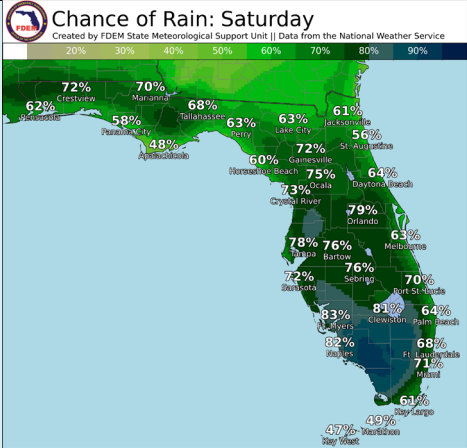
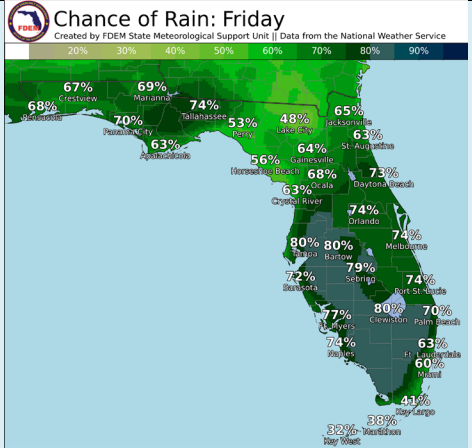
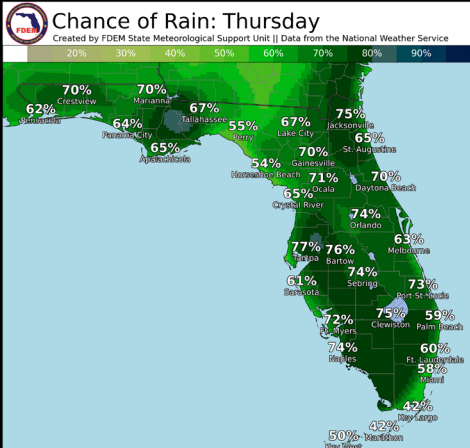


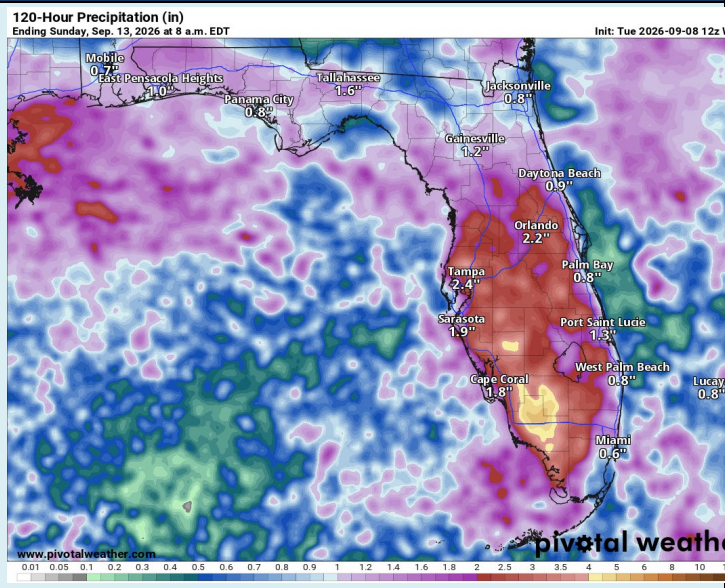
Tuesday, September 8, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue	Western & Central Peninsula Big Bend & Northeast FL	Iso. Peninsula	South-Central & South FL		Statewide	Locally Suwannee Valley		Northeast FL Panhandle & East-Central FL West Coast & Southeast FL
Wed	Locally Central & Southwest FL Peninsula I-10 Corridor	Iso. Peninsula	Locally Peninsula		Locally Peninsula Statewide			Northeast FL East Coast & Panhandle West Coast
Thu	Interior Central & South FL Rest of State	Iso. Statewide	Locally Peninsula		Locally Statewide			Northeast FL East Coast & Eastern Panhandle West Coast & Western Panhandle
Fri	Interior Central & South FL Panhandle & Big Bend Suwannee Valley	Iso. Statewide	Statewide		Locally Statewide			East Coast & Eastern Panhandle West Coast & Western Panhandle
Sat	Interior Central & South FL Northeast FL & Panhandle Big Bend & Suwannee Valley	Iso. Statewide	Statewide		Locally Statewide			Northeast FL & Eastern Panhandle Rest of State



Forecast Chances of Rain: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday



7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook

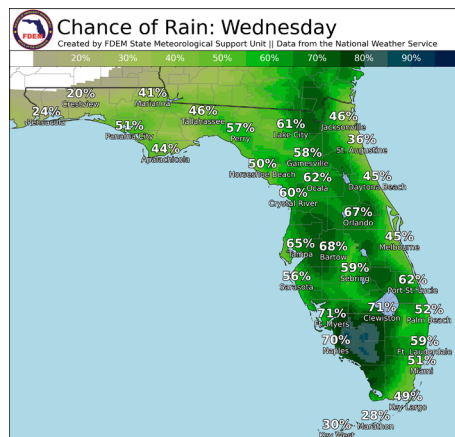


WPC 5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals



...Another Week with Daily Rounds of Showers and Storms Throughout the Peninsula... Drier Conditions to Start the Week Across the Panhandle, Turning Wet by Thursday... Locally Heavy Rainfall May Lead to Instances of Flooding in the Strongest Thunderstorm Activity... Hot and Humid Conditions Persist with Highs in the 90s and Heat Index Values in the 100s... Moderate to High Risk for Rip Currents at Many East Coast and Panhandle Beaches this Week... No Tropical Cyclone Activity Expected During the Next 7 Days in the Atlantic...

Tuesday – Saturday:



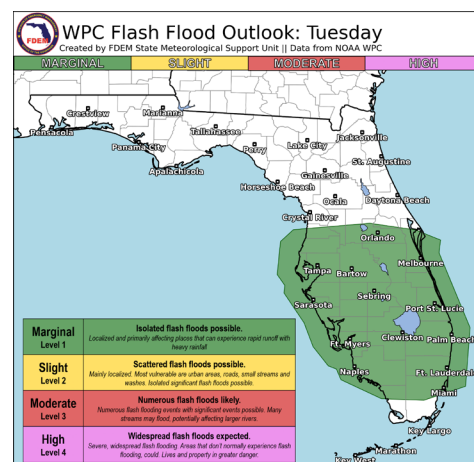
Summer-like weather is poised to continue this week across the Sunshine State under the influence of a building upper-level ridge of high pressure across the Southeast U.S. and a surface high pressure expanding across the Southwest Atlantic. Under high pressure, afternoon shower and thunderstorm activity will largely be driven by the sea breezes and focus across climatological areas favored in the various flow regimes.

For example, east to northeasterly flow across the Panhandle and Big Bend today will keep mostly dry conditions in place with only an isolated shower possible in the southeastern Big Bend or along the immediate coast (15-35% chance of rain). This east to northeasterly flow may become breezy this afternoon, gusting **upwards of 20-25 mph** at times. Flow will turn more out of the southeast on Wednesday with rain chances slightly increasing as moisture begins to creep back

into the region (25-45% chance of rain). By Thursday, and through the weekend, high pressure will begin to establish over the Atlantic waters bringing a return of a richly moist southwesterly flow to the Panhandle and Big Bend with scattered to numerous afternoon showers and storms expected (50-75% chance of rain). Overnight conditions will largely remain dry for most locations as any evening showers and storms dissipate or push offshore by midnight. However, moist southwesterly flow may keep coastal showers around along the Panhandle and Big Bend coasts during the overnight hours beginning Thursday night (15-30% chance of rain).

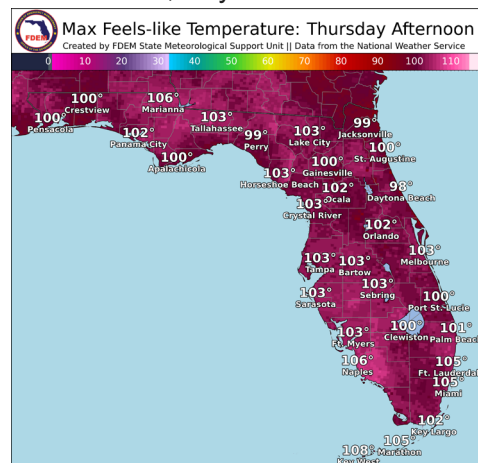
Meanwhile, throughout the Peninsula, abundant tropical moisture will remain pooled along and near a dissipating frontal boundary through Wednesday. Northeasterly flow north of this front, which may become breezy at times this afternoon even outside of thunderstorm activity, will focus the showers and storms across the Suwannee Valley and Nature Coast in Northeast Florida (45-65% chance of rain) while south to southwesterly flow will focus activity across western and interior locations in Central and South Florida (45-70% chance of rain). As this front fully dissipates by Thursday, high pressure will build across the western Atlantic with south to southeasterly flow spreading across the Peninsula, bringing even more abundant moisture into the region and increasing rain chances (60-80% chance of rain). Despite much of the interior and western Peninsula locations favored under this flow regime, activity will first get started early along the East Coast each morning before pushing inland. Additionally, some showers and storms may drift back towards the I-95 corridor each evening. Overnight conditions will also largely remain dry with showers and storms dissipating or pushing offshore before midnight.

Moisture levels will remain above normal for early September standards with afternoon thunderstorm activity containing **locally heavy rainfall**. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is currently outlooked across South-Central and South Florida today and expanding statewide on Friday and Saturday for the risk of **localized flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations that receive slow-



moving thunderstorms. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather, any thunderstorm could become **locally strong to severe** and contain **frequent lightning** and **gusty winds (40-50 mph)**.

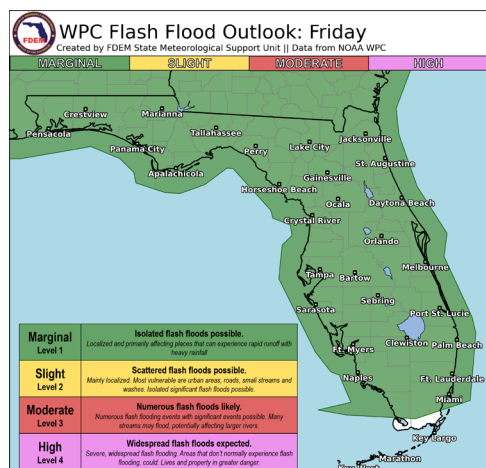
High temperatures for September 8th to 12th across Florida typically average around 88-92 degrees over the past 30 years. This week, highs will largely stick near to slightly above these climatological normals reaching the upper 80s to **middle 90s**. However, the abundant moisture throughout the state will continue to promote elevated humidity levels with heat index values peaking in the **upper 90s to middle 100s** each afternoon. Certainly cannot rule out localized areas reaching the **upper 100s**, especially in Southwest Florida this week. Low temperatures will fall into the lower to middle 70s across North Florida and middle 70s to lower 80s in Central and South Florida.



Tropical Weather:

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

Hydrology & Flooding:



A wet and stormy pattern is expected to continue through the next five days, especially across the Florida Peninsula. Easterly flow will continue to enhance the sea breeze front moving across the Peninsula, leading to heavier rainfall along the western side of the Peninsula. Rainfall today, Friday, and Saturday could be especially heavy and lead to localized **flash flooding** in urban and poor drainage areas. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Southern Peninsula today and statewide on Friday and Saturday. Through Saturday, rainfall amounts south of Interstate 4 of **1-3 inches** are expected with isolated heavier amounts near **4 to 6 inches** across the southwestern portion of the peninsula. Rainfall is expected to be lighter in North Florida, generally, 1 to 2 inches through the next five days. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the [WPC website](http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov).

Most rivers across Florida remain low, however, some heavy rainfall across the Southwest Florida Peninsula could lead to minor river flooding along Fisheating Creek in Glades County and Horse Creek in DeSoto County). Elsewhere across the state, there are no riverine concerns. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://www.fws.gov).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.03 feet, which is in the water shortage management zone and 3.36 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

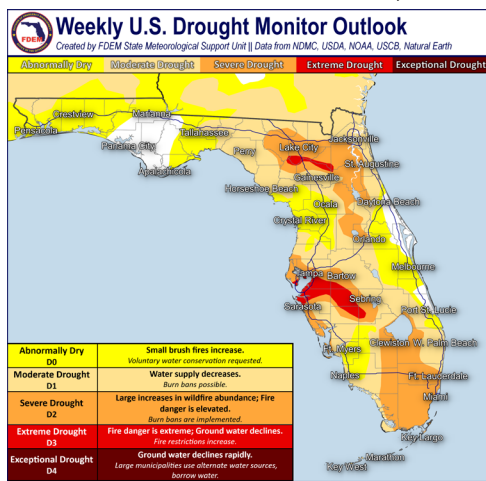
Minor coastal flooding is also possible along the Northeast Florida Coast and tidal St Johns River through early Thursday. The combination of higher than normal astronomical tides and strong easterly flow will lead to the potential for minor flooding around the time of high tide. Water levels of 1.5-2 ft mean higher high water are possible along the Atlantic Coast, which can impact boat ramps, docks, and low lying areas. Slightly lower values of 1-1.5 ft mean higher high water are possible along the tidal St Johns River, which can still impact boat ramps and docks on the tidal portion of the river.

Drought & Fire Weather:

A wet and unsettled week brought much needed rainfall to Northeastern Florida southward through the Peninsula. This led to additional drought improvements. Across South Florida, all areas of extreme drought (level 3 of 4) in interior Miami-Dade and Broward counties have been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** following a general 2-4 inches of rain this past week. Areas of severe drought (level 2 of 4)



across interior St. Lucie, Martin, Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, and Charlotte counties has diminished to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** as well on this week's update. Some additional improvements were observed in Central Florida with parts of northwestern Hillsborough and northern Pinellas counties previously under an extreme drought (level 3 of 4) now under a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Coastal portions of Pasco and Hernando counties, as well as interior portions of Orange, Lake, and Marion counties, have



returned to **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** conditions. Other significant drought improvements were observed in Northeast Florida with much of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** area in the Suwannee Valley going away and returning to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. The overall footprint of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has shrunk with much more **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** returning. Some drought degradation was observed in the Panhandle with new areas of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** in northern Escambia, Santa Rosa, and small portions of northeastern Holmes and northwestern Jackson counties. In this update, only a small portion of the Suwannee Valley and portions of West-Central Florida remain under an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, making up ~3.5% of the state. Areas of **moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** are still found throughout much of the Peninsula. About ~9% of the state remains under no drought designation. Further

improvements in drought severity is expected in the week ahead with more rain in the forecast. However, in the Florida Panhandle, recent dry conditions has led to some increase in drought severity. Should rainfall be limited this week, further expansion of drought across the Florida Panhandle is expected.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **228** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **0 out of 67** counties in Florida that currently have an average KBDI above 500 indicating an increased risk of fire danger.

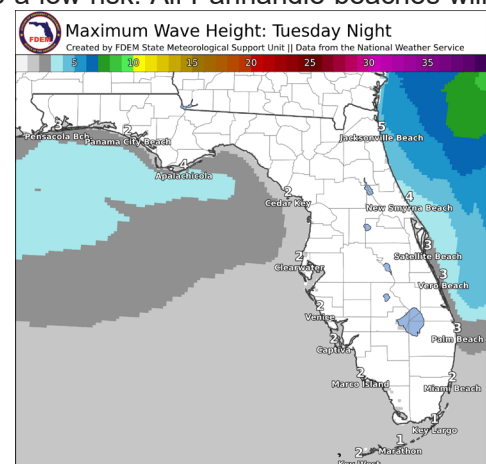
The overall fire weather threat will remain low as relative humidities remain above critical thresholds. Scattered showers and storms are expected through this week, and any thunderstorm activity could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds. It is important to note in areas that have been 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 1,285 acres (as of 12:00 PM EDT).

Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

A **high risk for rip currents** is expected at Northeast Florida beaches to start this week with elevated onshore winds and increasing surf from an offshore ocean swell. Northeast Florida beaches will diminish to a **moderate risk** by Friday as winds and surf decrease. Most other East Coast beaches will see a **moderate risk for rip currents** through this week, diminishing by Saturday to a low risk. All Panhandle beaches will remain under a **moderate risk** through Wednesday, decreasing to a low risk for western Panhandle beaches on Thursday but remaining elevated for eastern Panhandle beaches into the weekend. A low risk remains outlooked for West Coast beaches.

Surf heights will increase to near **4-6'** for Northeast Florida beaches through Wednesday, slowly diminishing back towards **3-4'** into the weekend. Many East-Central Florida beaches will also see increasing surf near **3-4'** today through Thursday, decreasing to 2-3' Friday and Saturday. Panhandle beaches will see waves near **2-4'** today and Wednesday, diminishing to 1-2' by Thursday. West Coast beaches will see surf remain near 1-2' this week.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 142 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed throughout Lake Okeechobee 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 Wauberg, Lake Monroe, Scott Lake, Lake Monkey Business, Lake Sheelin, and throughout Lake Okeechobee.

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Florida NCAA Division I Football Forecast

All times are in ET



FAMU vs #7 Miami	Thursday 8:00 PM EDT	Miami, FL
Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 83°	Halftime Temperature: 82°	Final Whistle Temperature: 82°
USF vs Army	Saturday 12:00 PM EDT	West Point, NY
Mostly sunny and comfortable.		
Kickoff Temperature: 75°	Halftime Temperature: 78°	Final Whistle Temperature: 79°
UCF vs Pittsburgh	Saturday 3:30 PM EDT	Pittsburgh, PA
Partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms.		
Kickoff Temperature: 83°	Halftime Temperature: 83°	Final Whistle Temperature: 80°
Stetson vs Bethune-Cookman	Saturday 4:00 PM EDT	Daytona Beach, FL
Hot and humid with scattered thunderstorms.		
Kickoff Temperature: 85°	Halftime Temperature: 84°	Final Whistle Temperature: 81°
Campbell vs Florida	Saturday 5:30 PM EDT	Gainesville, FL
Hot and humid with scattered thunderstorms.		
Kickoff Temperature: 88°	Halftime Temperature: 85°	Final Whistle Temperature: 78°
Buffalo vs FIU	Saturday 6:00 PM EDT	Westchester, FL
Hot and humid with scattered thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 88°	Halftime Temperature: 85°	Final Whistle Temperature: 82°
Navy vs FAU	Saturday 7:30 PM EDT	Boca Raton, FL
Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, mainly before 8 PM.		
Kickoff Temperature: 86°	Halftime Temperature: 84°	Final Whistle Temperature: 83°



Have a wonderful rest of your week!

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