



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, August 29, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Baker	Hurricane Preparedness Event
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Brian Carey	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 5
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off/Monitoring
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	On Call R10 Response

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

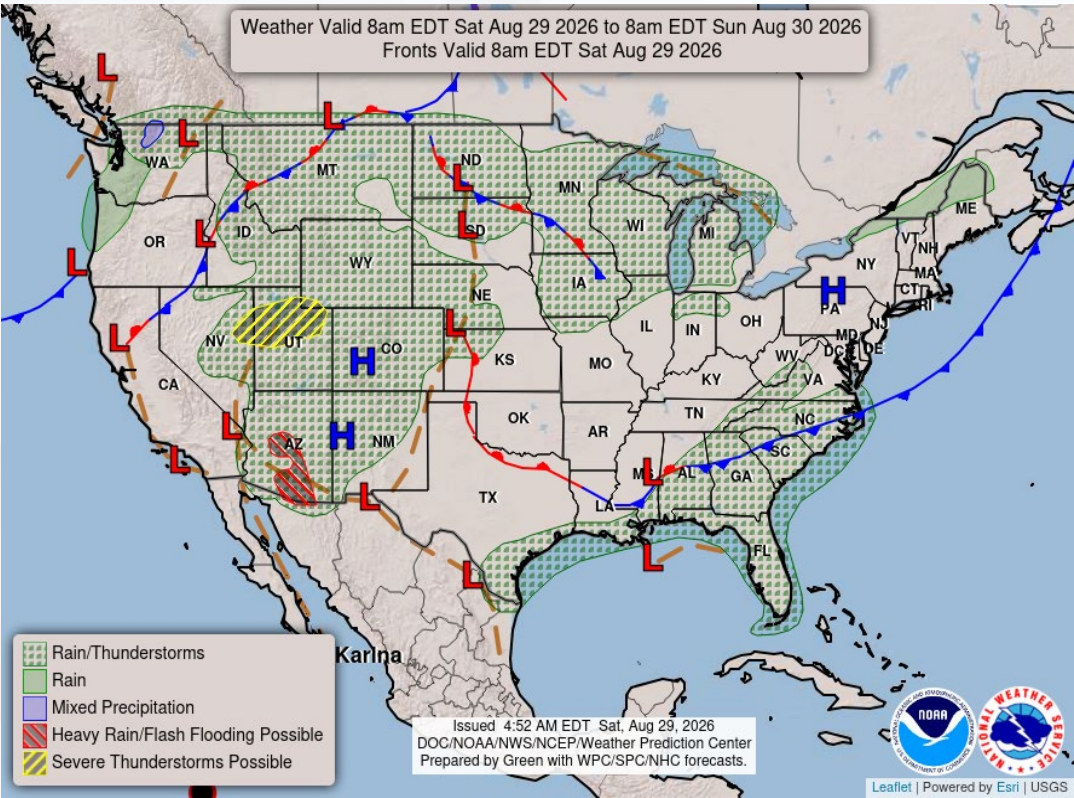
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

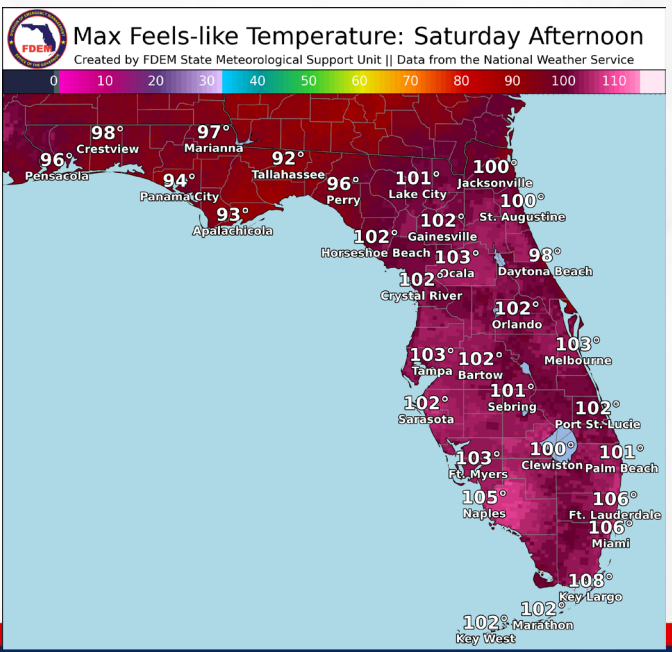
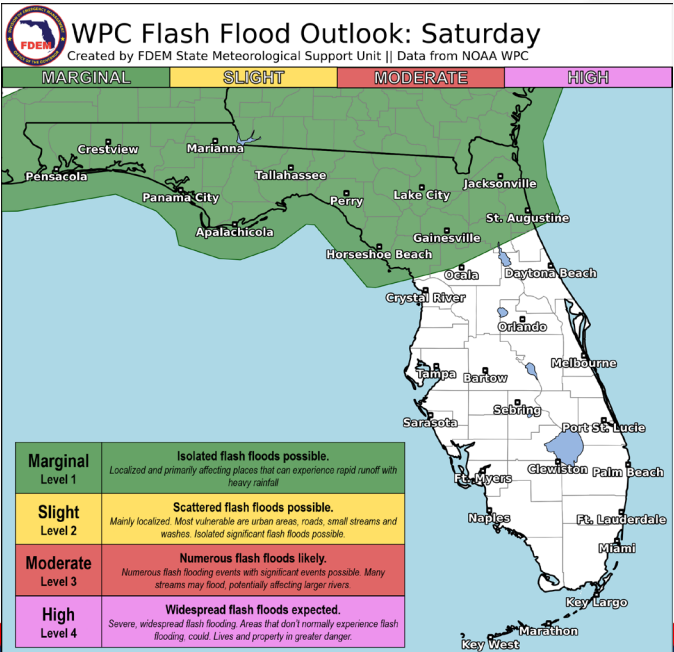


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	H	M	M	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L	L	L					
Extreme Heat			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.88 ft. (3.29 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	321 (-21) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





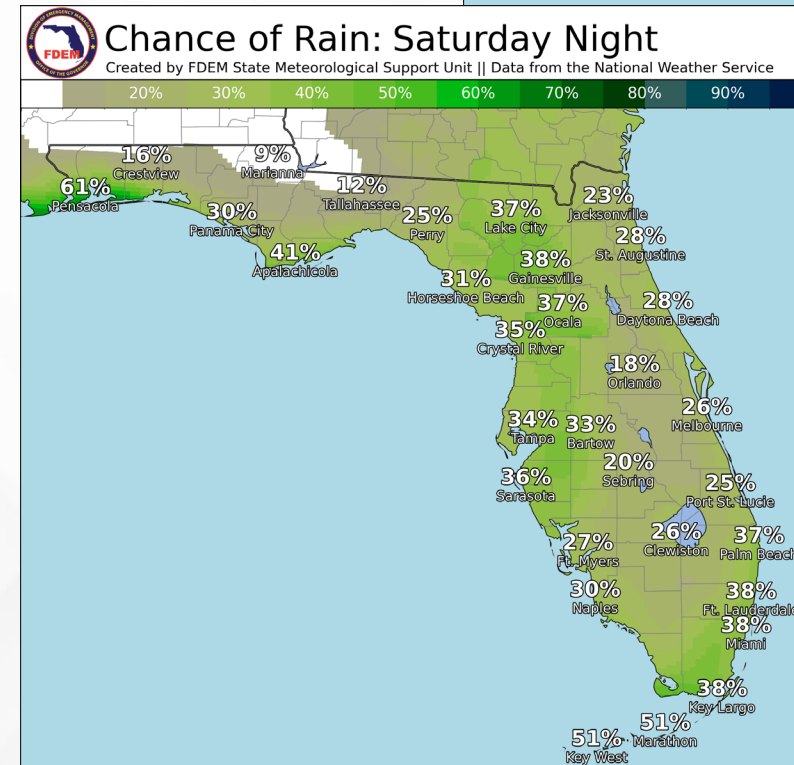
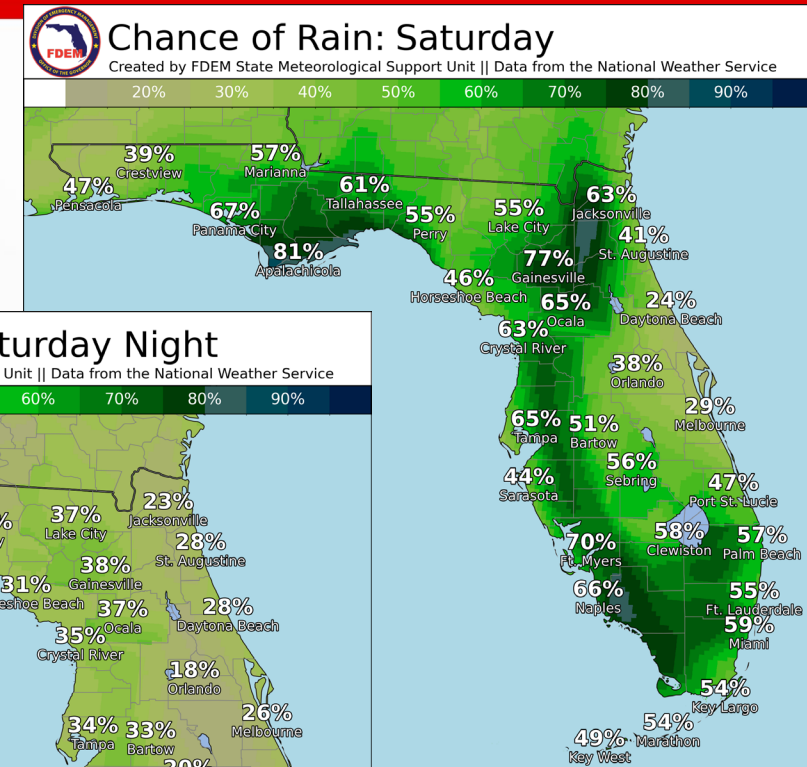
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Little change from yesterday is expected in today's statewide forecast as multiple sources of lift, ample moisture, and daytime heating all encourage multiple rounds of showers and thunderstorms (50-85% chance of rain) for many. Morning radar and satellite imagery highlights swaths of showers and thunderstorms beginning to push onshore across North Florida and the Big Bend south of a stalled frontal boundary draped across Georgia and Alabama. Under moist southwesterly flow, this activity will continue to stream onshore and increase in coverage this afternoon with multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** expected; A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout North Florida today for this risk. Typical sea breeze activity is expected throughout the Peninsula with showers and storms developing along the sea breezes, pushing inland throughout the morning and afternoon hours and increasing in coverage. Sea-breeze driven storm activity will peak in coverage and intensity along the West Coast later this afternoon under predominantly easterly flow across the Peninsula. While there is no organized risk of severe weather, a few **locally strong to severe** thunderstorms are possible, carrying the risk of **frequent lightning** and **gusty winds (40-60 mph)**.

High temperatures are expected to remain seasonably hot today and reach into the upper 80s to **middle 90s**. Feels-like temperatures will remain below Heat Advisory criteria, peaking in the **upper 90s** across North Florida to the **middle 100s** within the Peninsula.

Tonight, showers and storms throughout the state will begin to wane after sunset with most activity dissipating or pushing offshore by midnight. Lows will be seasonably warm, falling 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.

Disturbance 1 (East of the Leeward Islands; Remnants of Dolly): Showers and thunderstorms have increased this morning in association with the remnants of Tropical Storm Dolly, located several hundred miles east of the Leeward Islands. However, there are no signs that the system is developing a closed circulation. Redevelopment of this system is unlikely while it moves westward to west-northwestward near 25 mph.

Redevelopment of this system is unlikely, and it currently poses no direct threat to Florida.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low... 10 percent.

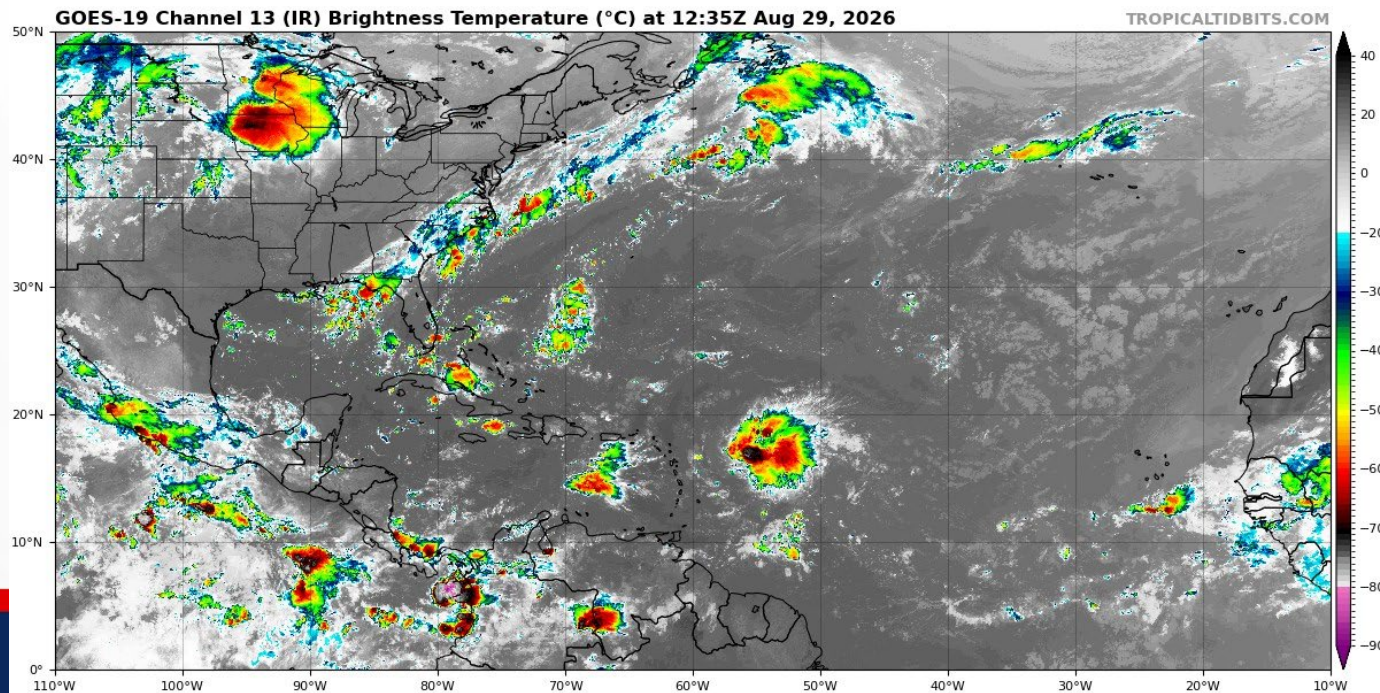
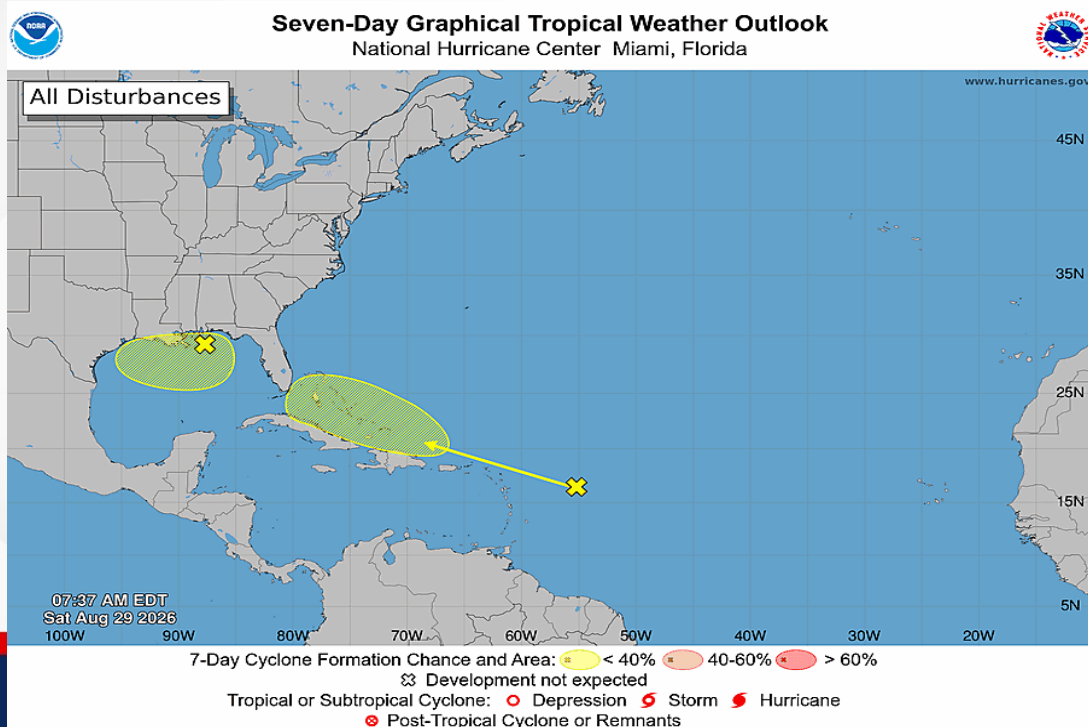
* Formation chance through 7 days...low... 10 percent.

Disturbance 2 (Northeastern and North-Central Gulf): Disorganized cloudiness and showers over portions of the northeastern and north-central Gulf are associated with a weak area of low pressure centered about 100 miles south-southwest of Pensacola, Florida. Development, if any, of this system is expected to be slow while it drifts westward for the next few days.

Development of this system is unlikely. Some heavy rainfall and gusty winds are possible across North Florida associated with this disturbance over the next few days.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.

* Formation chance through 7 days...low... 10 percent.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is outlooked across eastern Panhandle and East Coast beaches. A low risk for rip currents remains outlooked for the western Panhandle, West Coast, and Southeast Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

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

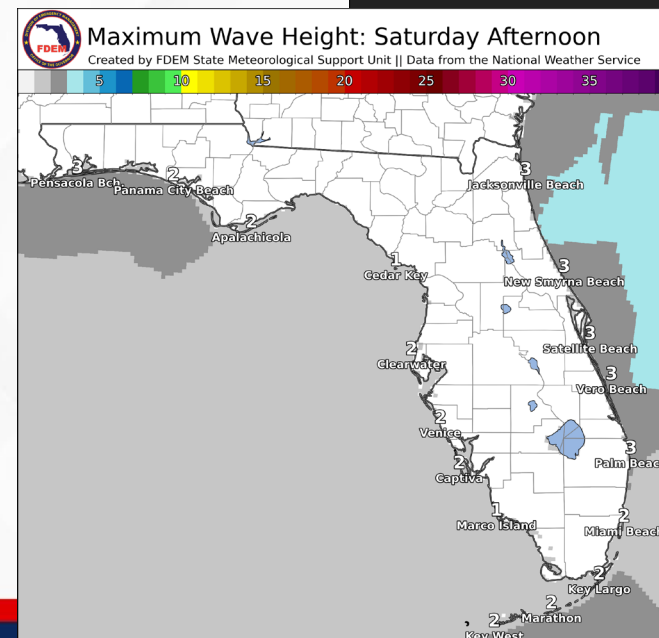
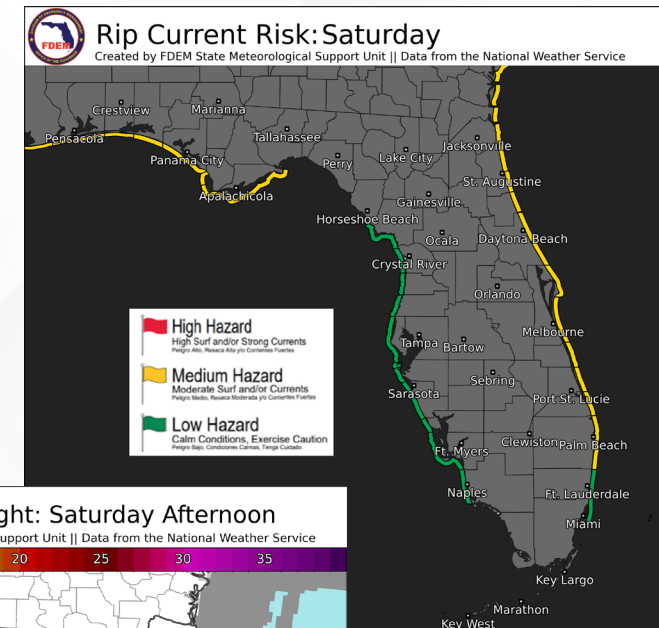
Red Tide: was observed at very low to medium concentrations in Nassau County, background to low concentrations in Duval County, and background to low concentrations in St. Johns County (valid 8/28/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no coastal flooding concerns across the state.

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across North Florida today where multiple rounds of heavy downpours may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations or within areas that have seen isolated flash flooding in prior days. Isolated cases of flooding cannot be ruled out throughout the Peninsula as well. Rainfall amounts will generally add up to 0.5-1.5" in most locations, though locally higher totals **upwards of 2-4"** are possible in areas that receive training storms or multiple rounds of heavy thunderstorms. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.88 feet, which is 3.29 feet below normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



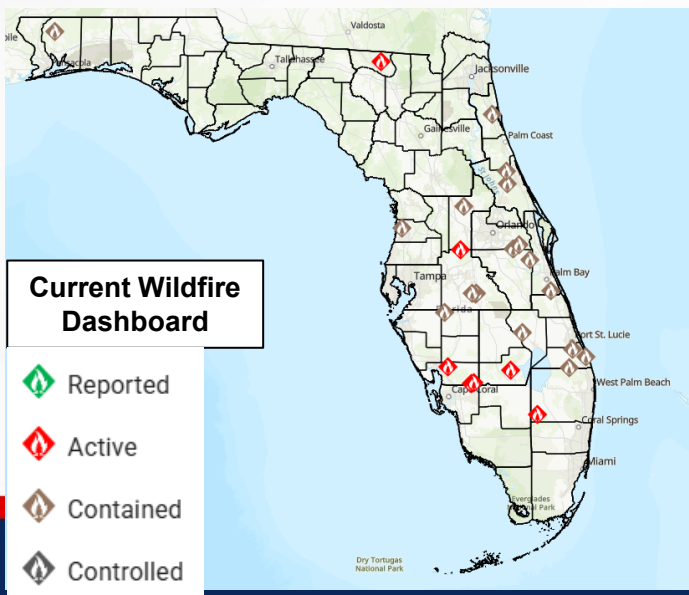
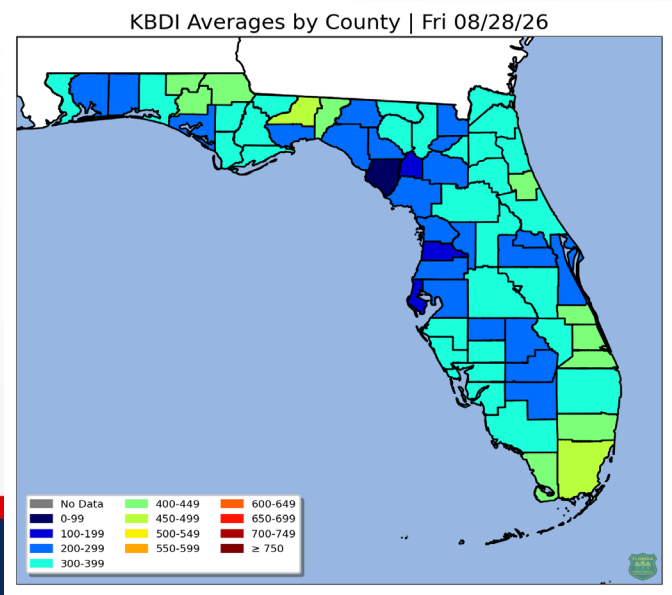
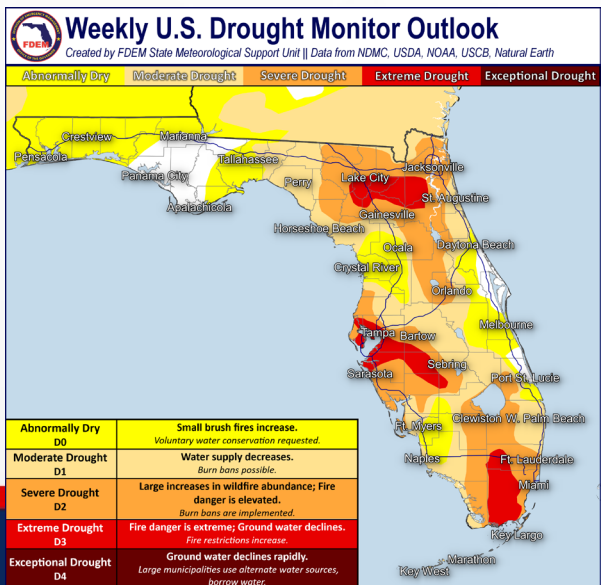


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Scattered to widespread 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 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,023 acres.

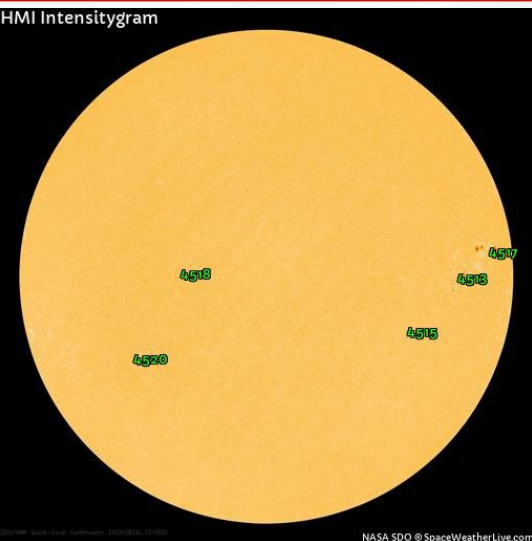
Drought (8/25/26): Very little change was made on this week's drought update, with only minor degradations (*worsening drought*) observed in isolated locations. Areas within **severe (level 2 of 4)** to **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** in South Florida have been locally expanded in Miami-Dade and Monroe 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.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **321 (-21)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **0 out of 67** Florida County that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

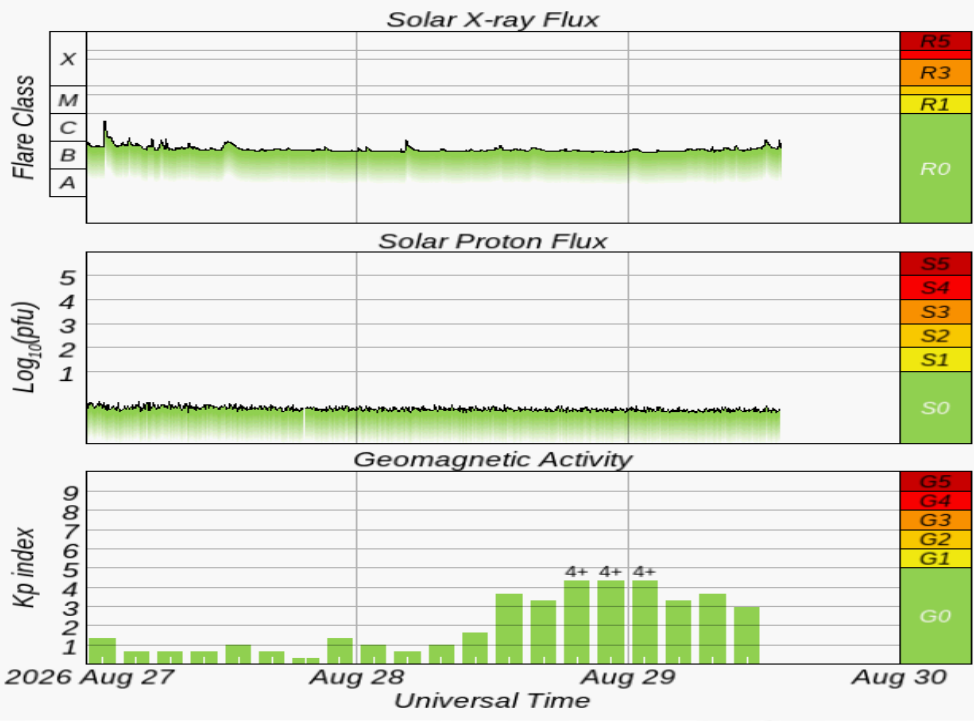
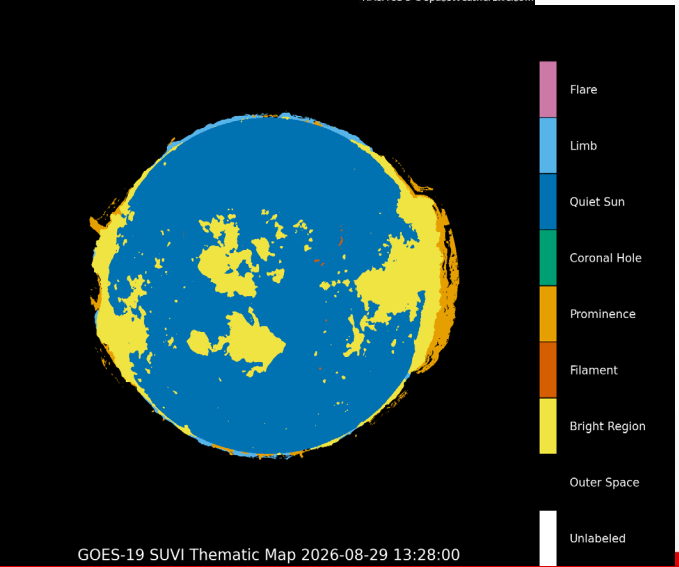




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Watch (8/27-29)	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/29	8/30
Max Kp= 6 (G2)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 20%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is likely remain at low levels with a chance of M-class (R1-R2) solar flares. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to continue today and into early tomorrow due to positive polarity CH HSS influences and the arrival of a recent Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). Periods of G1-G2 (minor-moderate) geomagnetic storming is anticipated today and into early tomorrow before CME and CH HSS influences subside. A **Geomagnetic Storm Watch** remains in effect today. The overall space weather threat to Florida is 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
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