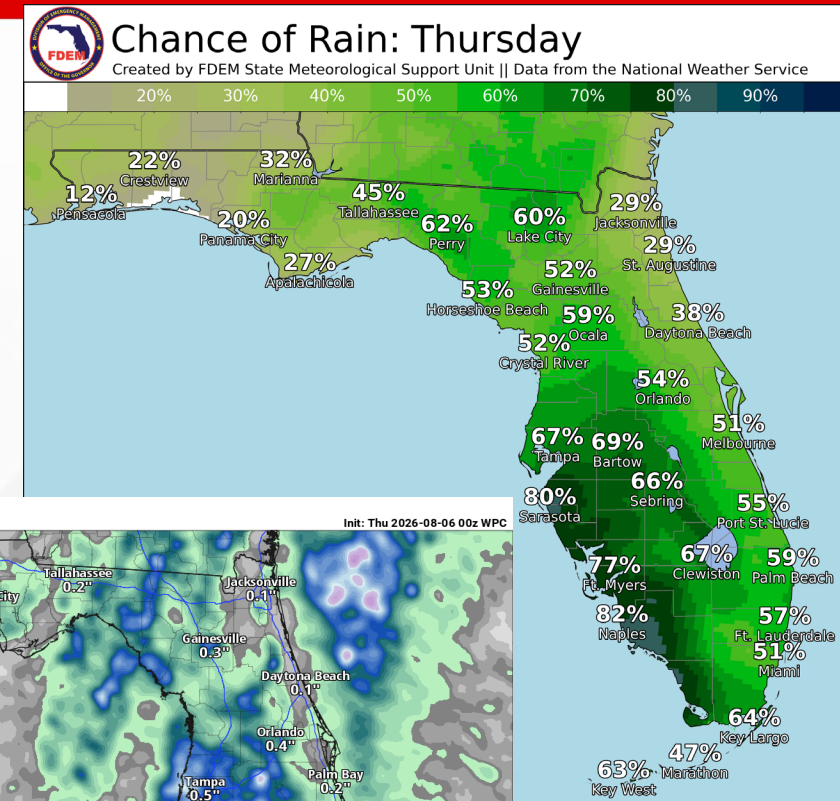
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will continue to build but begin to lift northward towards the Mid-Atlantic states today, putting much of Florida under predominate east to southeasterly flow and encouraging another rinse and repeat summertime day. Afternoon shower and thunderstorm activity will be driven by daytime heating and the sea breezes - mainly the East Coast sea breeze as it advances inland later this morning and afternoon. Activity will begin to develop around 11 AM -1 PM near the eastern Peninsula (30-60% chance of rain), eventually spreading westward and increasing in coverage towards the central and western Peninsula during the afternoon hours (60-80% chance of rain). Moisture will also begin to increase for the Big Bend today where scattered showers and storms are expected along the Gulf sea breeze (40-60% chance of rain), with only isolated activity further west across the Peninsula (20-35% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across Northeast Florida today, centered over the I-75 corridor, where slow-moving thunderstorms may be capable of producing a **quick 2-3" of rain**, leading to areas of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Any thunderstorm activity across the state today may become **locally strong to severe** and contain **frequent lightning**, **gusty winds (30-55 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**.

High temperatures will reach the upper 80s to **middle 90s** today. However, feels-like temperatures will still remain below Heat Advisory criteria, only climbing into the **upper 90s** to **middle 100s**.

Tonight, shower and thunderstorm activity will largely begin to dissipate or push offshore before midnight. A few coastal showers or storms may linger near Southeast Florida and the Big Bend overnight as onshore winds persist. Lows will fall into the 70s for much of the state, with lower 80s in Southeast Florida and the Keys.

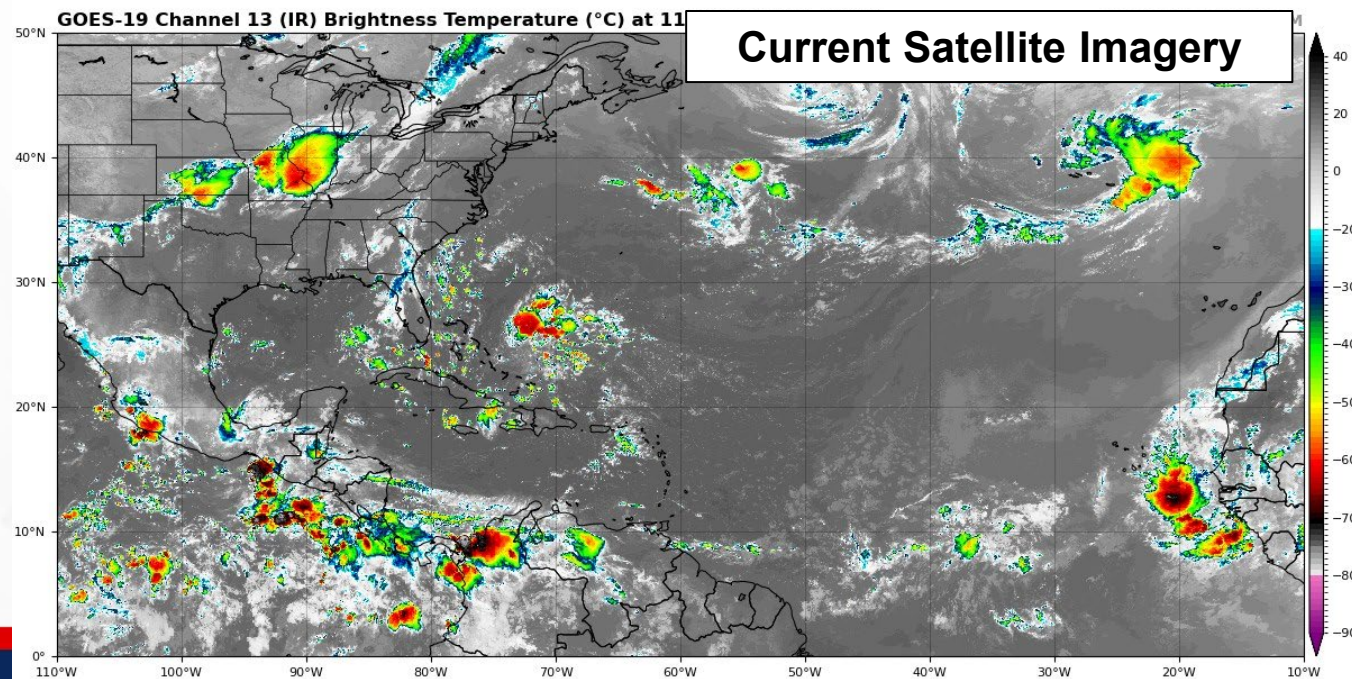
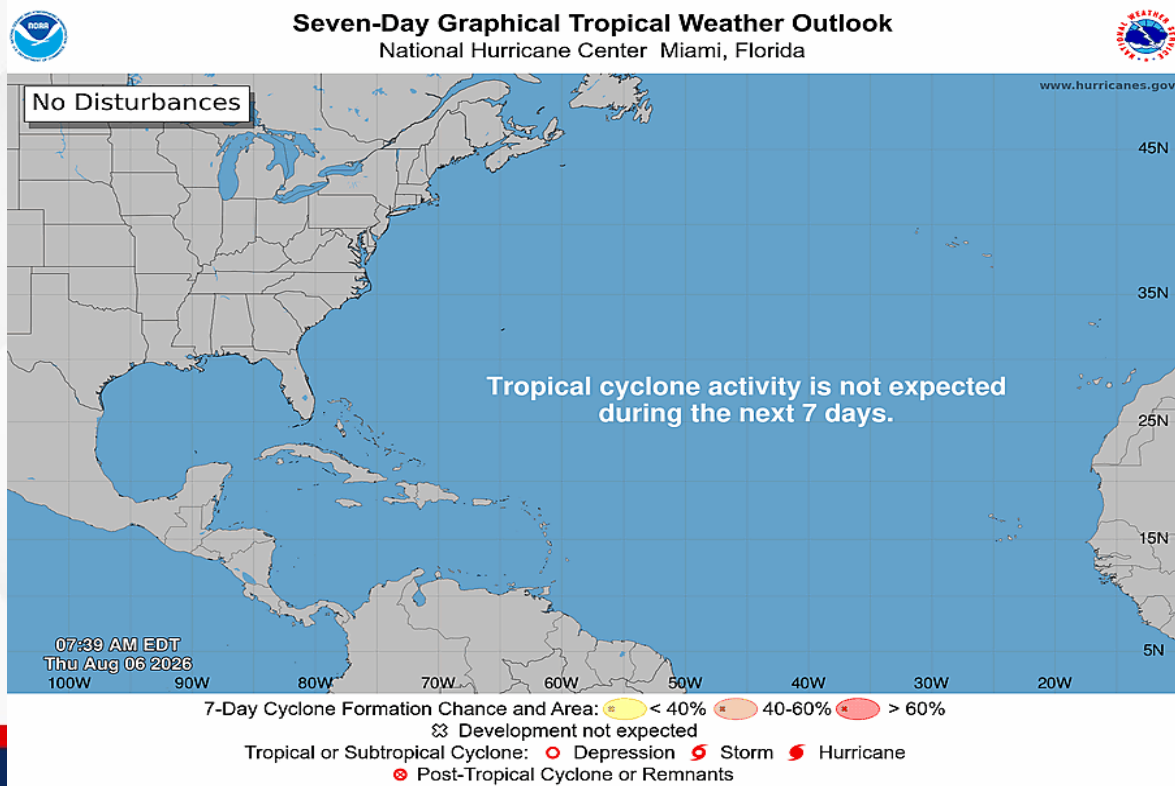




Tropical Weather

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 **high risk** is outlooked for Southeast Florida beaches as onshore winds increase. A low risk persists for the western Panhandle and West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will remain near 1-3' for all statewide beaches this afternoon, increasing later today and overnight along the East Coast to **3-5'**.

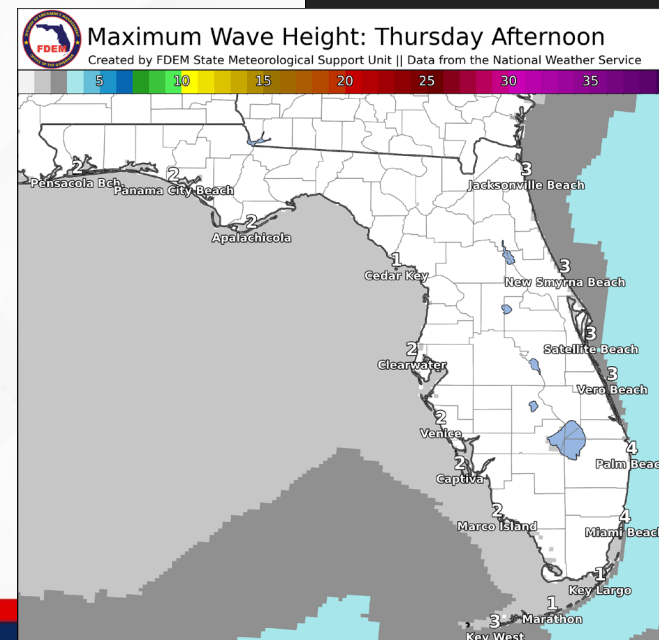
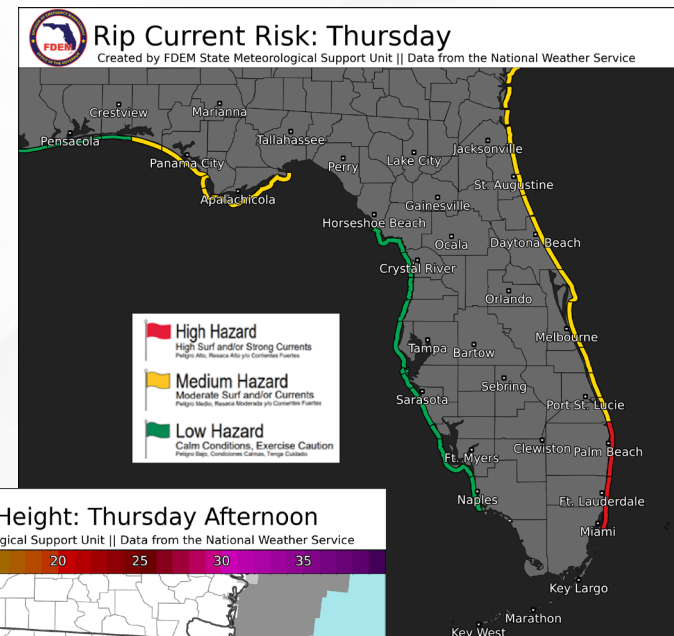
Red Tide: was observed at low concentrations from Nassau County and background to very low concentrations from Duval and Charlotte counties (valid 7/31/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked for Northeast Florida and the eastern Big Bend today where slow-moving thunderstorms this afternoon may contain rainfall rates **upwards of 2-3" per hour**. Areas of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water** may occur in areas that receive multiple rounds of these heavy downpours. Additional heavy rain is expected throughout the Peninsula today with sea breeze thunderstorm activity. Rainfall totals near **1-2"** is expected for areas that do receive rainfall, though locally higher amounts **upwards of 3-5"** cannot be ruled out. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The [Fenholloway River at Foley](#) remains in Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning in response to the recent days of heavy rainfall, though is 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 10.93 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.90 feet below normal for this time of year.



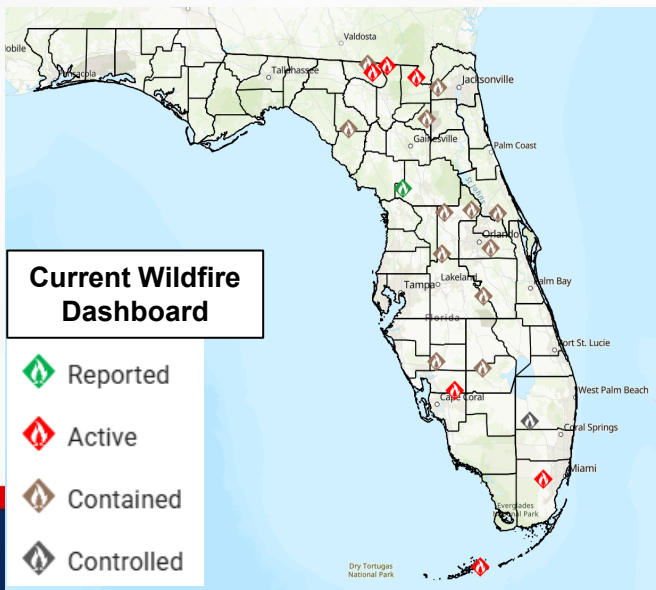
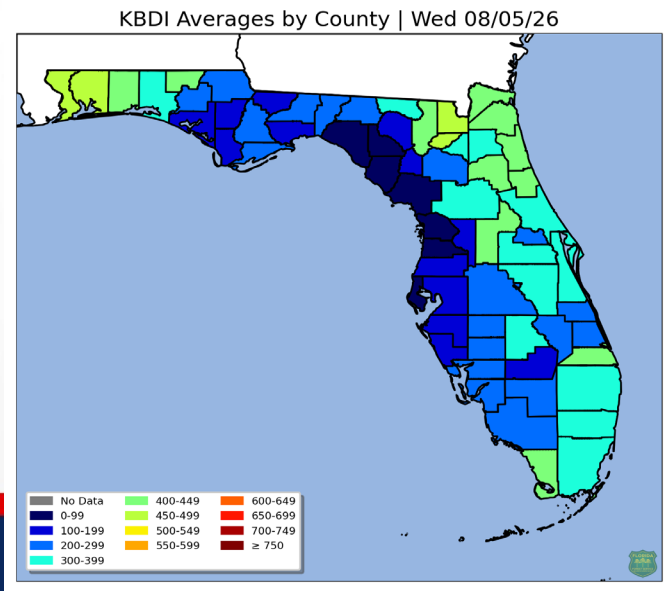
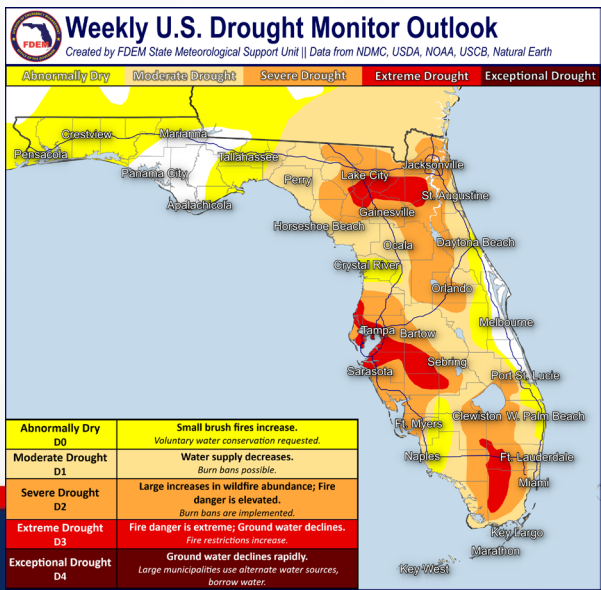


Drought & Fire Weather

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 3,229 acres.

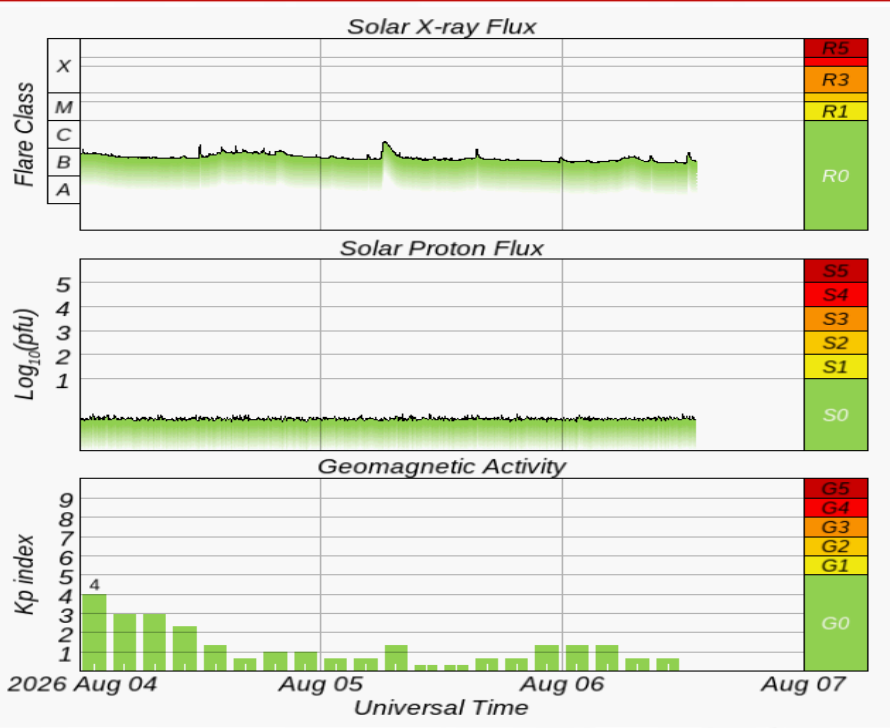
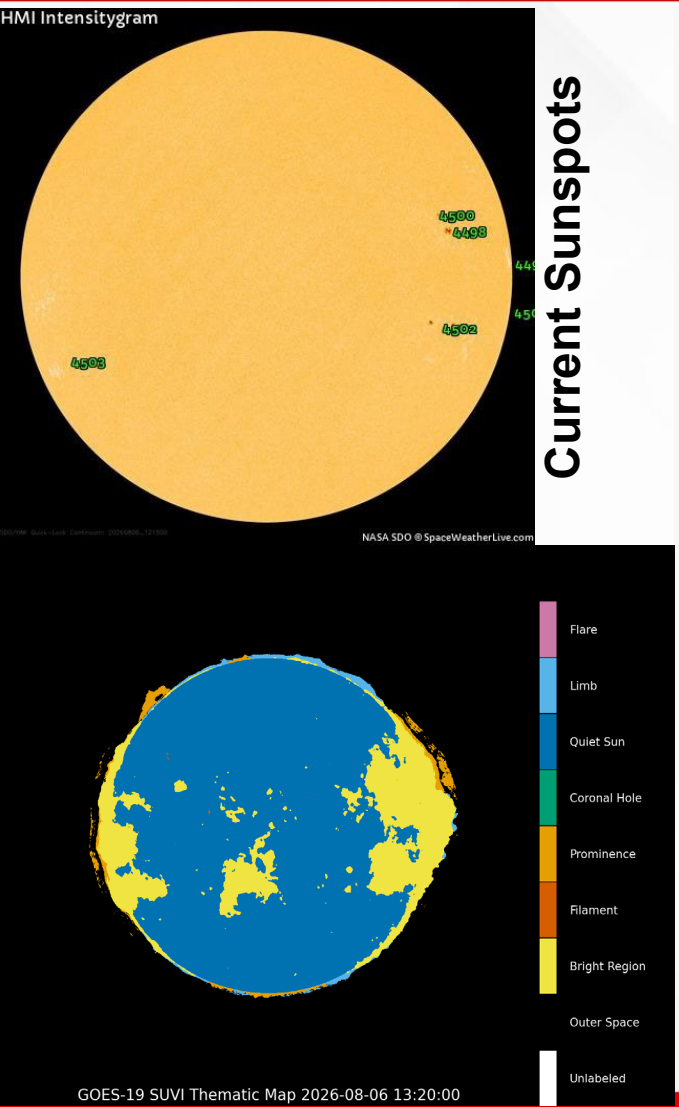
Drought (8/4/26): Notable categorical drought improvements were observed for many across the state this week as a slow-moving frontal boundary interacted with richly moist air to promote widespread heavy rainfall over the weekend. Widespread categorical improvements were observed within the Big Bend, with nearly all counties seeing a decrease of one categorical drought level. Large areas of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** within North-Central Florida was reduced to a **moderate to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** - particularly along the western edge of its area. The area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along the West Coast was trimmed down to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** in areas of Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk, and Sarasota counties. Localized areas of Nassau, Okeechobee, Highlands, and Glades counties saw a reduction from **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Drought designation was removed entirely for areas along the Apalachicola River basin. D0 (*abnormally dry*) remains in place for the rest of the Florida Panhandle. The **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was increased to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** within localized areas of Orange and Osceola counties. Little-to-no categorical drought changes were made elsewhere within the Eastern and Southern Peninsula where a more seasonable distribution of rainfall occurred over the past 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. 9% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, a ~5% reduction from last week. 10% of the state is now under no drought designation, a ~6.5% increase from last week. Looking ahead, a typical summertime pattern is expected through the next week with daily sea breeze showers and thunderstorms across the state. Activity will focus mainly across interior and western portions of the Peninsula, which should help bringing additional drought relief to the remaining areas of **severe** to **extreme drought**.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **281 (-5)** 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: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B9 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/6	8/7
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a decreasing chance for M-class flares as sunspot regions 4498, 4499, and 4502 begin to rotate off the western limb of the Sun. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions are expected to continue at background conditions today before a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) arrives on Friday, bringing enhancements. Geomagnetic conditions are expected to remain quiet into Friday before active conditions return with the arrival of the CME. 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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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