



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, August 7, 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	Okaloosa	County EM Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange, Seminole	UCF TTX / CFCC Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas, Citrus	ESF-8 Meeting / Training & Exercise Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	Okeechobee	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

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	Jefferson	LMS Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Union	Training courses/ On Call Response R3
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Flagler	EM Partners Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Volusia	F-ROC Training
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Administrative/Professional Development
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	Admin Day

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

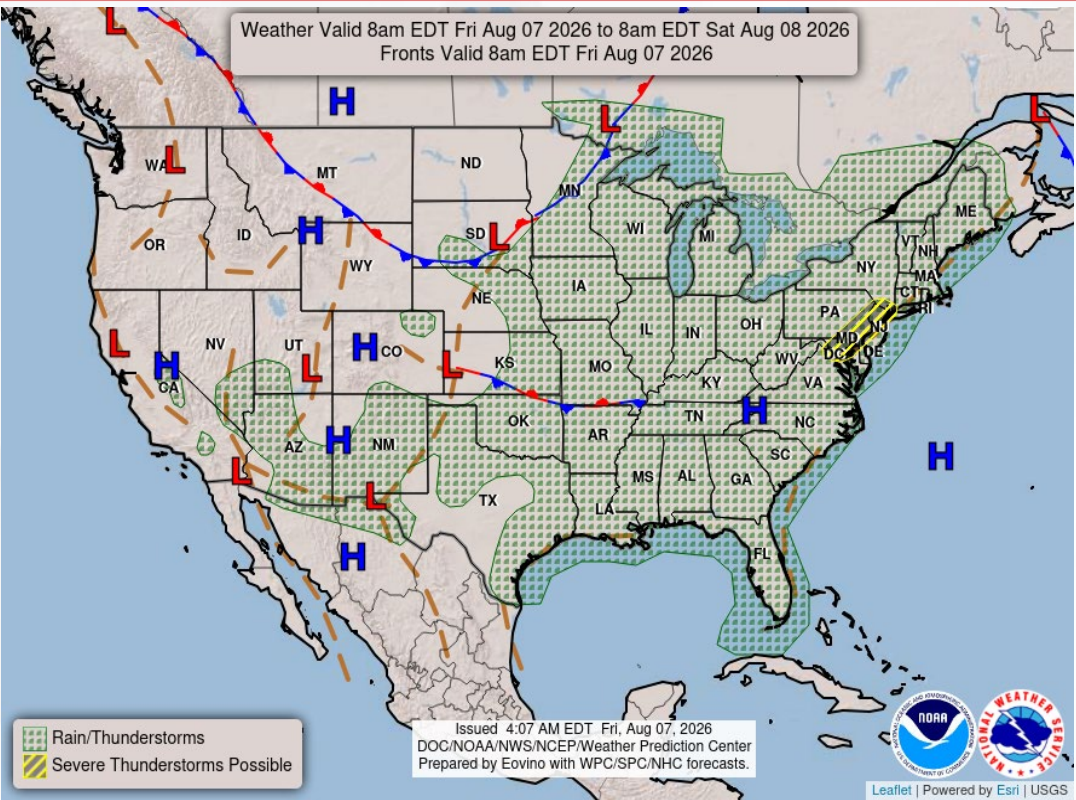
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5, 10

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

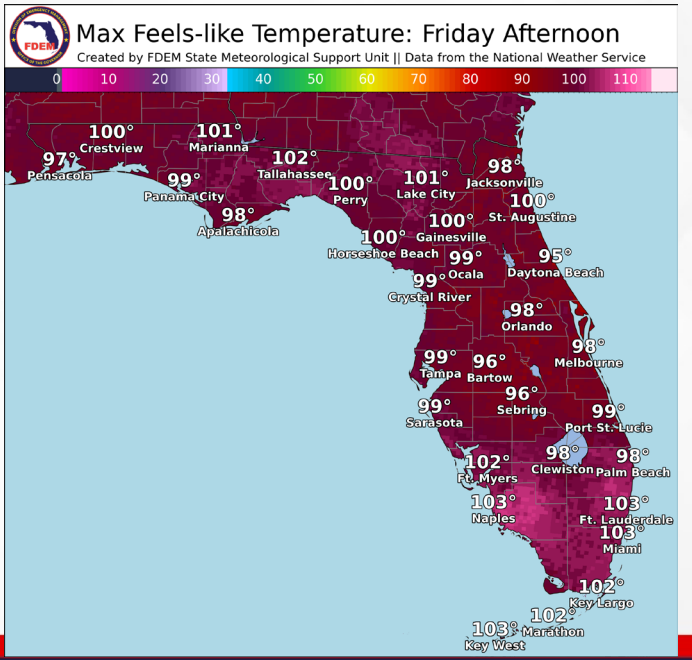
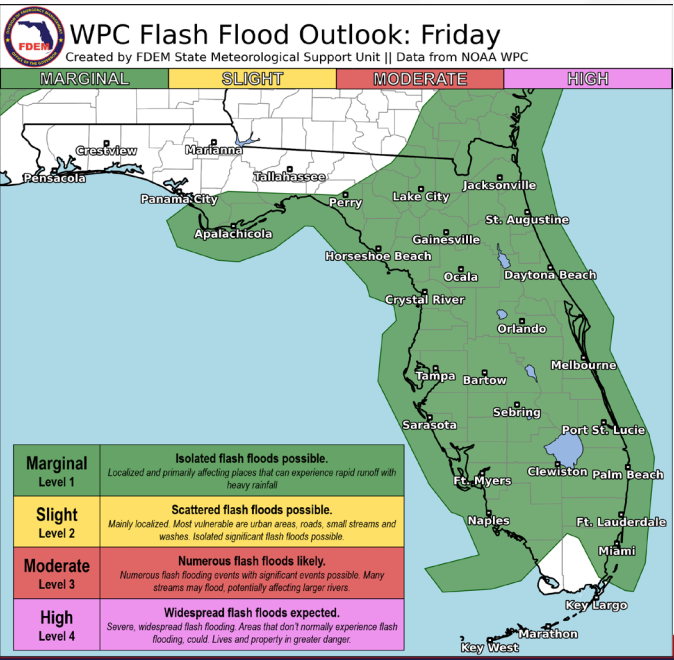


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T hreat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	M	M	M	M	H	M	H	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat									L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.98 ft. (2.86 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	277 (-4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





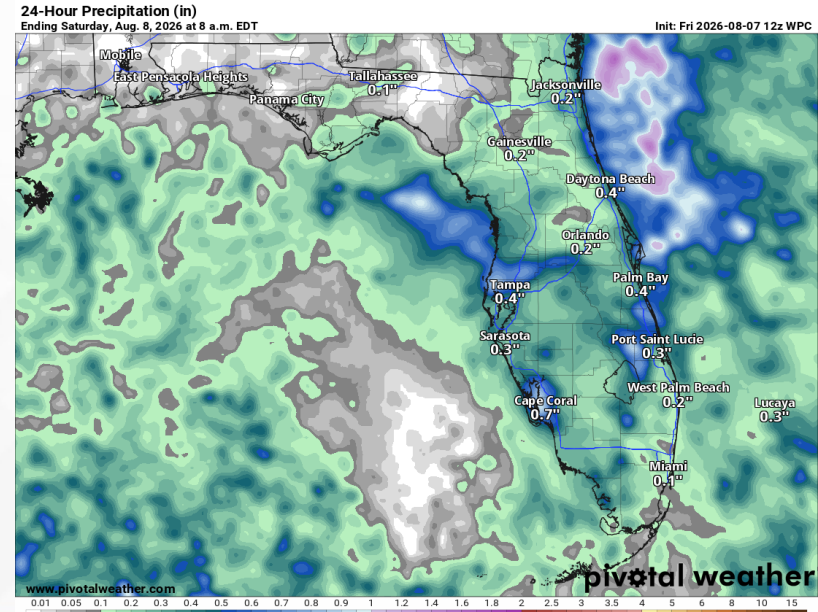
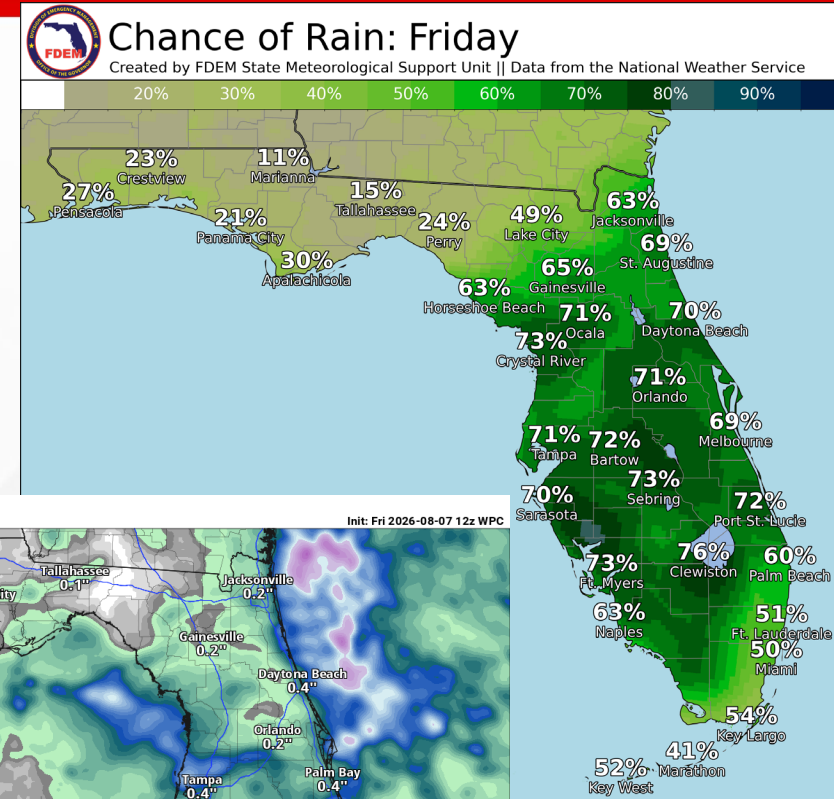
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Area of high pressure over the western Atlantic continues to extend into the eastern seaboard today with Florida remaining on the southern periphery of this circulation, encouraging easterly flow. Additionally, a mid to upper-level disturbance currently north of the Bahamas will traverse around this area of high pressure and track across the Peninsula today. These features will bring enhanced rainfall chances to much of the Peninsula today with a predominate East Coast sea breeze developing and advancing inland later this morning and afternoon (60-80% chance of rain). Coastal showers along the I-95 corridor this morning will begin to advance inland by 10 AM – 12 PM, eventually increasing in coverage and spreading westward through the afternoon hours. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Peninsula today given some of these thunderstorms may contain rainfall rates **upwards of 2-4" per hour**, which could lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Rainfall totals through tonight will generally amount to 1-2" in most locations across the Peninsula, with locally higher amounts **upwards of 3-4"**. Any thunderstorm may also become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **frequent lightning**, **gusty winds (30-55 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**. Drier air will limit the overall coverage of showers and storms across the Panhandle and Big Bend today where only isolated activity is expected (15-30% chance of rain).

Highs will remain seasonably hot today, reaching the upper 80s to **middle 90s**. Feels-like temperatures will remain below Heat Advisory criteria today, only climbing into the **upper 90s** to **middle 100s** across the state. Still, any prolonged exposure to the heat without adequate cooling could lead to **heat-related illnesses**.

Tonight, showers and storms will generally begin to wane and push offshore before midnight. A few coastal showers or storms will linger overnight along the East Coast and Panhandle Coast given persistent onshore flow. Lows will fall into the 70s to lower 80s across the state.

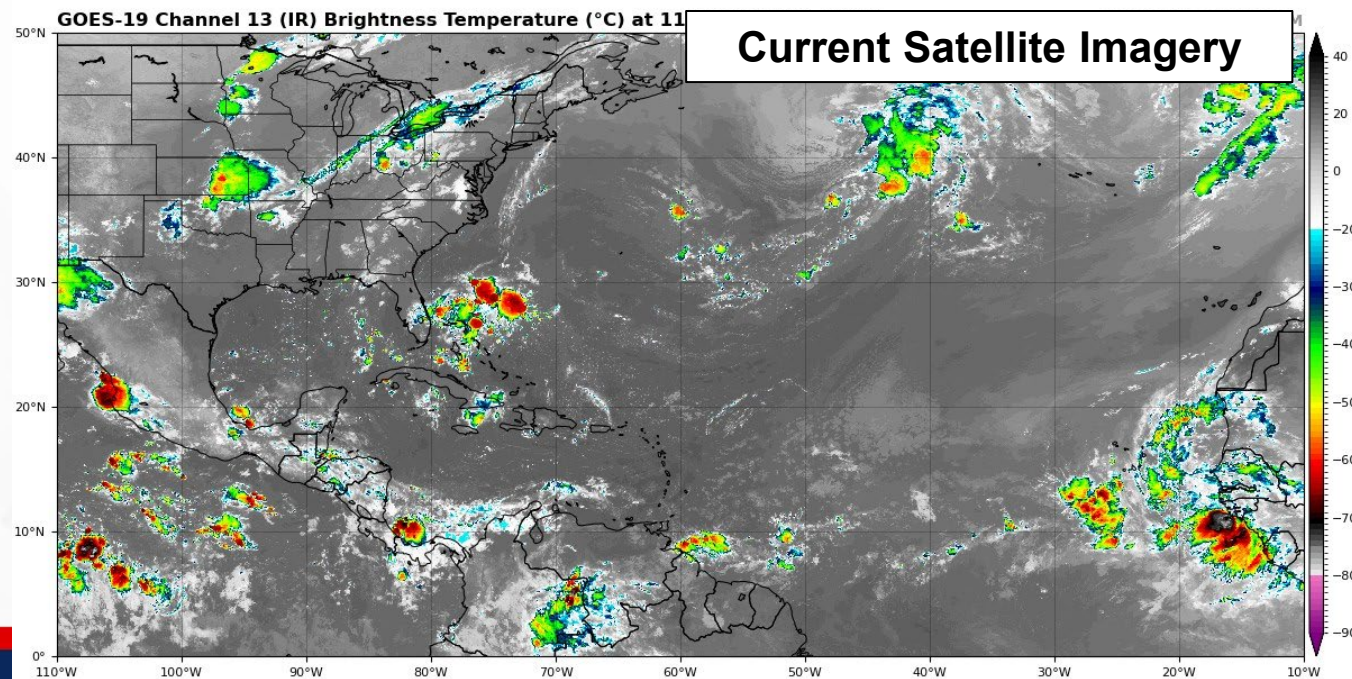
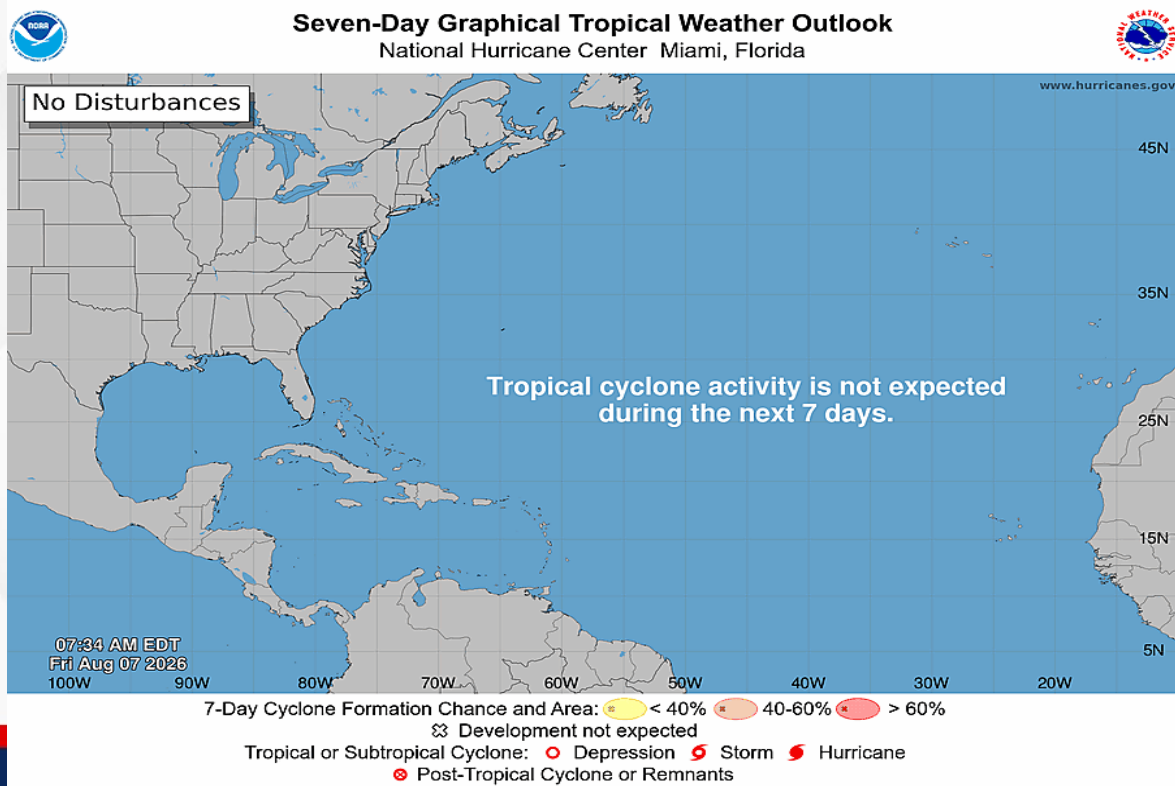




Tropical Weather

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.*





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** is outlooked for all East Coast beaches today as onshore winds increase and seas become rougher from an approaching disturbance from the east. A **moderate risk for rip currents** persists for eastern Panhandle and Forgotten Coast beaches, with a low risk elsewhere. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will remain elevated for East Coast beaches today as a swell begins to build in response to an approaching disturbance from the east. Waves are set to reach **4-6'** for most East Coast beaches today. Surf will remain near 1-3' for all other statewide beaches.

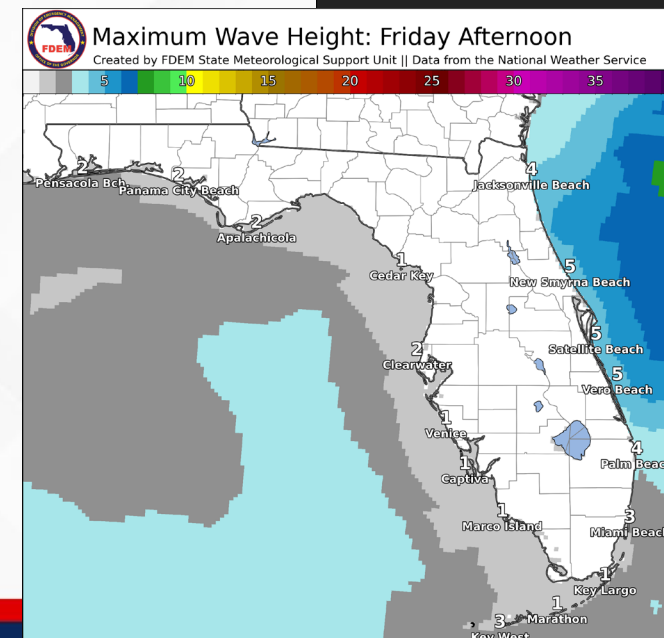
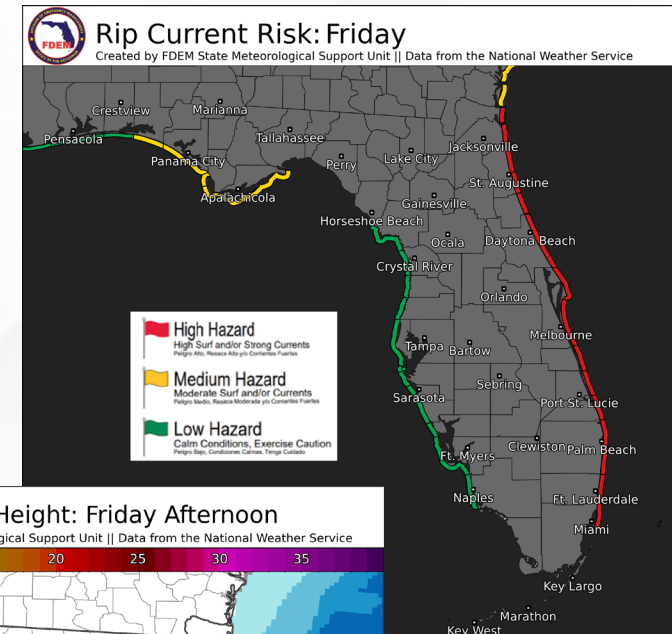
Red Tide: was observed at low concentrations from Nassau County and background to very low concentrations from Duval and Charlotte counties (valid 7/31/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout the Peninsula today where multiple rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms are expected driven by daytime heating, the sea breezes, and an approaching mid to upper-level disturbance. The heaviest thunderstorm activity may contain rainfall rates **upwards of 2-4" per hour**, which could lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Isolated cases of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out should areas receive the higher end amounts. 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 10.98 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.86 feet below normal for this time of year.



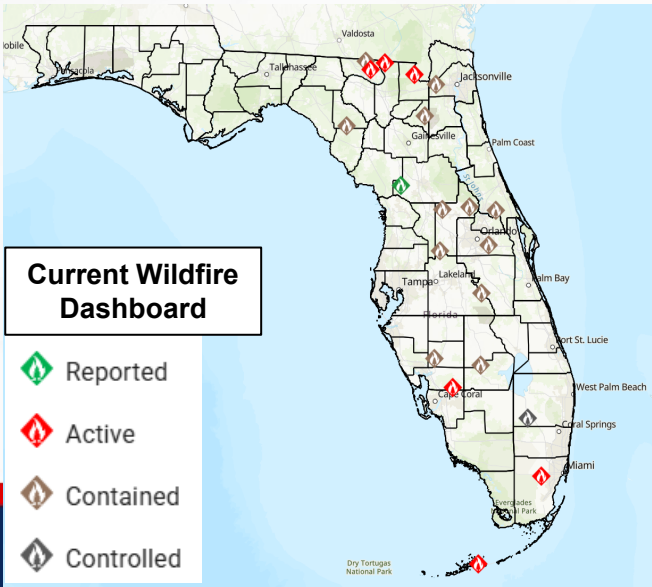
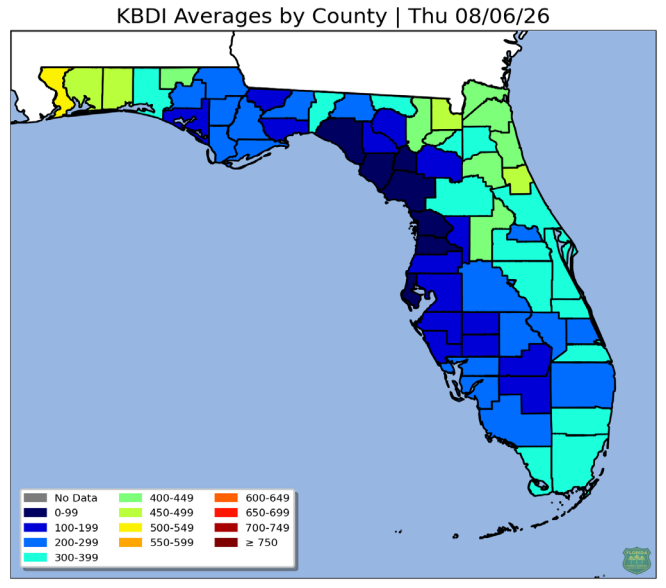
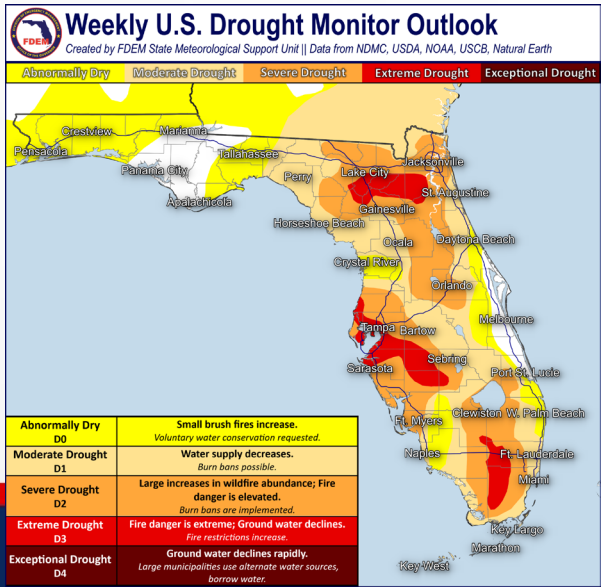


Drought & Fire Weather

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 18 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,736 acres.

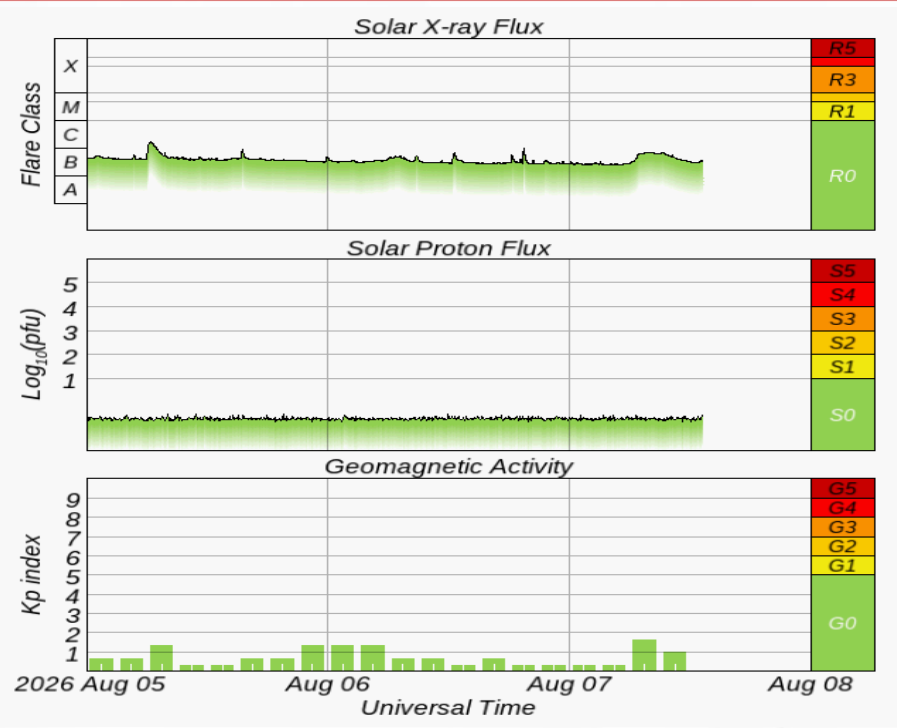
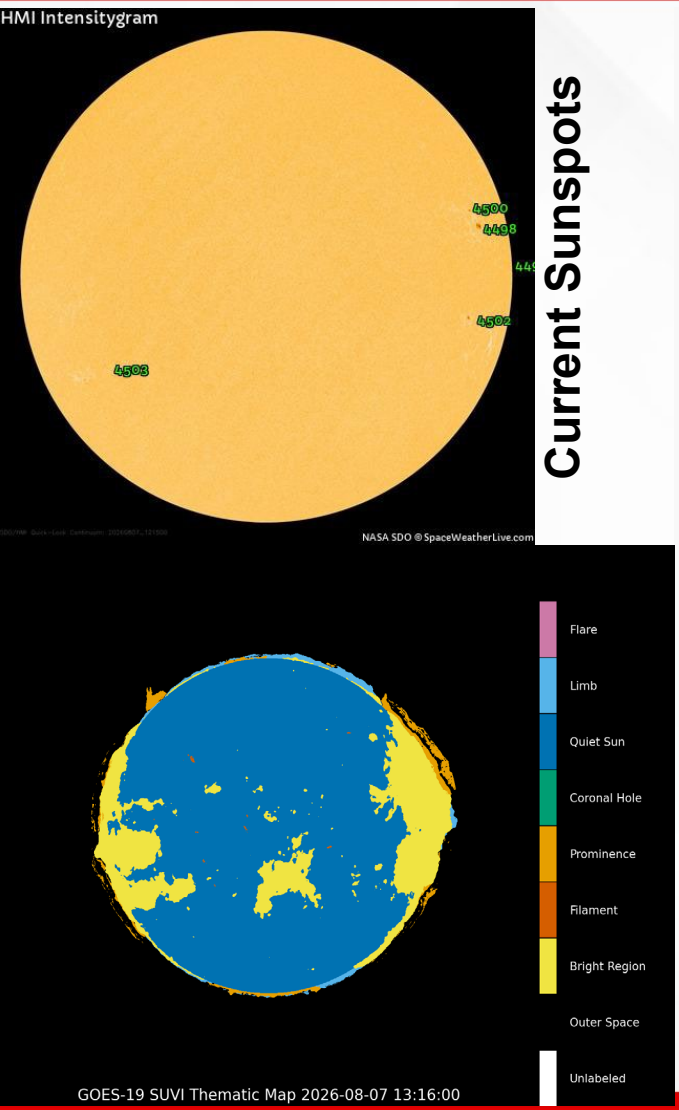
•**Drought (8/4/26):** Notable categorical drought improvements were observed for many across the state this week as a slow-moving frontal boundary interacted with richly moist air to promote widespread heavy rainfall over the weekend. Widespread categorical improvements were observed within the Big 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, the state will settle into a more typical pattern of daily showers and thunderstorms, with most activity focused along the West Coast as easterly flow prevails. Drought improvements within this pattern will likely be minimal (if at all), with localized areas likely seeing gradual categorical drought degradations (*worsening drought*), especially along the East Coast and Western Panhandle.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **277 (-4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **1 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: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/7	8/8
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at very 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 isolated M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions are expected to remain near background conditions through early today before the expected arrival later today of two Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) that left the Sun on Monday. Enhanced solar wind conditions will persist through the weekend. Geomagnetic conditions are expected to remain quiet today with active to G1 (minor) geomagnetic storming by late today and into Saturday. Active conditions are likely again on Sunday in response to another glancing CME. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains 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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