



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, August 13, 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	Leon, Polk	Logistics Support / County EM Mtg / NWS Mtg / Response Coordinator Mtg
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	County EM Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Leon, Marion	Logistics Support / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	FHA Roundtable Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Orange	FHA Roundtable Meeting / County EM Mtg / RC Meeting / Vehicle
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	48th/44th CST Hazmat Exercise
Region 7: Brian Carey	Highlands	County EM Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Charlotte	Region 9 Quarterly Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	County EM Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 5

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Region 1: Allison Blevins	Okaloosa	School Risk Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	ESF17/County Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Alachua	LTRG/COAD Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	COAD Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	LMR5 Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Bi-Weekly Contractors Meeting
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	Broward	Executive Director Support

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

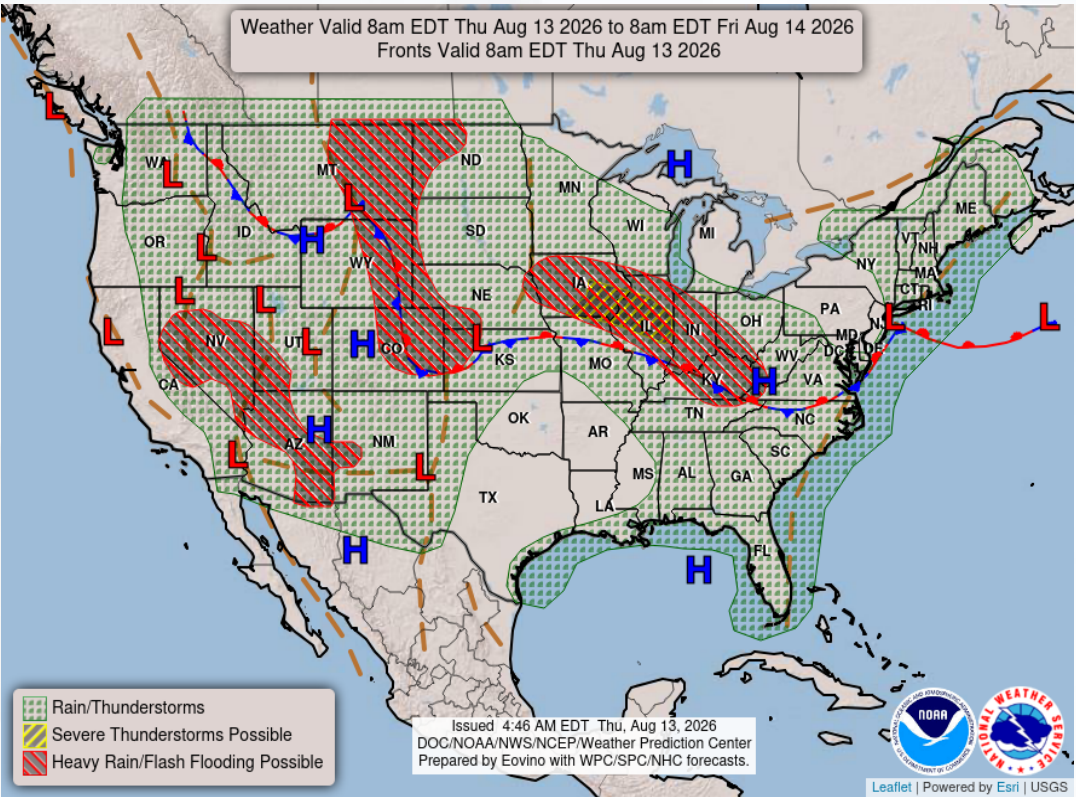
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Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

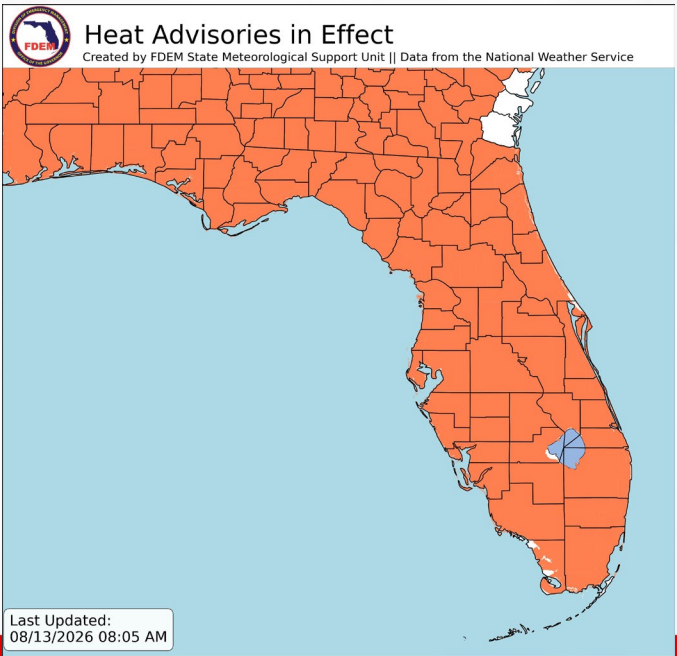
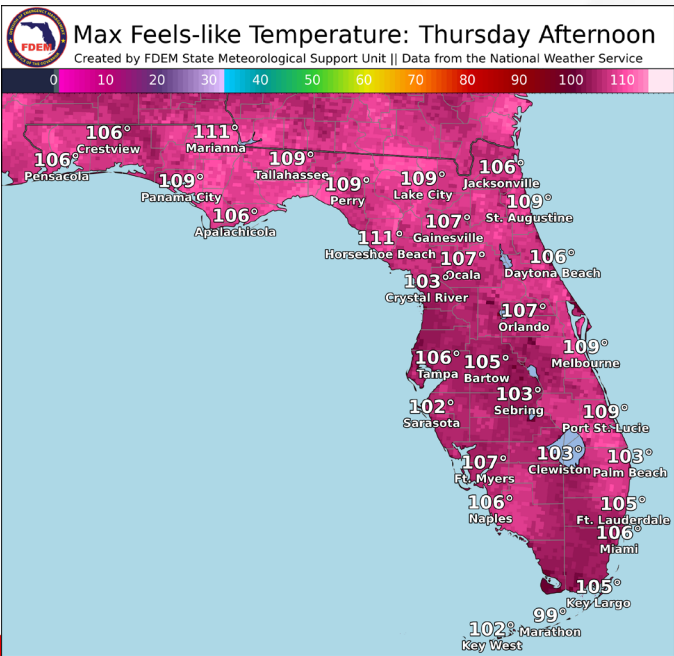


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
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	11.03 ft. (2.90 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	300 (+22) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





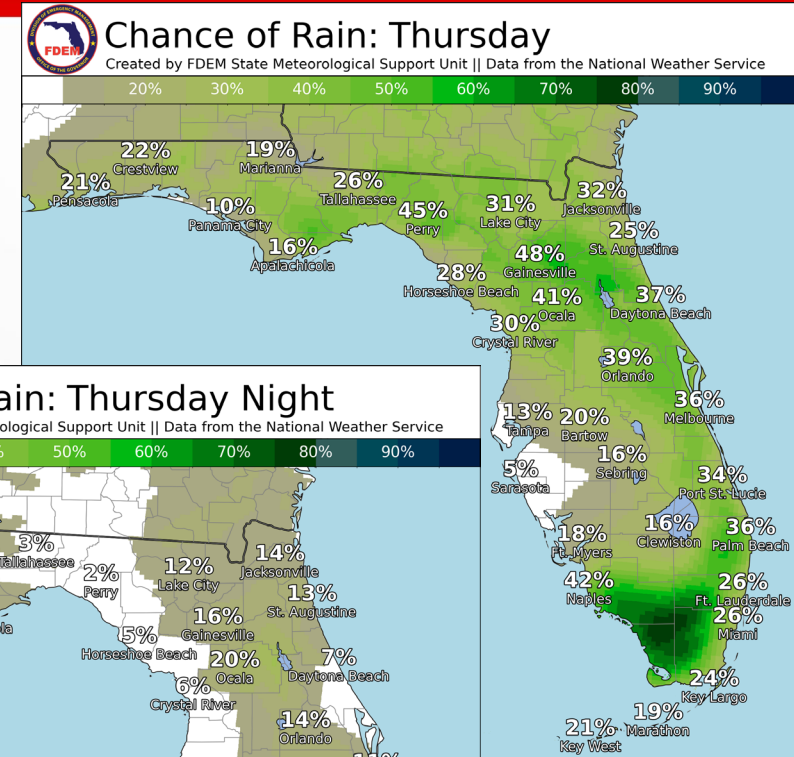
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another typical summertime day with west to northwesterly flow around area of high pressure in the Gulf sending the Gulf and West Coast sea breezes inland this afternoon. Isolated to widely scattered showers and storms are expected for much of the state (25-40% chance of rain), with slightly higher coverage of activity across the far southern Peninsula (40-60% chance of rain). Thunderstorms will begin to develop around 1-3 PM EDT and will generally move south to southeast. Any thunderstorm activity could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **lightning**, **gusty winds (30-50 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**. Rainfall rates may reach upwards of **1-2" per hour** under the heaviest thunderstorm activity, which could lead to **nuisance flooding** in urban and poor drainage locations.

High temperatures will climb into the **middle to upper 90s** across interior locations with **lower 90s** along the coasts. Combined with the oppressive humidity, **feels-like temperatures** will soar into the **middle to upper 100s** and additional **Heat Advisories** are in effect for much of the state. **Lower 110s** cannot be ruled out across portions of North Florida. Afternoon thunderstorm activity could limit some locations from reaching Heat Advisory criteria. Regardless, any prolonged exposure to the heat without adequate cooling or safety precautions may lead to **heat related illnesses**.

Tonight, showers and thunderstorms will linger into the evening across the Peninsula before waning and dissipating after sunset. Lows will fall into the middle 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.

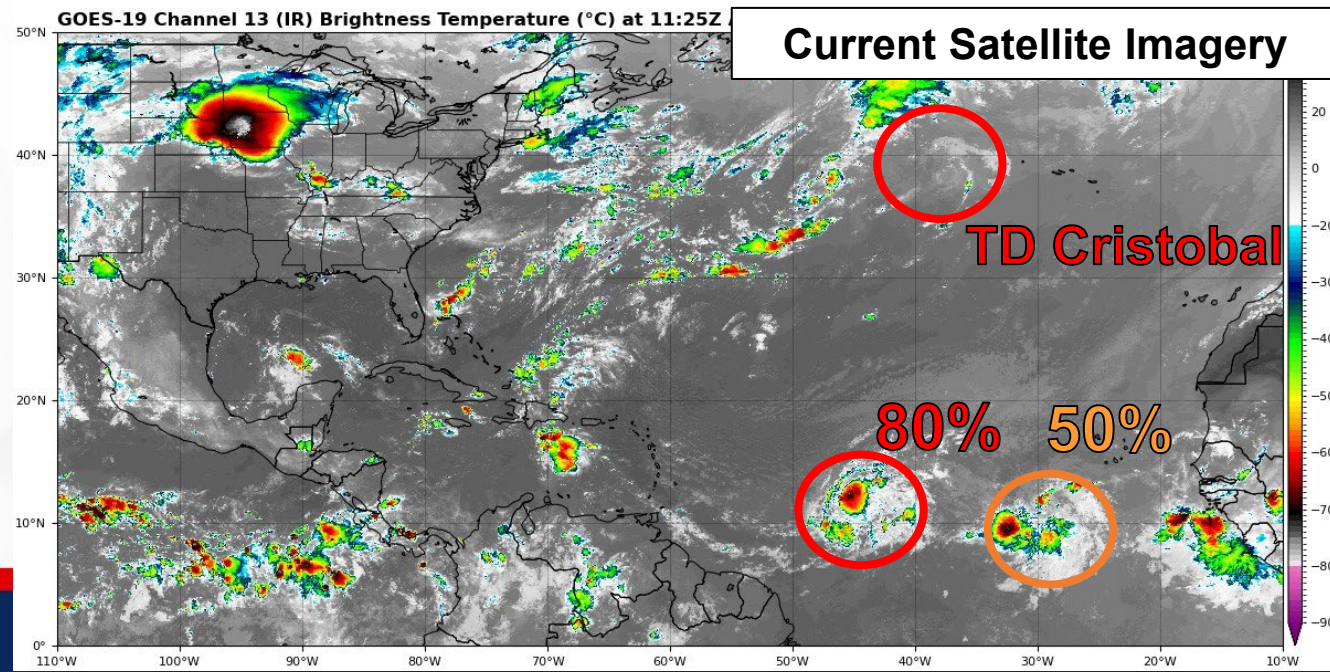
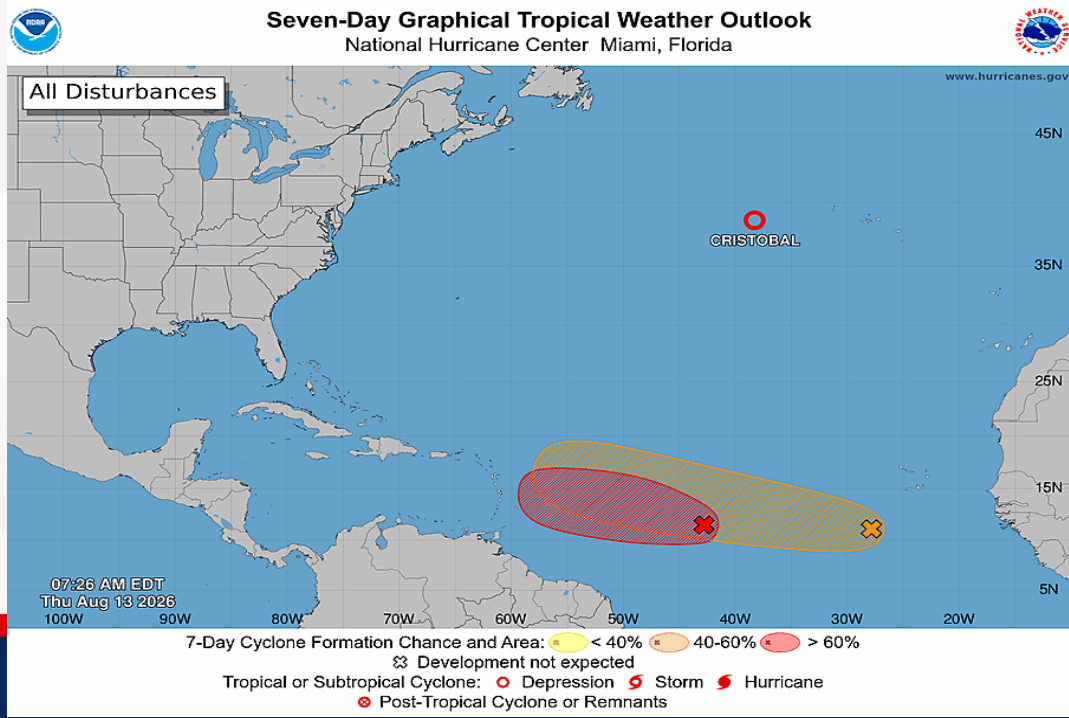
Tropical Depression Cristobal: As of 5 AM EDT, the center of Tropical Depression Cristobal was located in the north-central subtropical Atlantic. The depression is moving toward the northeast near 16 mph, and this general motion is expected through today. Maximum sustained winds are near 35 mph with higher gusts. Cristobal is forecast to dissipate later today.

Central Tropical Atlantic (Invest 92L): Showers and thunderstorms are showing signs of organization in association with a tropical wave located about 1000 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. This system will likely become a short-lived tropical depression during the next day or two as it moves westward across the tropical Atlantic. However, by late Friday, the system is expected to move into a region of strong upper-level winds and dry air, which should end its opportunity to develop.

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

Eastern Tropical Atlantic (Invest 94L): A tropical wave located a few hundred miles south of the Cabo Verde Islands is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Environmental conditions are forecast to be generally conducive for some development, and a tropical depression could form late this week or this weekend while the wave moves westward or west-northwestward across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 30%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **medium... 50%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for eastern 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.

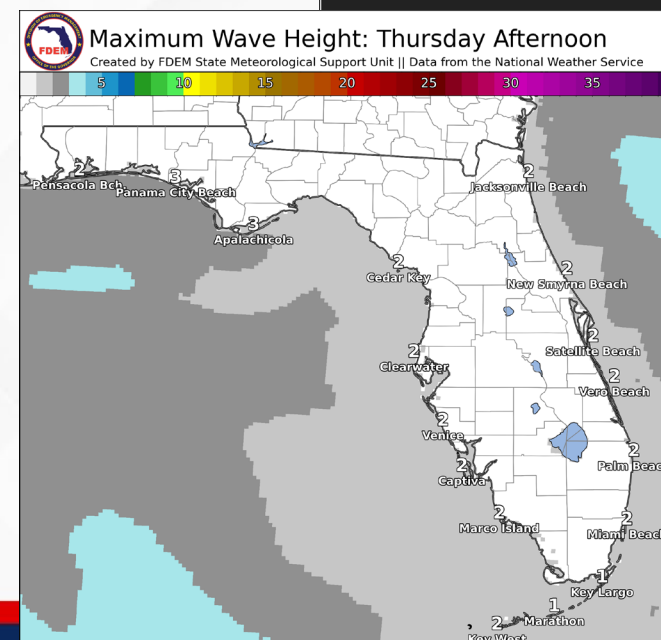
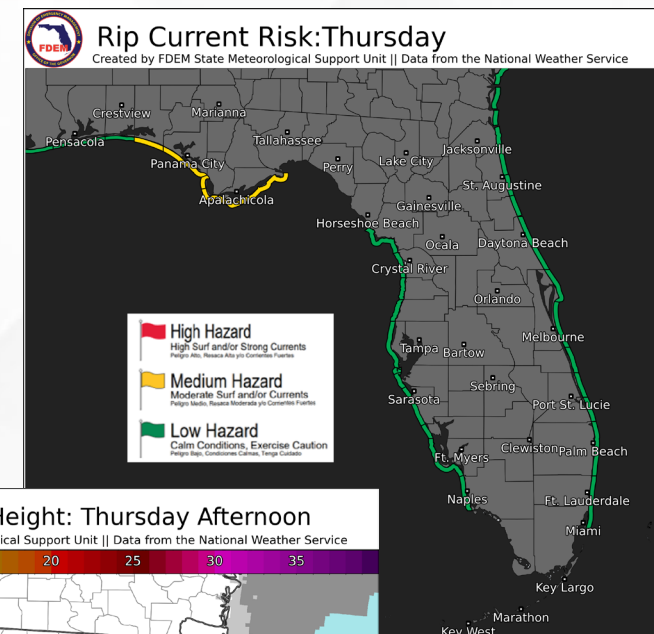
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough, Manatee, Charlotte, Collier, and Wakulla counties and background to low concentrations in Nassau and Duval counties (valid 8/7/26).

Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for the Lower and Middle 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. Isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms across the state this afternoon may contain localized rainfall rates **upwards 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 areas that do receive rainfall, though locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out. 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 11.03 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.90 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



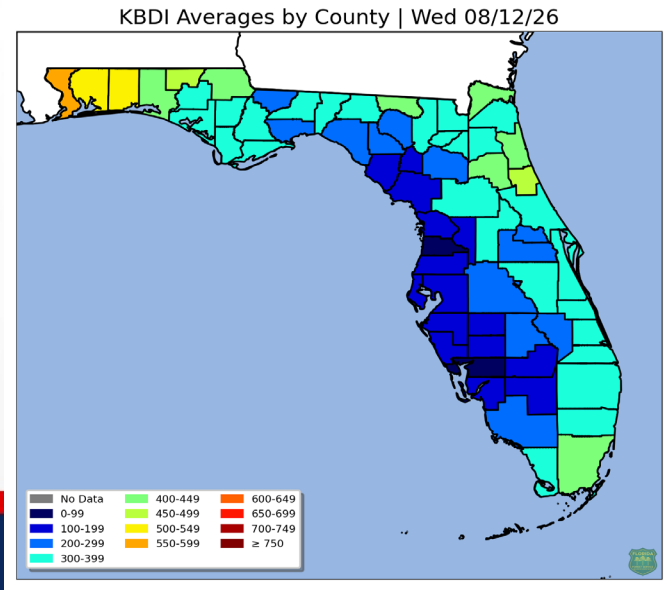
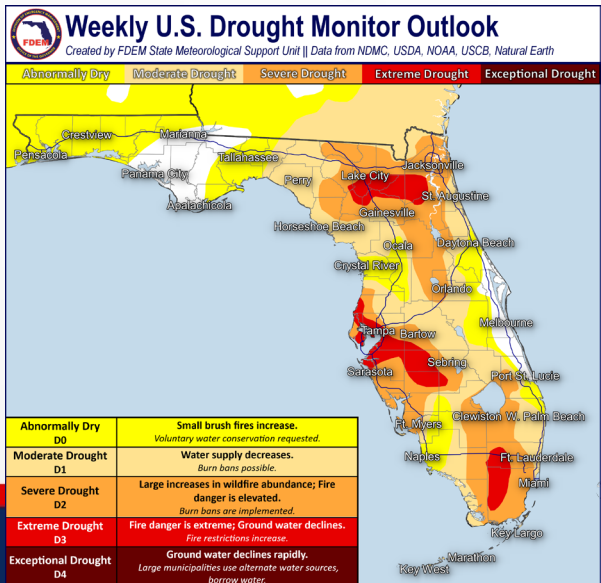


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. 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 2,604 acres.

Drought (8/11/26): Only minor improvements were observed on this week's Drought Monitor update with daily scattered sea breeze showers and storms bringing largely near to below normal rainfall to much of the state. The biggest changes were observed across portions of Central Florida, with much of the severe drought (level 2 of 4) across northern Osceola County and central Orange County trimmed to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Portions of northwestern Hillsborough, central and eastern Pasco, southern Hernando, and western Lake counties also saw a one category improvement back down to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Abnormally dry (*receding drought*) conditions have also replaced the moderate drought across eastern portions of Volusia, Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties as well as interior Marion, Sumter, and Citrus counties. Across portions of Southeast Florida, the **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** has expanded back towards the coast to cover more of Palm Beach County, and the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has expanded to include coastal Miami-Dade county. No other significant changes were observed this week. Areas of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** are still found across portions of the lower Suwannee River Valley, West-Central Florida, and interior South Florida with **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** largely surrounding those areas. Portions of the Panhandle and Big Bend remain under abnormally dry to **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** conditions. Nearly 9% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**. 10% of the state remains under no drought designation. Looking ahead, the state will remain in a more typical summertime pattern of daily showers and thunderstorms, with most activity focused throughout the Peninsula. Drought improvements within this pattern will likely be minimal (if at all) and focused in areas that receive daily rounds of heavy thunderstorms. Localized areas will likely see gradual categorical drought degradations (*worsening drought*), especially if they miss out on the scattered rainfall with hot summertime temperatures expected.

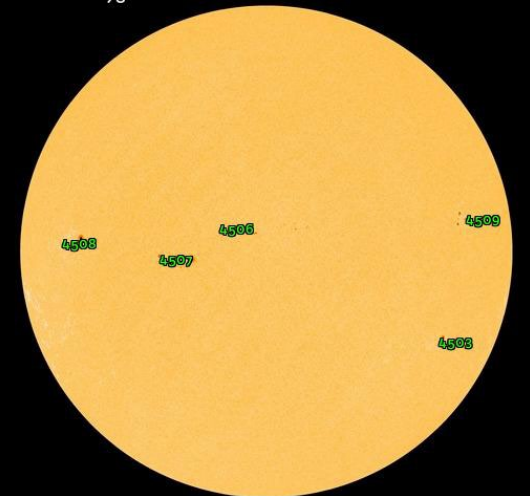
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **300 (+22)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **3 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather

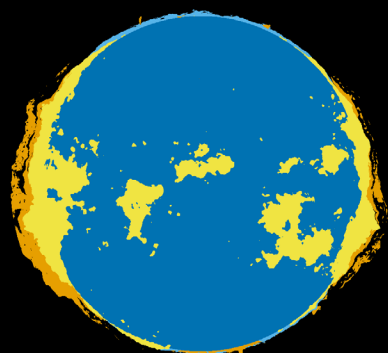
HMI Intensitygram



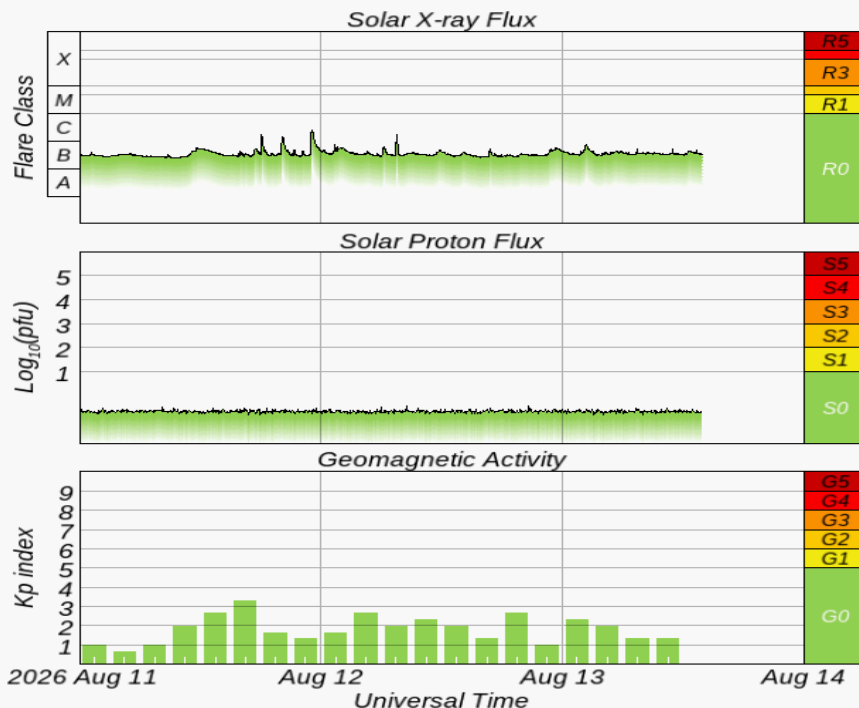
Current Sunspots

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GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-08-13 13:48:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B7 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/13	8/14
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% 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 near background conditions until the arrival of a Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS) early on Friday brings enhanced conditions through Saturday. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at mostly quiet conditions through today before increasing to unsettled to active levels Friday and Saturday. There is a slight chance of reaching G1 (Minor) storming levels. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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	
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