



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, August 12, 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	Santa Rosa	Emerald Coast LEPC Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jackson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Alachua	FDOT Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Volusia, Orange	Hurricane TTX / County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas, Hillsborough	Exercise AAR / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 7: Brian Carey	Hardee	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Ingestion Pathway Exercise Initial Planning Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade, Polk	Ingestion Pathway Exercise Initial Planning Meeting / FLCOCO Visit

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 5

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa	LEPC Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jackson	G557 Course
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Taylor	Recovery Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	EM Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Volusia	Hurricane Ex
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Fiscal Year 2026 Flood Mitigation Webinar
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	Polk	FLCOCO Warehouse Tour

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

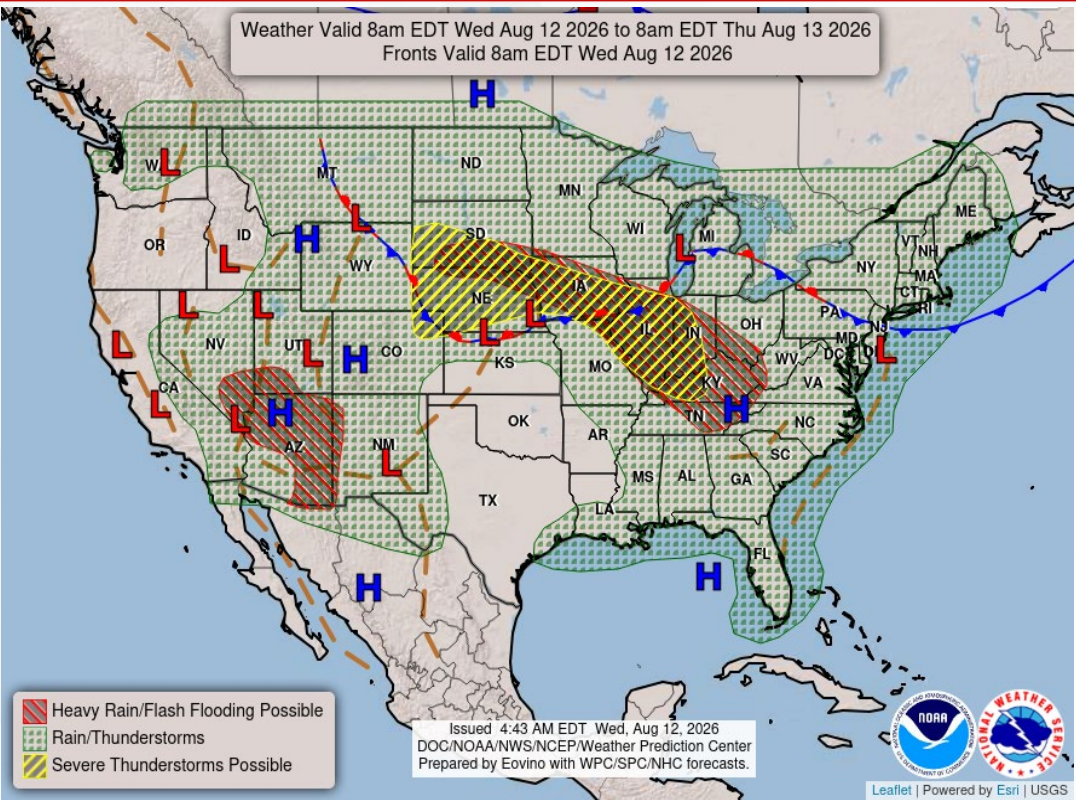
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

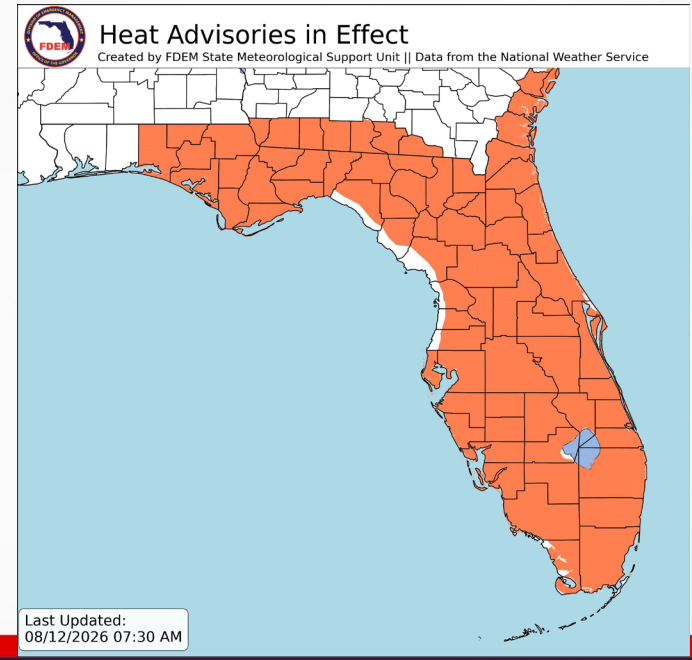
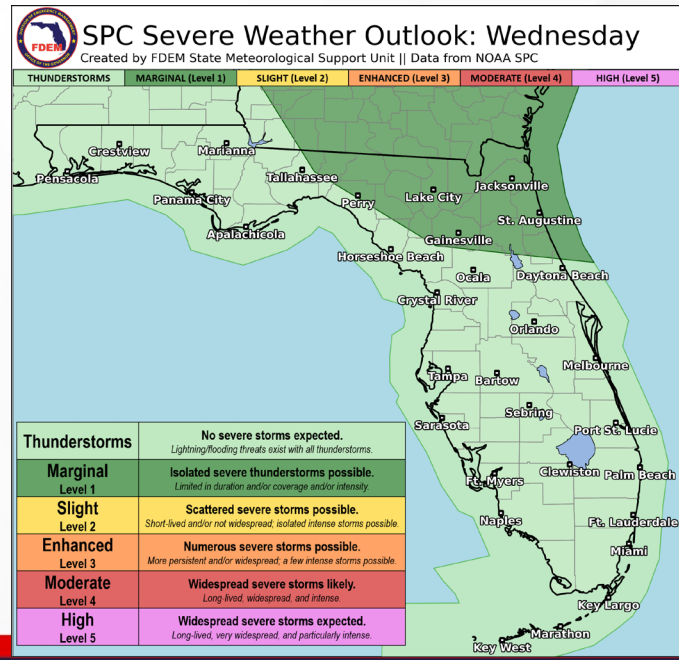


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	M	M	M	L	L	L	M	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind		L	L	L						
Hail										
Flash Flooding									L	L
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.04 ft. (2.88 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	278 (+18) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





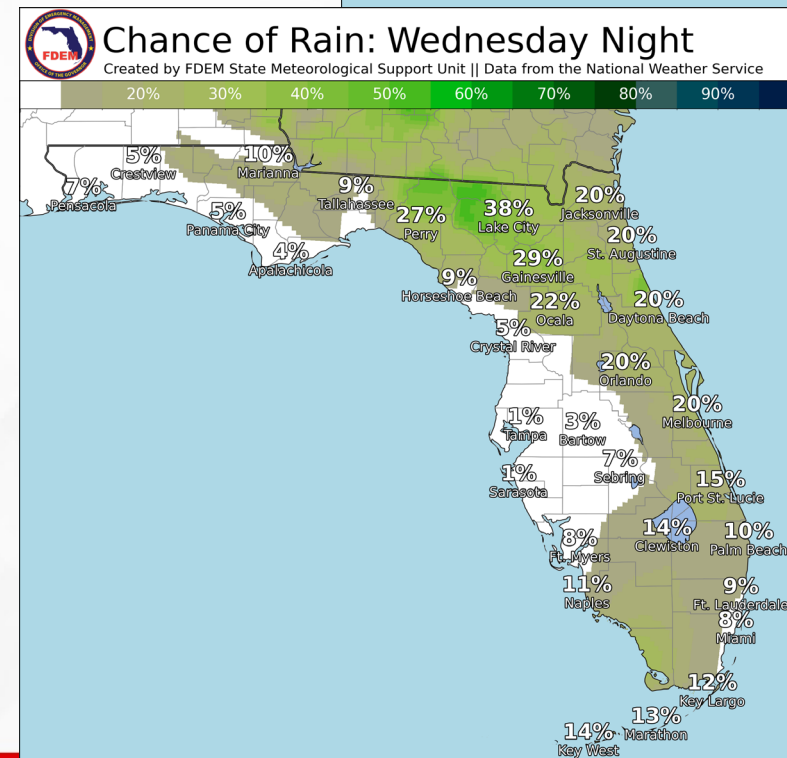
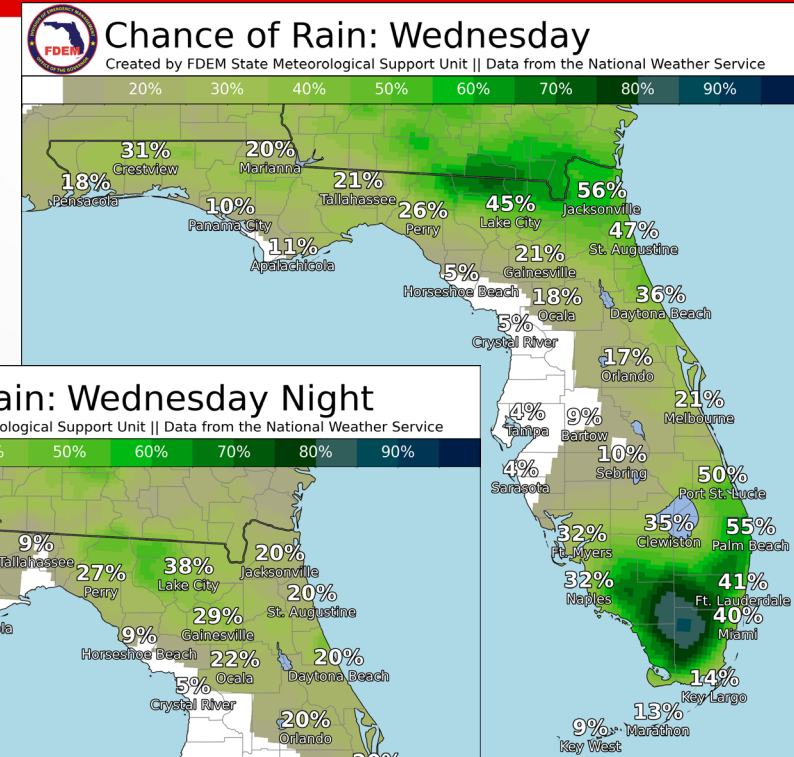
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will continue to dominate the local pattern today as it shifts towards the north-central Gulf, bringing a predominate west to northwesterly flow across the state. This wind shift along with a reprieve from the dry Saharan air will bring increased rain chances to the far southern Peninsula today as storms develop along the inland advancing sea breezes this afternoon (40-80% chance of rain). Thunderstorms across South Florida may be slow-moving today and contain **locally heavy downpours** capable of producing **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Rain chances also increase across portions of Northeast Florida today as a weak mid-level disturbance traverses across Georgia (35-55% chance of rain). Combined with hot afternoon temperatures, this feature may encourage the development of a few **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** this afternoon as they develop across Georgia and track southeastward. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** has been outlooked across Northeast Florida with the primary hazards being **locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph)**, **frequent lightning**, and **torrential downpours**. Otherwise, only a few isolated showers and storms are expected elsewhere across the state (15-30% chance of rain).

The heat will continue to build today, with highs reaching the **middle to upper 90s** across interior areas and **lower 90s** along the coasts. **Heat Advisories** are once again in effect for much of the state for **heat index values** peaking in the **middle to upper 100s** this afternoon. A few locations could reach the **lower 110s**, especially across North Florida.

Tonight, showers and storms will likely linger across Northeast Florida into the evening hours before dissipating before midnight (25-40% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s.





Central Tropical Atlantic (Invest 92L): Showers and thunderstorms continue to show signs of organization in association with a tropical wave located around 900 miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands. Environmental conditions are forecast to be conducive for development during the next few days, and a tropical depression will likely form within a couple of days while the system moves westward to west-northwestward across the central tropical Atlantic.

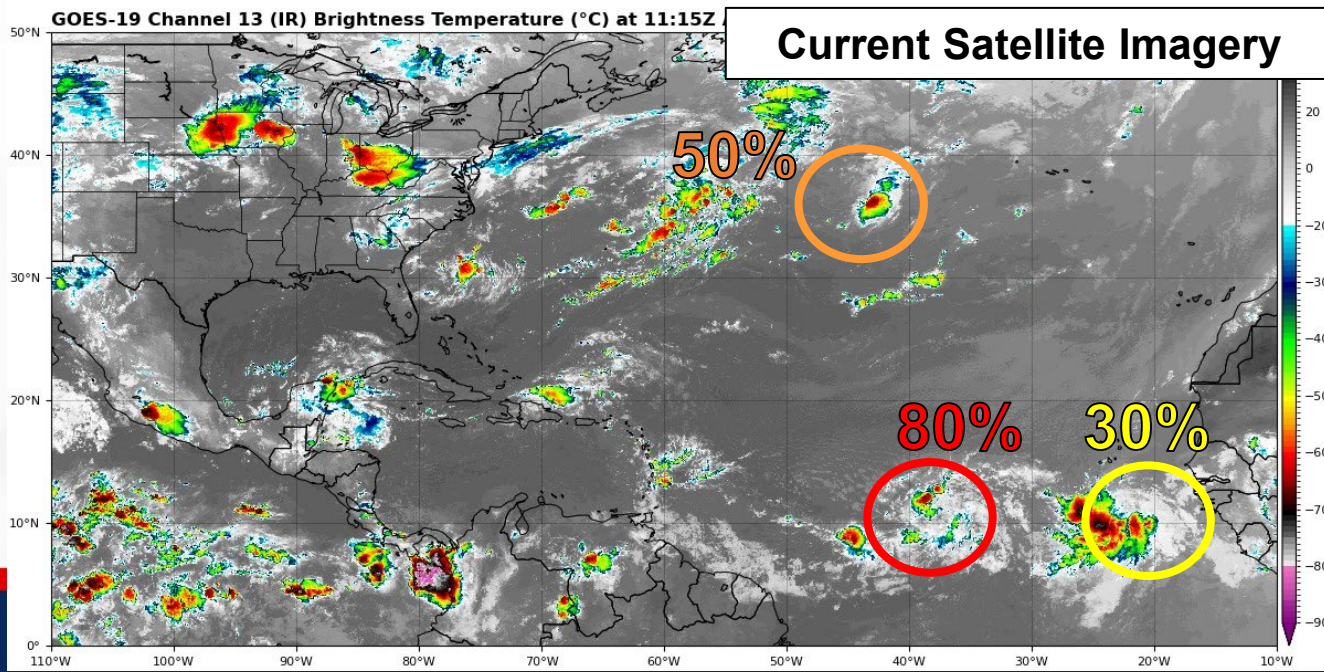
- Formation chances through 48 hours... **high... 80%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **high... 80%.**

Central Subtropical Atlantic (Invest 93L): Recent satellite data indicates that the broad low-pressure area located about 1050 miles east-northeast of Bermuda has developed gale-force winds. However, the system remains poorly organized. Some development of this system is possible through tonight, and a short-lived tropical storm could form while it moves eastward to east-northeastward at around 20 mph across the central subtropical Atlantic. The system is forecast to reach cooler waters by Thursday, ending its chances of formation.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **medium... 50%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **medium... 50%.**

Eastern Tropical Atlantic: A tropical wave just offshore of the coast of west Africa is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Environmental conditions are forecast to be generally conducive for some development of this system during the next several days while it moves westward or west-northwestward across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 20%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **low... 30%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for Panhandle beaches today with a low risk for all other statewide beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf near 1-3' is expected for all statewide beaches today.

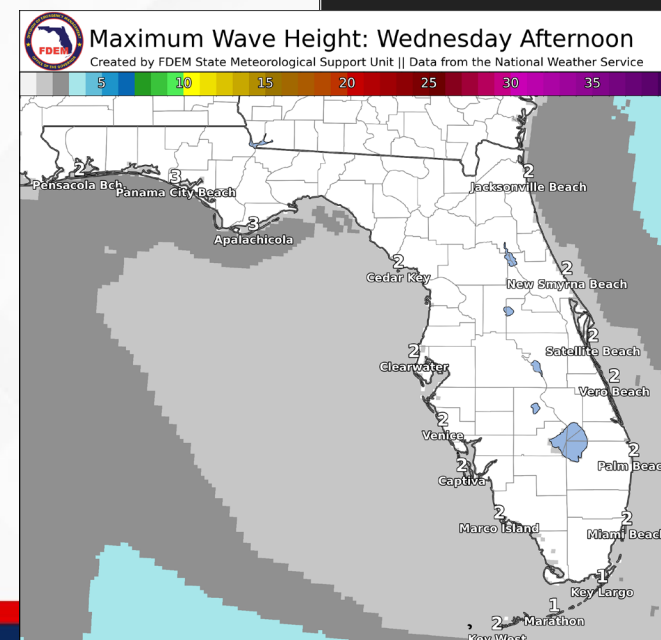
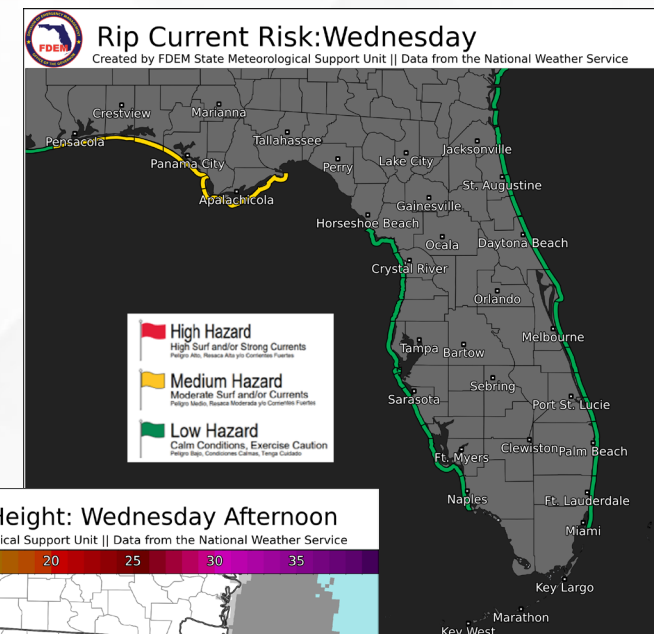
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough, Manatee, Charlotte, Collier, and Wakulla counties and background to low concentrations in Nassau and Duval counties (valid 8/7/26).

Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for the Lower Florida Keys for instances of **minor saltwater flooding** near and during times of high tide.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Scattered thunderstorms are expected mainly across South Florida and Northeast Florida today, some of which may become **locally strong to severe** and contain rainfall rates of **1-2" per hour**. Instances of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water** cannot be ruled out, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Total rainfall amounts through tonight will generally add up to 1-2" in these areas, though locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out. Isolated activity is expected elsewhere across the state. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns across the state. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.04 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.88 feet below normal for this time of year.



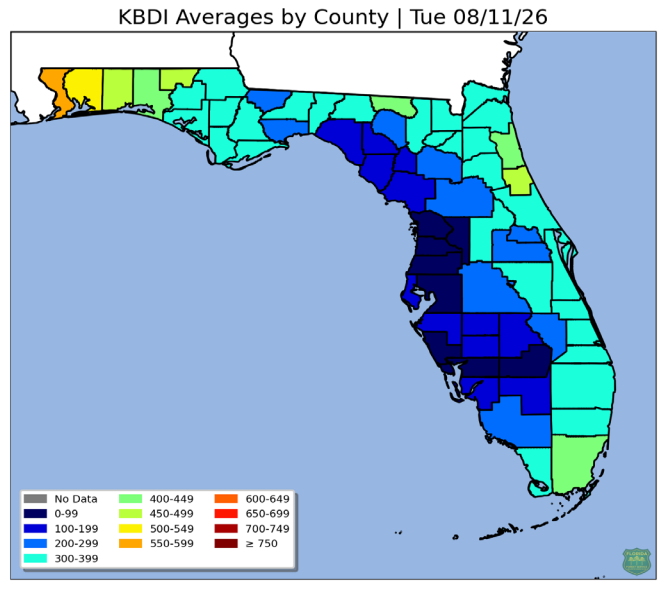
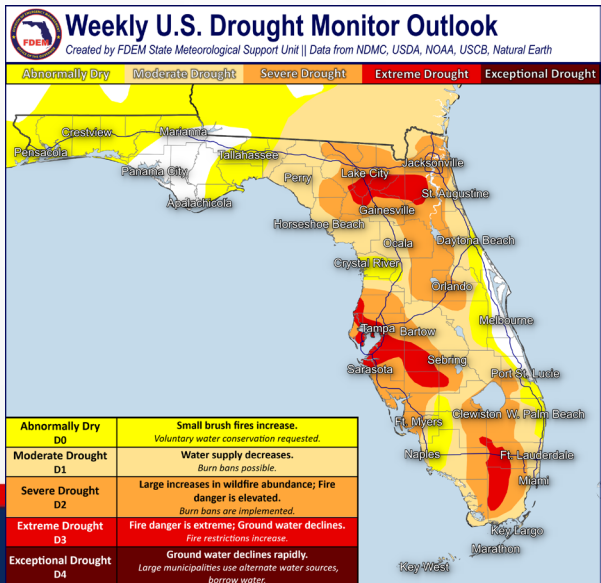


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected throughout much of the state today. Any thunderstorm activity 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 11 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,606 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.

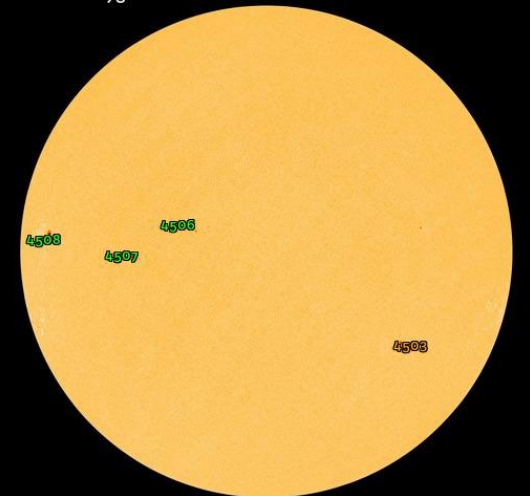
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **278 (+18)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **2 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





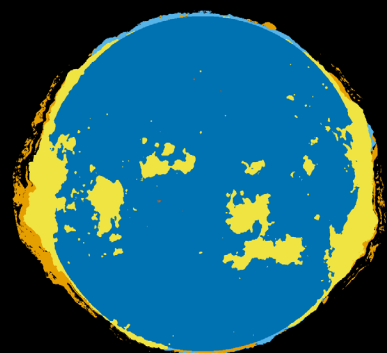
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



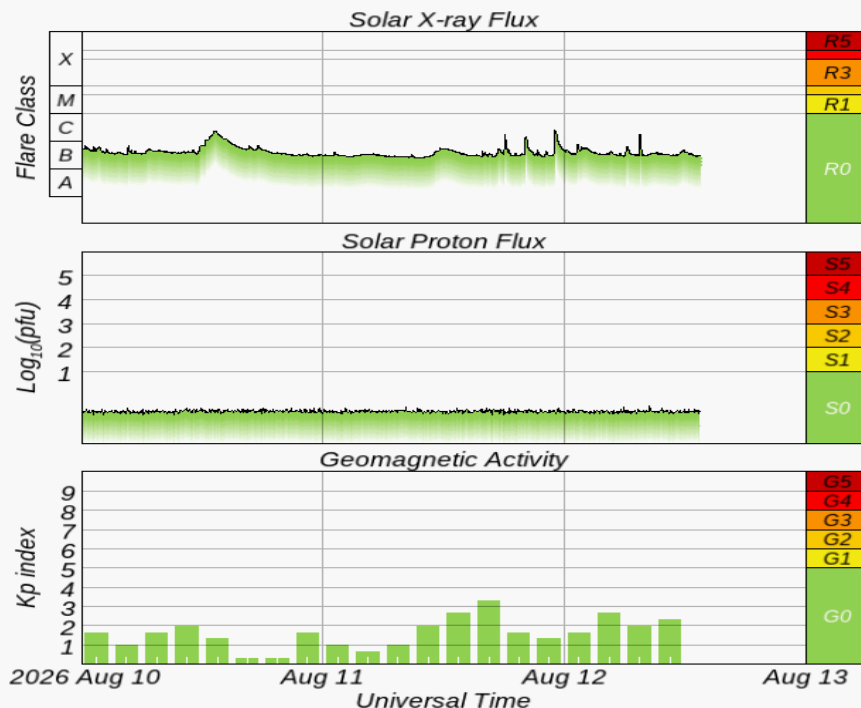
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Current Sunspots



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-08-12 13:36:00

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



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 5%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/12	8/13
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a negligible chance for M-class (R1-Rs/Minor-Moderate) flares through the end of the week. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced today before CME influences wane on Thursday. Enhancements are expected to return on Friday under the coronal hole influences. Geomagnetic activity is expected to be mostly quiet with isolated unsettled periods through Thursday. Active conditions with a chance for G1 (minor) storming are possible on Friday under coronal hole influences. 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
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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