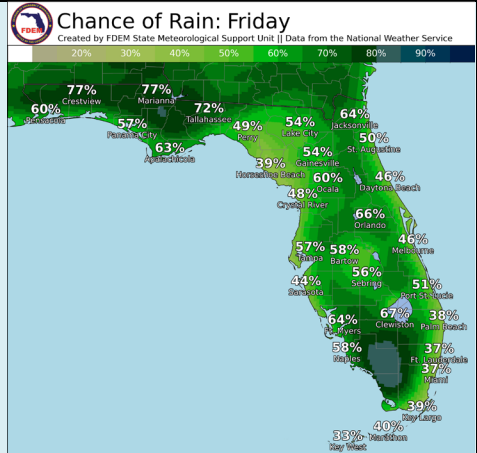
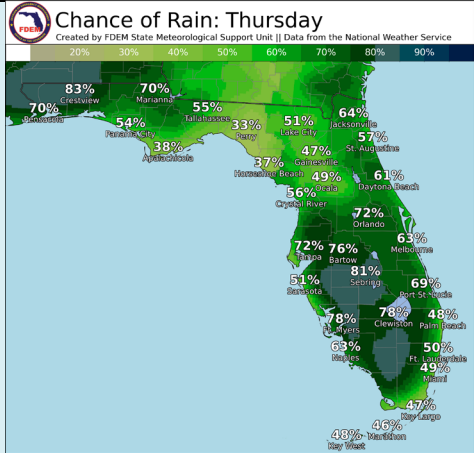
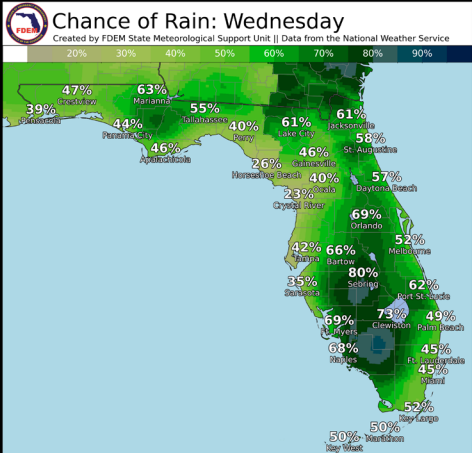
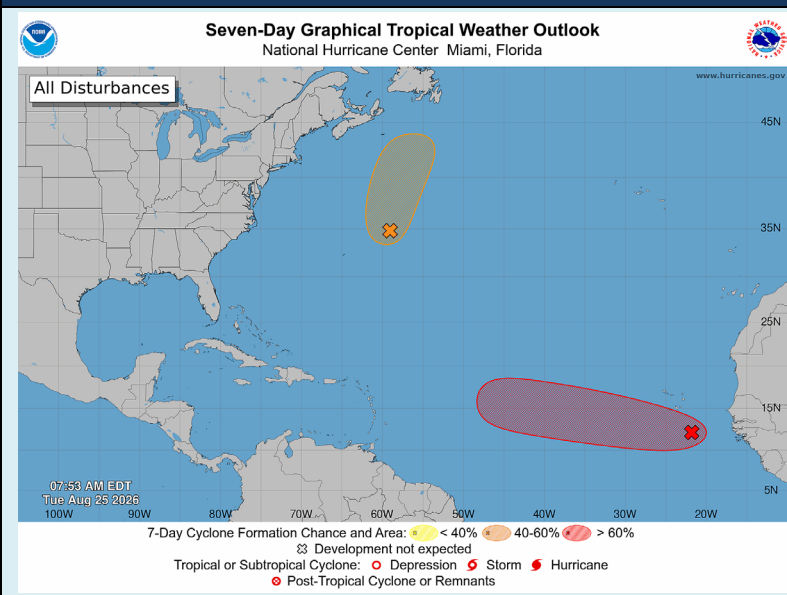


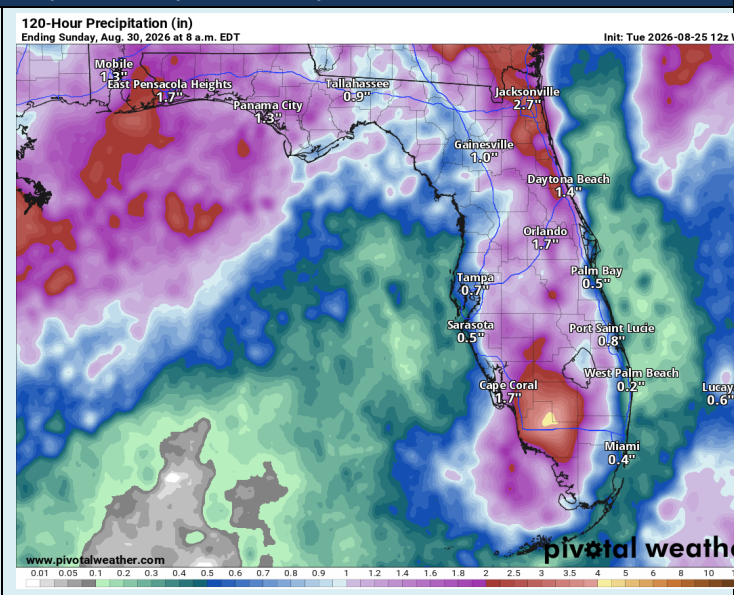
Tuesday, August 25, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue	Northeast & North-Central FL Rest of State	I-10 Corridor	Coastal Northeast FL North & North-Central FL		Statewide			Eastern Panhandle, First Coast & Space Coast Rest of State
Wed	Interior Central & Southwest FL Peninsula & North FL Coastal Big Bend	Iso. Statewide	Locally Statewide		Statewide			Eastern Panhandle, First Coast & Space Coast Rest of State
Thu	Western Panhandle, Central & South FL Big Bend & Northeast FL	Iso. Statewide	North FL		Statewide			Eastern Panhandle, First Coast & Space Coast Rest of State
Fri	West-Central & Southwest FL Rest of State	Iso. Statewide	North & North-Central FL		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast
Sat	Central & South FL Rest of State	Iso. Statewide	North & North-Central FL		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast



Forecast Chances of Rain: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday



7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook

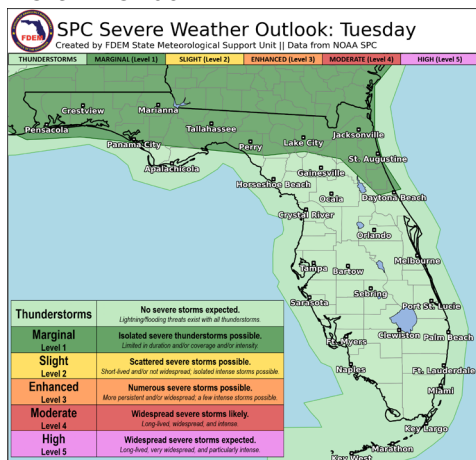


WPC 5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals



...Wet and Unsettled Weather this Week with Daily Rounds of Afternoon Showers and Thunderstorms Statewide... Locally Strong to Severe Storms Possible; Frequent Lightning, Gusty Winds, and Torrential Downpours the Primary Hazards... Localized Flooding Possible in Areas that Receive the Heaviest Thunderstorms... Temperatures Remain Seasonably Hot, But Likely Below Heat Advisory Criteria... Moderate Risk for Rip Currents for Many Panhandle and East Coast Beaches... Monitoring Tropical Wave Over Eastern Atlantic; 70% Chance of Development this Week...

North Florida:

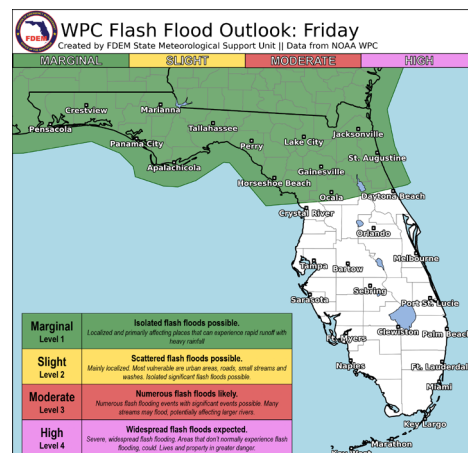


A lingering frontal boundary draped across southern Alabama and Georgia today will remain a fairly persistent feature in the pattern this week sandwiched between a trough and upper-level low-pressure occupying much of the eastern U.S. and an upper-level high pressure ridge expanding across the Southwest U.S.. This frontal boundary, with a few smaller mid to upper-level impluses riding along it, will act to spark daily rounds of afternoon showers and storms across North Florida this week in tandem with the typical sea breezes. Most days will feature scattered to locally numerous showers and storms throughout North Florida, developing during the late morning hours and expanding in coverage during the afternoon (45-60% chance of rain). Today, the highest chances of rain will focus across Northeast Florida (60-70%) where the Gulf sea breeze will advance inland and collide with a pinned Atlantic sea breeze. A localized **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked

across portions of Nassau, Duval, and St. Johns counties where multiple rounds of heavy downpours may lead to isolated instances of **flash flooding**. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout the remainder of North and North-Central Florida. Additionally, thunderstorms throughout North Florida may become **locally strong to severe** this afternoon under ample daytime heating and sufficient moisture. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** is outlooked along the I-10 corridor with the primary hazards being **frequent lightning**, **locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**.

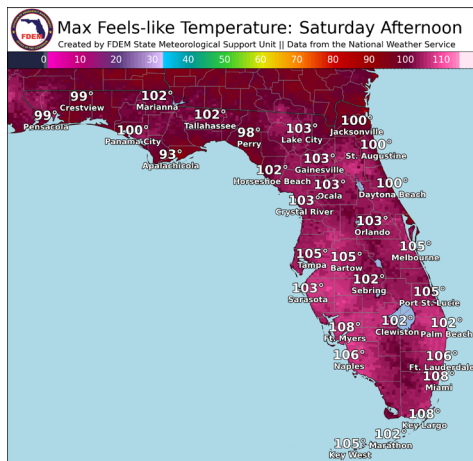
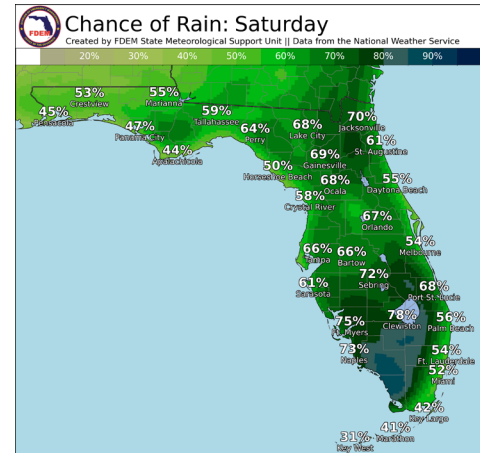
As the week progresses, computer forecast models indicate that a few larger thunderstorm complexes may develop across the upper Mississippi River Valley and dive southward into North Florida, which would increase the chances for **locally strong to severe thunderstorms**, especially across the Panhandle and Big Bend on Thursday and Friday (60-80% chance of rain). Trends will continue to be monitored, however regardless of these larger complexes developing, scattered to locally numerous showers and storms containing **lightning**, **gusty winds**, and **torrential downpours** will remain possible each day through Saturday due to the front lingering nearby and the sea breezes advancing inland each day. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked most days to highlight the threat for **localized flooding**. Showers and thunderstorms will most likely linger into the evening hours each day before dissipating or pushing offshore before midnight. Light but persistent southwesterly flow will encourage a few coastal showers or storms to linger near the Panhandle and Nature Coast each night, which could occasionally push onshore (25-40% chance of rain).

High temperatures will remain in the lower to middle 90s throughout the week, with feels-like temperatures expected to climb into the **lower to middle 100s** each afternoon. High pressure over the western Atlantic will begin to build back across the Sunshine State this weekend, which will bring a slight uptick in temperatures by Saturday. Lows will fall into the lower to middle 70s each night.



Central & South Florida:

With further proximity to the frontal boundary draped across the Deep South, the daily pattern will be driven mainly by the typical sea breezes and area of high pressure over the western Atlantic slowly building back towards the Peninsula by this weekend. Widely scattered showers and storms are expected throughout much of interior Central and South Florida this afternoon (35-55% chance of rain), with isolated activity near the coasts (25-35% chance of rain). Deep southerly flow will usher in a fresh surge of moisture throughout the Peninsula by Wednesday bringing above normal rainfall chances through the end of the week. Activity is expected to develop near the coasts during the late morning and early afternoon hours (30-50% chance of rain), advance inland and increase in coverage across interior locations (60-80% chance of rain), and then eventually spread back towards the coasts by the evening and early overnight hours along residual outflow boundaries. As high pressure builds westward into the state, much of South Florida will switch to predominate southeast flow, focusing activity towards Southwest Florida, while



Central Florida will see southerly flow focusing activity across interior locations. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding at this time, a few thunderstorms may become **locally strong to severe** and contain **frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-50 mph), and torrential downpours.**

Highs will reach the upper 80s to middle 90s, with feels-like temperatures peaking in the **lower to middle 100s** for most. High pressure building back in by Saturday will bring an increase in heat index values across portions of West-Central and South Florida. **Heat Advisories** cannot be ruled out with feels-like temps climbing back into the **middle to upper 100s**. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s each night.

Tropical Weather:

Central Subtropical Atlantic (Invest 95L): An area of low pressure located a few hundred miles east-northeast of Bermuda is moving northward at 15 to 20 mph. The associated shower activity remains disorganized and the circulation is broad and elongated. This system could still become a short-lived tropical depression or storm later today before encountering increasingly hostile conditions tonight and Wednesday, likely ending its chances for development.

- Formation chance through 48 hours...**medium...40 percent.**
- Formation chance through 7 days...**medium...40 percent.**

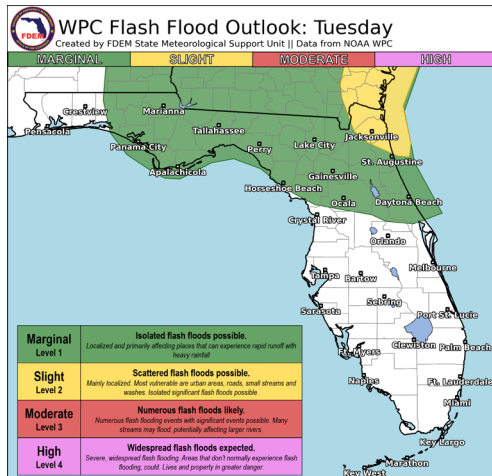
Eastern Tropical Atlantic (Invest 96L): An area of low pressure centered a few hundred miles south-southeast of the Cabo Verde Islands is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development, and this system is likely to become a tropical depression during the next day or two while it moves westward to west-northwestward across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic. Environmental conditions could become less conducive for development by the weekend.

- Formation chance through 48 hours...**high...70 percent.**
- Formation chance through 7 days...**high...70 percent.**

For more information, please visit the [National Hurricane Center](http://NationalHurricaneCenter.org).



Hydrology & Flooding:



of 2-3" of rain in a short period under the heaviest thunderstorms. Rainfall totals through the week are expected to amount to 1-3" for most locations, however any areas that receive multiple rounds of daily thunderstorms could receive upwards of 3-5" or more through Saturday. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the WPC [website](#).

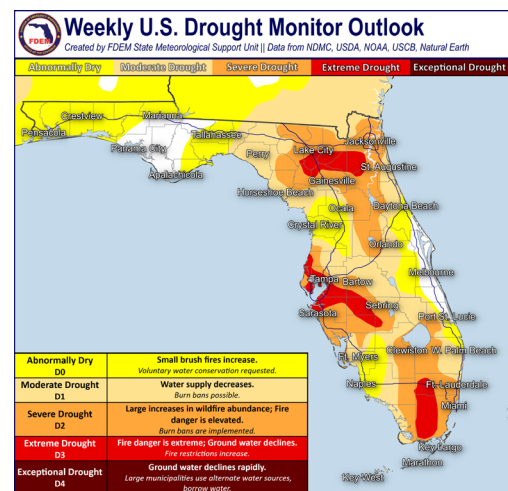
There are no riverine concerns currently across the state. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.87 feet, which is within the operational band and 3.21 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

Very little change was made to last week's drought update, with only minor degradations (*worsening drought*) observed in isolated locations. Areas within an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** and **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** in South Florida were locally expanded westward within Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The southern extent of the area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across West-Central Florida within Manatee, Hardee, and DeSoto Counties was reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. A small area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was expanded into Levy, Marion, and Citrus Counties. D0 (*abnormally dry conditions*) was locally expanded southward in Northern Jackson County. No other categorical drought conditions were made elsewhere across the state. Areas in Northeast FL, West-Central FL, and South FL remain in a **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)**. 9% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**. 9.5% of the state remains under no drought designation.

Predominantly dry conditions last week will likely lead to minimal (if any) categorical drought improvements in this week's drought update, with some locations perhaps seeing localized categorical drought degradations (*worsening drought*). This effect has likely been exacerbated by the extremely hot conditions within last week's heat wave, which may have led to more rapid drought progression. Still, the state saw some prolific thunderstorm development during portions of last week and weekend that may help to counteract some of these effects in localized areas. Looking ahead, daily rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms are expected this week which may contribute to some localized drought improvements on next week's update. However, the scattered nature of the rainfall may result in some areas missing out and seeing continued drought degradations.

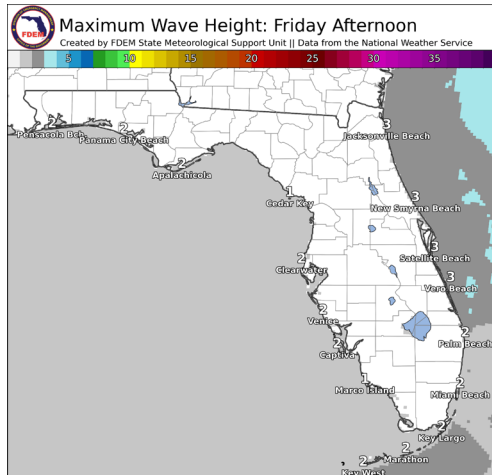


The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **352** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **1** Florida county (Holmes) that has an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

The overall fire weather threat will remain low as relative humidities remain above critical thresholds and winds remain light. Scattered showers and storms are expected on most days this week, and any thunderstorm activity could 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 currently 36 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1,673 acres (as of 11:00 AM EDT).

Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected to continue at all eastern Panhandle and Forgotten Coast beaches this week with persistent onshore flow. Along the East Coast, a **moderate risk for rip currents** along the First and Space Coast will expand southward to include Southeast Florida beaches by Friday as onshore flow develops. A low risk for rip currents is expected for all West Coast and western Panhandle beaches through the week.



Surf heights across the state will remain near 1-3' for all beaches through the forecast period. Surf may begin to approach **4'** for East Coast beaches on Friday and Saturday.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 145 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in the St. Johns River, Lake Okeechobee, the C54 canal, and Lake Monkey Business. **Moderate levels** have been observed in Lake Sheelin, the St. Johns River, Lake Denham, Lake Thonotosassa, Lake Hamilton East, the Caloosahatchee River, and Lake Okeechobee.

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Florida NCAA Division I Football Forecast

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[Southern Illinois vs. West Florida](#)

[Thursday 7:00 PM EDT](#)

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[Scattered showers and thunderstorms diminishing after kickoff.](#)

[Kickoff Temperature: 80°](#)

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<u>Stetson vs. SDSU</u>	<u>Saturday 7:00 PM EDT</u>	<u>Brookings, SD</u>
<u>Mostly Clear and Comfortable.</u>		
<i><u>Kickoff Temperature: 85°</u></i>	<i><u>Halftime Temperature: 82°</u></i>	<i><u>Final Whistle Temperature: 76°</u></i>

<u>Albany State vs. FAMU</u>	<u>Saturday 7:00 PM EDT</u>	<u>Tallahassee, FL</u>
<u>Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM, becoming mostly clear.</u>		
<i><u>Kickoff Temperature: 83°</u></i>	<i><u>Halftime Temperature: 79°</u></i>	<i><u>Final Whistle Temperature: 77°</u></i>

<u>NMSU vs. FSU</u>	<u>Saturday 7:00 PM EDT</u>	<u>Tallahassee, FL</u>
<u>Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM, becoming mostly clear.</u>		
<i><u>Kickoff Temperature: 83°</u></i>	<i><u>Halftime Temperature: 79°</u></i>	<i><u>Final Whistle Temperature: 77°</u></i>

Have a wonderful rest of your week!

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