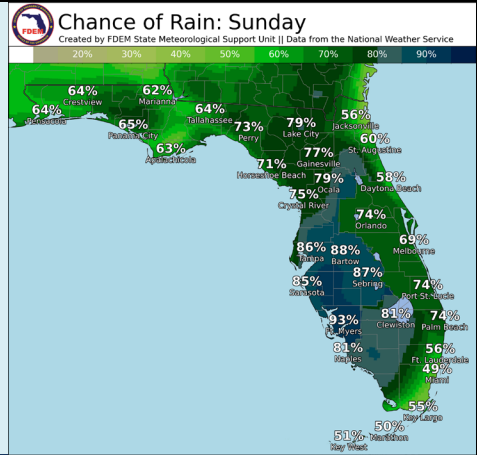
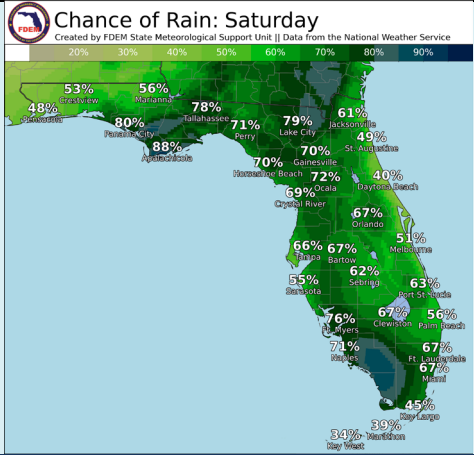
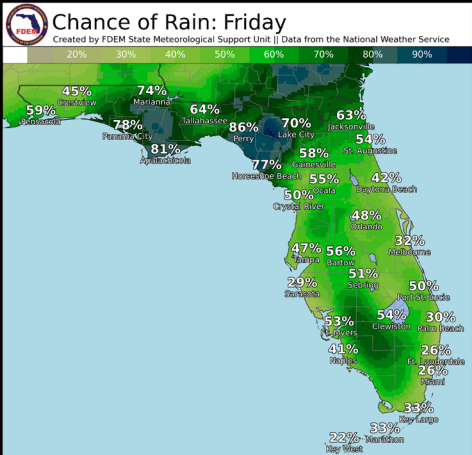
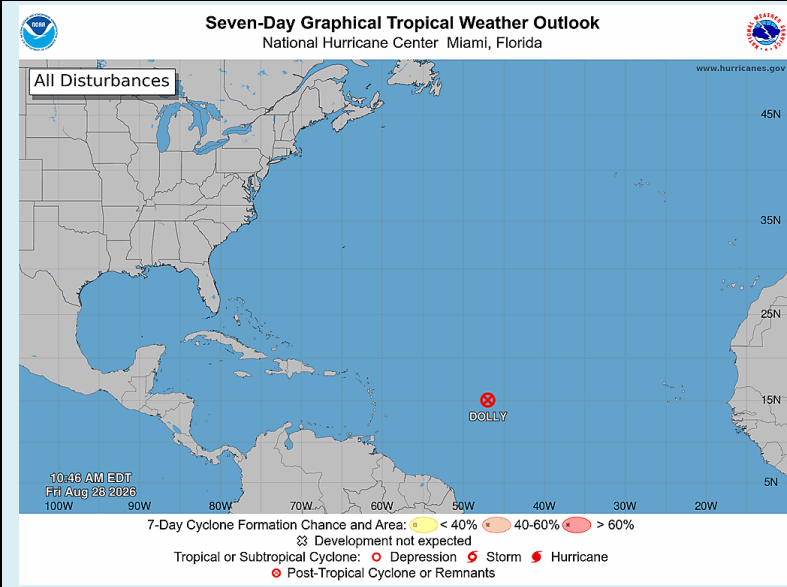


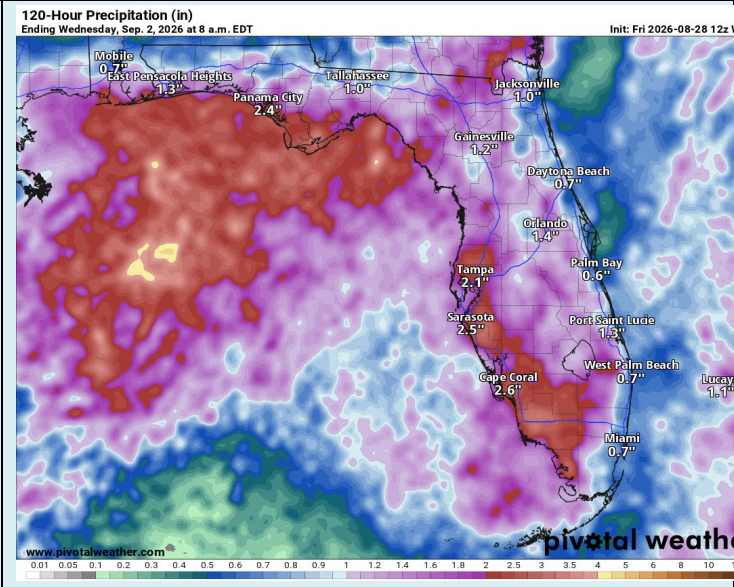
Friday, August 28, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri	Locally I-10 Corridor Interior Peninsula Coastal Peninsula	Iso. Statewide	North FL		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle, West Coast & Southeast FL
Sat	Locally Northeast & Southwest FL Statewide	Iso. Statewide	North FL		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast
Sun	West-Central & Southwest FL Statewide	Iso. Statewide	Panhandle, Big Bend & West Coast		Locally Statewide			Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Mon	Interior Central & South FL Peninsula Panhandle	Iso. Statewide	Panhandle, Big Bend & West Coast		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast
Tue	Central & South FL Northeast FL Panhandle	Iso. Statewide			Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast



Forecast Chances of Rain: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday



7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook

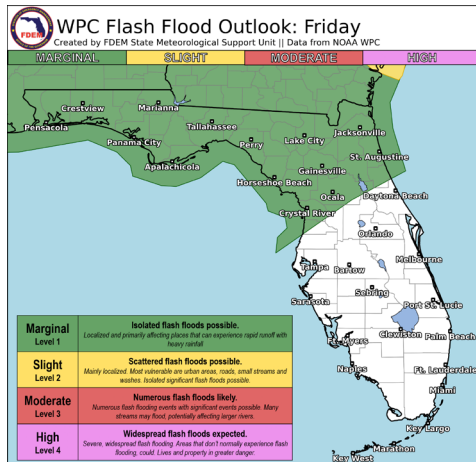


WPC 5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals



...Wet and Unsettled Weather Continues Through the Forecast Period... Daily Rounds of Heavy Showers and Storms May Lead to Instances of Localized Flooding... Locally Strong to Severe Storms Possible with Frequent Lightning and Gusty Winds... Temperatures Begin to Increase Starting Sunday; Can't Rule out Heat Advisories Next Week... Moderate Risk for Rip Currents at Many Statewide Beaches... Tropical Storm Dolly Becomes an Open Wave at the 11 AM Advisory...

Friday – Tuesday:

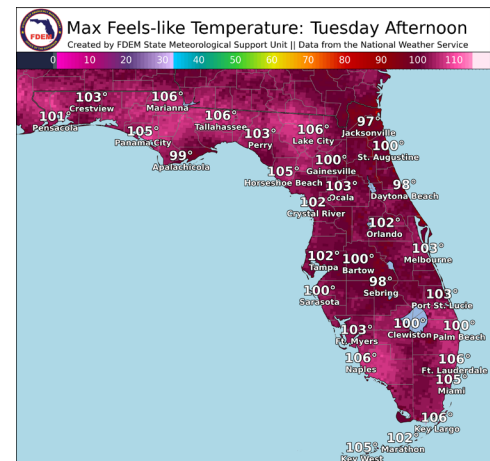


A large upper-level disturbance will remain centered over the Eastern U.S. through Saturday with it's attendant cold front draped across the Deep South. This front, paired with the sea breezes and ample moisture, will encourage daily rounds of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms across North Florida this weekend before the disturbance and front retreat northward (50-80% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across all of North Florida on Friday and Saturday, shrinking to just include the Panhandle and Big Bend on Sunday. Instances of **flooding and ponding of water** are possible through the weekend in areas that receive daily rounds of **heavy thunderstorms**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Isolated cases of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out should areas see training thunderstorms over saturated soils. By Monday, a more typical summertime pattern will return to North Florida as high

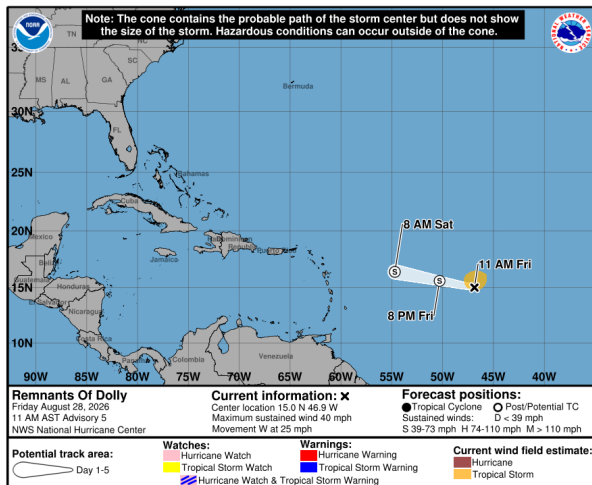
pressure builds in with afternoon showers and storms driven by the sea breezes (40-60% chance of rain). Any thunderstorm could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **frequent to excessive lightning** and **gusty winds (40-60 mph)**. Most shower and storm activity will dissipate or push offshore before midnight each night, though persistent southerly flow will keep some coastal showers pinned near the Panhandle and Big Bend coastline through the nighttime hours this weekend (40-65% chance of rain). Early morning showers and storms are favored along the Gulf Coast.

Throughout Central and South Florida, daily rain chances will primarily be driven by daytime heating and the sea breezes. Scattered to numerous showers and storms are expected each day, with the highest coverage of activity Sunday through Tuesday (75-90% chance of rain). Activity will develop along both the East and West Coast sea breezes today, pushing inland and increasing in coverage this afternoon (50-60% chance of rain). However, as high pressure begins to build back in this weekend, mainly east to southeasterly flow will return focusing activity across the interior Peninsula and West Coast with a predominate East Coast sea breeze. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the West Coast on Sunday and Monday where sea breeze collisions are expected to focus. Shower and storm activity could be slow-moving overall, which may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**. Any thunderstorm could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **frequent to excessive lightning** and **gusty winds (40-60 mph)**. Evening showers and storms will mainly focus along the West Coast before dissipating or pushing offshore before midnight each night (25-40% chance of rain). Can't rule out a few coastal showers across Southeast Florida each night (15-25% chance of rain).

Temperatures will be on a general warming trend through the next 5 days as high pressure slowly builds in. Highs today and Saturday will reach the upper 80s to lower 90s for most locations across the state. By Sunday, and especially into next week, highs will begin to climb into the **lower to middle 90s** for the state. Daily chances of storms will introduce cloud coverage keeping afternoon heat index values mostly below Heat Advisory criteria this weekend in the **upper 90s to middle 100s**. Areas across North and South



Florida may begin to approach the **upper 100s** on Monday and Tuesday, which could lead to some **Heat Advisories** should conditions warrant. Lows will generally fall into the 70s throughout the state with lower 80s across Southeast Florida and the Keys.



Tropical Weather:

Tropical Storm Dolly: As of 11 AM EDT, Tropical Storm Dolly has degenerated into an open tropical wave. The remnants are moving towards the west near 25 mph in the central tropical Atlantic. On the forecast track, the remnants should be nearing the Leeward Islands Saturday night and Sunday. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph with higher gusts. The winds associated with the remnants of Dolly are expected to decrease below tropical-storm force on Saturday.

No other tropical cyclone development is expected in the next 7 days. For more information, please visit the [National Hurricane Center](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/).

Hydrology & Flooding:

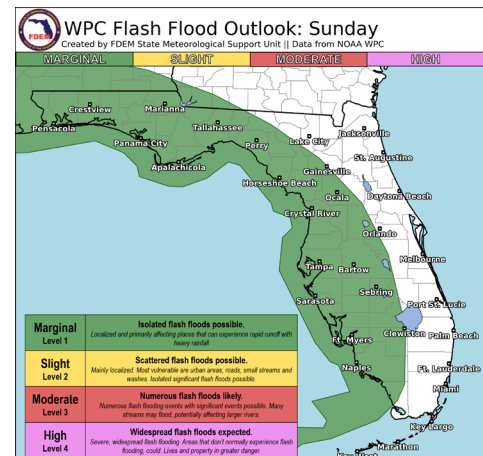
A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout North Florida today and Saturday, and across the Panhandle, Big Bend, and West Coast Sunday and Monday. A richly moist environment under south to southwesterly flow, paired with multiple sources of lift, will encourage daily rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms. Instances of **flooding and ponding of water** may result in areas that receive multiple rounds of **heavy downpours**. Isolated cases of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out, especially in areas that receive training thunderstorms over already saturated soils. Rainfall totals throughout the next 5 days will generally amount to 1-2" in most locations. Locally higher totals of **2-3"** are expected across the West Coast and along the Panhandle coastline where thunderstorms will mainly focus. Cannot rule out localized amounts reaching, or exceeding, **3-5"**, especially in areas that see daily rounds of heavy thunderstorms. Lesser amounts are expected along the I-95 corridor with a general 0.5-1" anticipated. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the WPC [website](https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/).

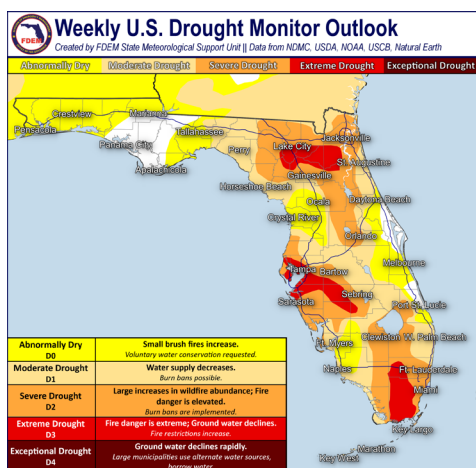
There are no riverine concerns currently across the state. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](https://www.fldem.state.fl.us/river-forecast-center/).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.89 feet, which is within the operational band and 3.27 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

Very little change was made on this week's drought update, with only minor degradations (*worsening drought*) observed in isolated locations. Areas within **severe (level 2 of 4)** to **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** in South Florida have been locally expanded in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. The northern extent of the area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across West-Central Florida along coastal Pasco County has been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Portions of west-central Suwannee County have been upgraded to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Small areas of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** have been expanded across coastal Collier County, northeastern Palm Beach County, and central Leon and Jefferson





counties. D0 (*abnormally dry conditions*) has been locally expanded in Indian River and Brevard counties. No other categorical drought conditions were made elsewhere across the state on this week's drought update. Areas in Northeast FL, West-Central FL, and South FL remain in a **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)**. Nearly 10% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**. 9% of the state remains under no drought designation. Looking ahead, a wet and unsettled pattern will continue with daily rounds of scattered showers and thunderstorms across the state. Minimal drought improvements are expected outside of areas that receive multiple rounds of heavy downpours.

Although daily rounds of showers and thunderstorms this forecast period will be welcomed given the ongoing drought in many locations, the long-term rainfall deficits as well as the scattered nature of storms will likely only lead to minor drought improvements

or degradations. Any areas that receive heavy rainfall with totals upwards of 3-5" this week could see drought improvements. However, most locations across Florida in a typical week in late August and early September receive around 1-2" of rain, so although the rainfall will be beneficial, it is unlikely to put much of a dent in the larger drought picture.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **342** 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).

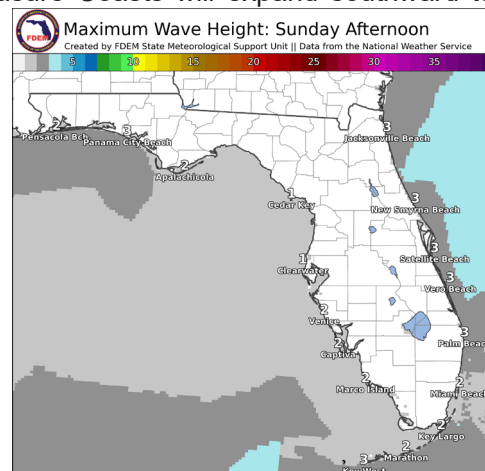
The overall fire weather threat will remain low as relative humidities remain above critical thresholds and winds remain light. Scattered showers and storms are expected on most days this weekend and next week, and any thunderstorm activity could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 31 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,218 acres (as of 9:00 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 weekend and early next week with persistent onshore flow. Along the East Coast, a **moderate risk for rip currents** along the First, Space, and Treasure Coasts will expand southward to include Southeast Florida beaches by Saturday as onshore flow develops. A low risk is expected at western Panhandle beaches, except on Sunday when a **moderate risk** may develop. A low risk for rip currents is expected for all West Coast beaches each day.

Surf heights across the state will remain near 1-3' for all beaches through the forecast period. Surf may occasionally approach **4'** for Space and Treasure Coast beaches.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 144 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in the St. Johns River, Lake Okeechobee, and Lake Monkey Business. **Moderate levels** have been observed in numerous locations across the state including Caloosahatchee River, Lake Okeechobee, Kenansville Lake, Lake Hamilton, Lake Thonotosassa, Lake Weir, Lake Denham, and within the upper and lower St. Johns River basin.



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Florida NCAA Division I Football Forecast

All times are in ET



Stetson vs. SDSU	Saturday 7:00 PM EDT	Brookings, SD
Kickoff Temperature: 86°	Mostly Clear and Comfortable.	Final Whistle Temperature: 76°
Halftime Temperature: 83°		
Albany State vs. FAMU	Saturday 7:00 PM EDT	Tallahassee, FL
Kickoff Temperature: 80°	Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM.	Final Whistle Temperature: 75°
Halftime Temperature: 76°		
NMSU vs. FSU	Saturday 7:00 PM EDT	Tallahassee, FL
Kickoff Temperature: 80°	Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM.	Final Whistle Temperature: 75°
Halftime Temperature: 76°		

Have a wonderful weekend!

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