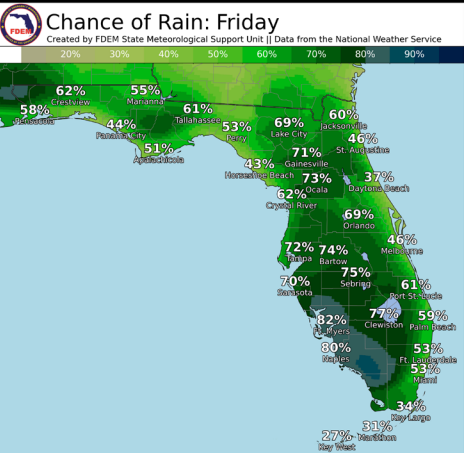
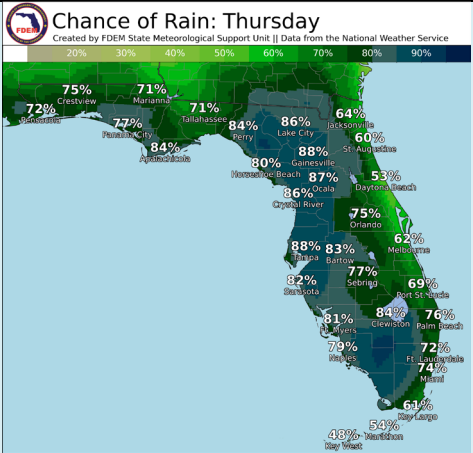
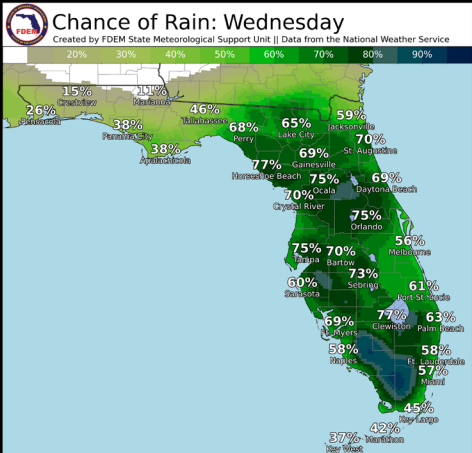
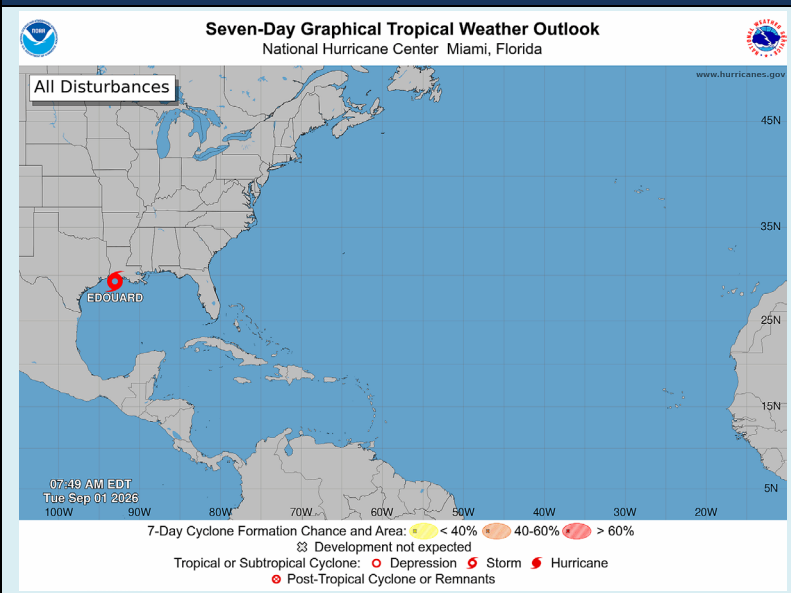


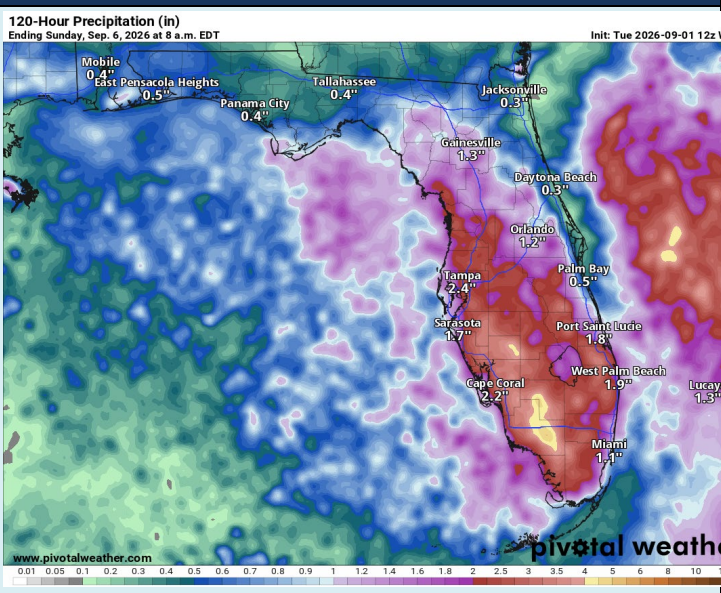
Tuesday, September 1, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue	Interior Central & South FL Peninsula Panhandle & Big Bend	Iso. Statewide	Central & South FL		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle, West Coast & Southeast FL
Wed	Interior Central & South FL Peninsula Panhandle & Big Bend	Iso. Statewide	Peninsula and Forgotten Coast		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast
Thu	Interior Central & South FL Rest of State	Iso. Statewide	Statewide		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast
Fri	Interior Central & South FL Peninsula Panhandle & Big Bend	Iso. Statewide	Iso. Peninsula		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & East Coast Western Panhandle & West Coast
Sat	Locally South FL South of I-4 Corridor Rest of State	Iso. Statewide	Iso. South FL		Locally Statewide			Eastern Panhandle & Northeast FL Rest of State



Forecast Chances of Rain: *Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday*

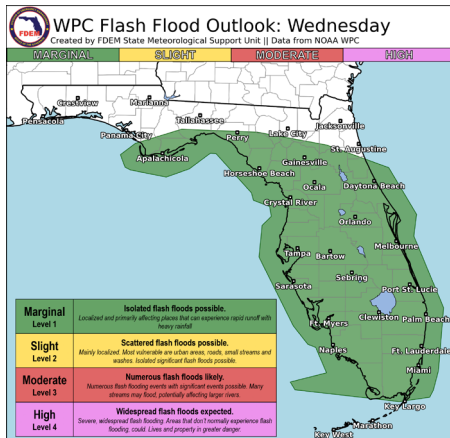


7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook



...Another Wet and Unsettled Week Expected Across the Sunshine State... 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 Remain Seasonably Hot, Though Likely Below Heat Advisory Criteria ... Moderate Risk for Rip Currents at Many Statewide Beaches... Tropical Storm Edouard Set to Make Landfall in the Northwestern Gulf this Afternoon; No Threat to Florida...

Tuesday - Saturday:

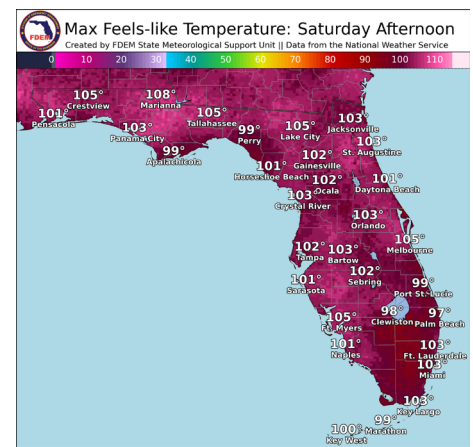


A large upper-level ridge of high pressure will settle over the central Appalachians through the work week, only slowly nudging eastward each day keeping much of Florida under a richly moist east to southeasterly flow on the southern periphery of the high. A weak mid to upper-level disturbance currently lingering off the East Coast of Florida will also drift across the state during the middle portions of this week. This feature, combined with a predominate East Coast sea breeze and daytime heating, will help to spark daily rounds of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms focused throughout the Peninsula (50-80% chance of rain). Drier air will linger throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend today and Wednesday where a few isolated to widely scattered showers and storms may develop, mainly south of the I-10 corridor (25-45% chance of rain). By Thursday, the aforementioned mid to upper-level disturbance will traverse the state bringing numerous to widespread showers and

storms to the entire state (70-90% chance of rain). Shower and thunderstorm activity will generally get off to an early start along the East Coast each morning, spreading inland and increasing in coverage during the afternoon hours as they trek west to northwestward across the Peninsula along the sea breezes and residual outflow boundaries. Activity may also get started early, before the typical afternoon start times, across the Panhandle and Big Bend on Thursday. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is currently outlooked throughout Central and South Florida today, expanding northward to include much of Northeast Florida and the Forgotten Coast on Wednesday and the entire state on Thursday. Given the possibility of multiple days of heavy rainfall, instances of **flooding and ponding of water** are possible, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Isolated cases of **flash flooding** can also not be ruled out in any areas that receive slow-moving training thunderstorms. Any thunderstorm activity statewide could become **locally strong to severe** and contain **frequent lightning** and **gusty winds (40-60 mph)**. Shower and thunderstorm activity will generally wane after sunset and dissipate or push offshore before midnight each day. However, persistent east to southeasterly flow, as well as the offshore mid to upper-level disturbance, may keep a few coastal showers around along the East Coast and Panhandle overnight each night (25-40% chance of rain).

Scattered to numerous afternoon showers and storms are expected again throughout the state on Friday (50-80% chance of rain), with chances of rain diminishing across portions of North and North-Central Florida on Saturday as northerly flow returns with high pressure shifting back westward towards the central and southern Plains (40-60% chance of rain). Although not currently modeled, will need to watch for any larger thunderstorm complexes diving southward around the periphery of the ridge towards North Florida. Scattered to numerous showers and storms continues on Saturday across South-Central and South Florida with plentiful moisture still pooled across the area (60-80% chance of rain). Activity is expected to follow a typical summer-time pattern, waning after sunset and dissipating before midnight.

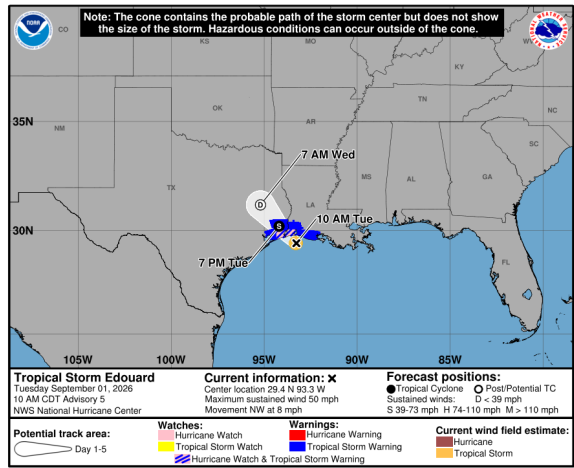
With the large dome of high pressure centered over the central Appalachians this week, the core of the heat will remain off to



the north of the state, though conditions will still remain seasonably **hot and humid**. Highs are expected to reach the upper 80s to **middle 90s** each afternoon, with feels-like temperatures peaking in the **upper 90s** to **middle 100s**. As rain chances diminish towards Saturday across portions of North and Central Florida, and therefore cloud coverage decreases, may see heat index values reach the **upper 100s**. However, widespread Heat Advisories are not expected at this time. Lows will fall into the 70s to lower 80s each night.

Tropical Weather:

Tropical Storm Edouard: As of 11 AM EDT, Tropical Storm Edouard was located 30 miles south of Cameron, Louisiana and moving towards the northwest at 8 mph. This general motion is expected to continue through today, and the center of Edouard is forecast to reach the northwestern Gulf Coast later today and move inland over southeast Texas tonight. Maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph with higher gusts. Additional strengthening is forecast today and Edouard could approach hurricane strength before it reaches the northwest Gulf Coast later today. Rapid weakening is expected thereafter once the center moves onshore. **This system poses no threat to Florida.**



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

Hydrology & Flooding:

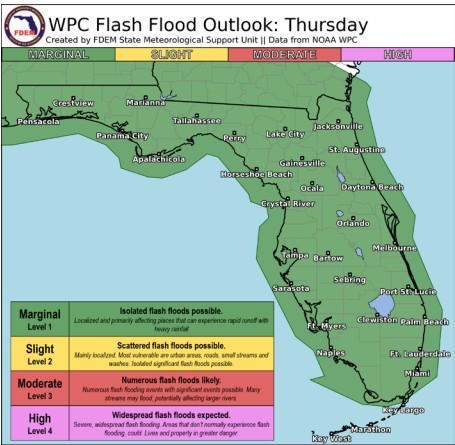
Over the next three days, increased rain chances, particularly in the Florida Peninsula are expected. With moderate easterly flow and a very moist airmass, the western side of the Peninsula will have the best potential to see the heaviest rainfall. Through Thursday, across Southwest Florida, rainfall amounts of **3 to 5 inches** with isolated maximum totals to **7 inches** are expected. Slightly lesser amounts are expected across the Eastern Peninsula with **2 to 4 inches** of rain with isolated maximum totals **near 5 inches**. Should these rainfall amounts occur in a short period of time, flash flooding is possible, particularly in urban areas. For this reason, the southern half of the state is highlighted in a **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding** today. This risk expands northward on Wednesday and includes the entire state on Thursday. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the [WPC website](http://WPCwebsite.gov).

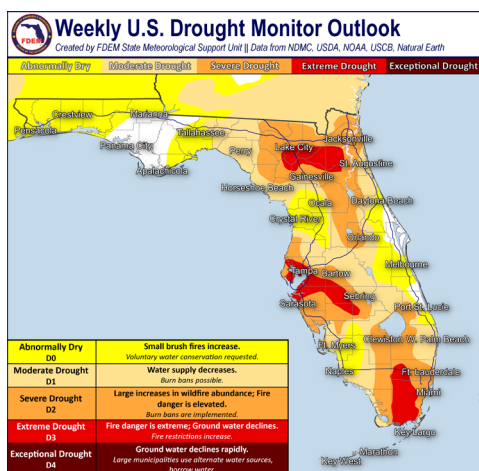
Depending on where the heaviest rains fall, some of the smaller rivers and creeks across West Central and Southwest Florida could reach action stage or even minor flood stage in the coming days. Particularly, Fisheasting Creek in Glades County, Horse Creek in DeSoto County, and Little Manatee River in Hillsborough County are especially vulnerable currently. Elsewhere across the state, there are no riverine concerns. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://RiverForecastCenter.gov).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.95 feet, which is in the water shortage management zone and 3.25 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

Very little change was made last week when the drought monitor was issued on Thursday. Only minor degradations (*worsening drought*) were 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 last 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.

Rainfall through 8 am ET this Tuesday morning since the last drought monitor will be included in this week's map. Overall there

has been some welcome rainfall across mainly the I-4 corridor and South Florida that may lead to some localized improvement in drought conditions in these areas, but it is important to emphasize that this has been a long term drought, meaning that the impacts are more prevalent on area streams, ponds, and lakes, than may be readily observed through fire behavior or agriculture. In fact, within the extreme drought areas, there are numerous reports of very low surface water levels in streams and lakes creating adverse impacts to recreational activities.

Looking ahead, a wet and unsettled pattern will continue through the remainder of the week, especially across the Peninsula with daily rounds of scattered showers and thunderstorms. This could lead to further improvement in the drought in subsequent weeks.

Areas that receive higher amounts of rain, generally exceeding 3 to 4 inches of rain in a week could see improvement in drought status next week. Even with some improvement, many areas are well below normal rainfall over the last three to four months across the Florida Peninsula, so it will take a lot of rain to overcome these long standing deficits to completely end the drought.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **285** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). No county in Florida currently has a KBDI above 500 indicating an increased risk of fire danger.

The overall fire weather threat will remain low as relative humidities remain above critical thresholds. Scattered showers and storms are expected through the week, and any thunderstorm activity could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds. It is important to note in areas that have been persistently dry that thunderstorm activity can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 9 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 833 acres (as of 12:00 PM 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 and into the weekend 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 Wednesday and through Friday as onshore flow increases. A low risk is expected at all western Panhandle and West Coast beaches through the week.

Surf heights across the state will remain near 1-3' for all beaches through the forecast period. Surf may occasionally approach **4'** for Northeast and East-Central Florida beaches Wednesday and Thursday.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 143 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in the C54 canal, Kenansville Lake, Lake Marian, Lake Formosa, and the lower St. Johns River basin. **Moderate levels** have been observed in numerous locations across the state including the lower and upper St. Johns River basin, Lake Brooklyn, Lake Weir, Lake George, Lake Hamilton East, Lake Monkey Business, and Lake Okeechobee.

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Florida NCAA Division I Football Forecast

All times are in ET



Bethune Cookman vs UCF	Thursday 7:00 PM EDT	Orlando, FL
Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and storms, mainly before 8 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 79°	Halftime Temperature: 78°	Final Whistle Temperature: 77°
Miami vs Stanford	Friday 9:00 PM EDT	Stanford, CA
Mostly clear and cool.		
Kickoff Temperature: 68°	Halftime Temperature: 63°	Final Whistle Temperature: 60°
Webber vs Stetson	Saturday 11:00 AM EDT	DeLand, FL
Mostly clear and hot, becoming mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms after 1 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 87°	Halftime Temperature: 90°	Final Whistle Temperature: 91°
FIU vs USF	Saturday 7:00 PM EDT	Tampa, FL
Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms diminishing after 8 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 85°	Halftime Temperature: 83°	Final Whistle Temperature: 81°
West Florida vs Central Arkansas	Saturday 7:00 PM EDT	Conway, AR
Mostly sunny, hot and humid.		
Kickoff Temperature: 99°	Halftime Temperature: 94°	Final Whistle Temperature: 91°
FL Atlantic vs Florida	Saturday 7:45 PM EDT	Gainesville, FL
Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms diminishing after 8 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 83°	Halftime Temperature: 80°	Final Whistle Temperature: 78°
SC State vs. FAMU	Sunday 3:00 PM EDT	Tallahassee, FL
SMU vs. FSU	Monday 7:00 PM EDT	Tallahassee, FL

Have a wonderful rest of your week!

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