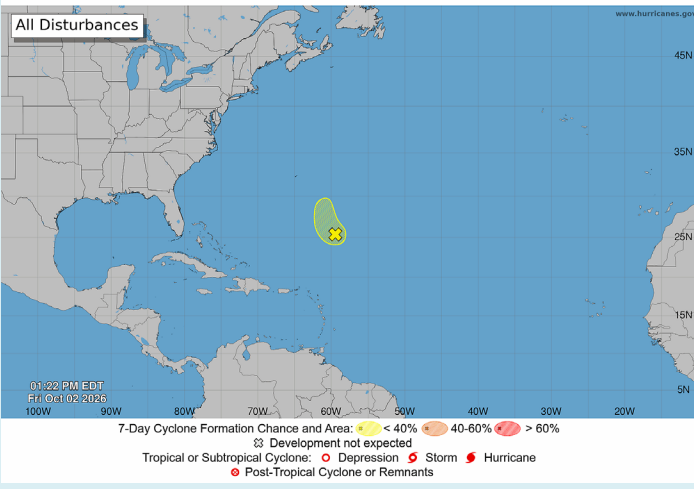
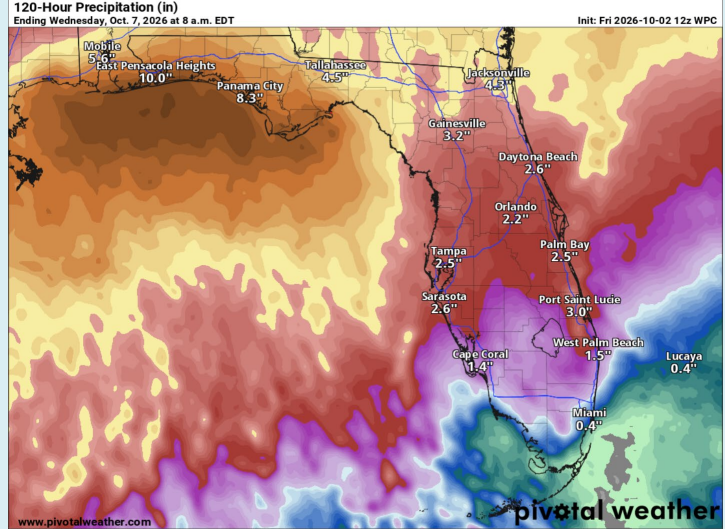
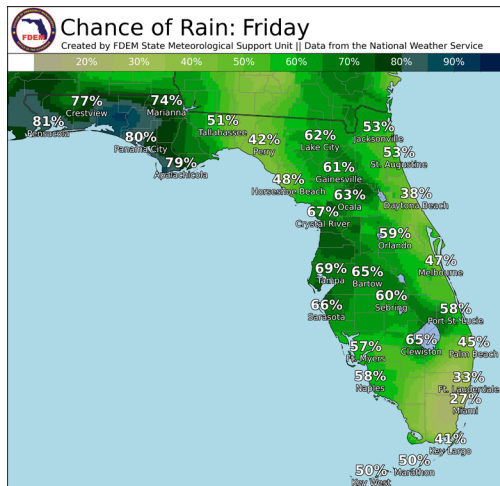


...Warmer and Wetter Conditions are Expected this Weekend... Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding Across Central / Western Panhandle this Weekend...Deteriorating Marine Conditions this Week; Moderate to High Risk for Rip Currents Across East Coast and Panhandle... No Tropical Threats to Florida...

Friday, October 2nd, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook				
Regions 1, 2, and 3 (Florida Panhandle and Big Bend)									
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat			High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Hail	Damaging Wind	Tornado	Flood Hazards	Extreme Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri					Flash Flooding				
Sat					Flash Flooding				
Sun					Flash Flooding				
Mon					Flash Flooding				
Tue					Flash Flooding				
Regions 4, 5, 8, and 10 (Eastern Florida Peninsula)									
Day	Lightning	Hail	Damaging Wind	Tornado	Flood Hazards	Extreme Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri					Coastal Flooding				
Sat					Flash Flooding				
Sun					Flash Flooding				
Mon					Coastal & Flash Flooding				
Tue					Coastal & Flash Flooding				
Regions 6, 7, and 9 (Western Florida Peninsula)									
Day	Lightning	Hail	Damaging Wind	Tornado	Flood Hazards	Extreme Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri									
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Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida 					120-Hour Precipitation (in) Ending Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT  www.pivotalweather.com pivotal weather				
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Forecast Overview:

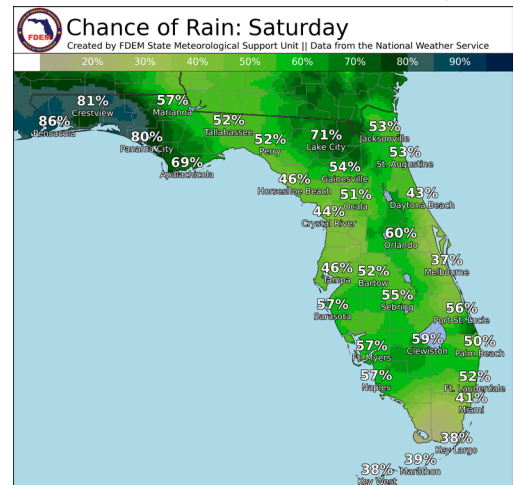


Broad southerly flow continues to bring tropical moisture across the entire state today and into the gulf states. Moisture values are beginning to approach record amounts along the Panhandle. This moisture which is being steered by a surface ridge continues to increase rain chances throughout the state today. The largest rainfall totals will be isolated to coastal areas, especially along the panhandle coastline.

An immense slow-moving front associated with a low-pressure system will begin pushing across the panhandle sometime on Sunday. As the tropical moisture begins to converge with the stalling frontal boundary, this creates a concentrated area of lift. This will lead to periods of widespread rain and thunderstorms along the

panhandle Saturday and Sunday as well as the Deep South. For now, current forecasts indicate the Panhandle and Big Bend region will be the focus for bouts of **very heavy rainfall** and **instances of flash flooding** on Saturday and Sunday (see *Flash Flooding, Riverine, and Coastal Flood Impacts Section*). The front is expected to stall and drape across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida on Monday and Tuesday, bringing multiple rounds of rain and thunderstorms across areas north of I-4 including the Panhandle. Expect further revisions to rainfall and flash flooding forecast this weekend as the forecast becomes clearer.

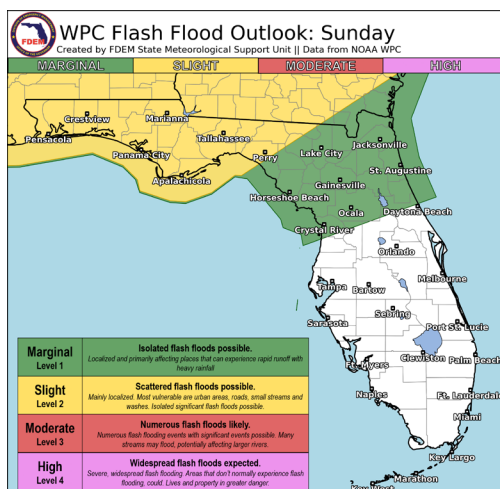
Otherwise, **Poor Marine Conditions** and increasing **Heat Index values** will be the other big weather story this week. More on this in the Rip Currents and Marine Impacts and *Extreme Heat Impacts* section.



Severe Weather Impacts:

There is no organized risk for severe weather Friday through Tuesday. However, a few storms may become **locally strong to severe**, capable of producing **frequent lightning** and **gusty winds (40-60mph)**. For more information, please visit the [Storm Prediction Center](#).

Flash Flooding, Riverine, and Coastal Flood Impacts:



Flash flooding concerns begin to arise Today and into the weekend as record level tropical moisture interacts with a stalled frontal boundary over the Deep South. Widespread to numerous showers and storms will develop, with a primary focus within the Panhandle and Big Ben Region. Five-day rainfall totals are highest along coastal locations within the Panhandle, at around **6-8"** with isolated **10"** along the coastline. Some regions in the coastal panhandle could have **12+"** of rain. South of the I-4 corridor can expect rainfall totals, at around **1-2"** (**iso. 3-5"+**) as rounds of showers and storms will be ongoing through Tuesday. Rainfall totals should decrease the further south travelled in the Peninsula. **Slight Risks (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** are outlooked across the Panhandle west of Suwannee for Saturday and Sunday. This is the location for the greatest risk of flash flooding this weekend. **Marginal Risks (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** are currently outlooked for areas north of I-4 Sunday through Tuesday. As the frontal boundary begins to stall early next week, flash flood concerns could arise for areas north of I-4. The forecast for Monday and

Tuesday will be refined as the location and speed of the front comes into better picture over the weekend.

A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is active today for Coastal flooding in the Lower Keys. Rainfall combined with King Tides continue to induce **Minor Coastal Flooding** in the Lower Keys. Elsewhere, as the above mentioned front stalls



across North Florida on Monday, a strong and extended Nor'easter conditions are expected to develop Monday night throughout Tuesday and Wednesday. **Moderate tidal flooding** impacts are forecasted for Tuesday and Wednesday during high tide periods along the NE Florida coastline.

The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) remains under a **Flood Warning** and is expected to remain at **minor flood stage**, through today before falling into Action flood stage Saturday. The [Withlacoochee River at Dunnellon](#) and [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) both remain in Action flood stage, though Fisheating Creek should fall below Action stage over the next day or so. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#). Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.93 feet, which is 2.96 feet **below** normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.

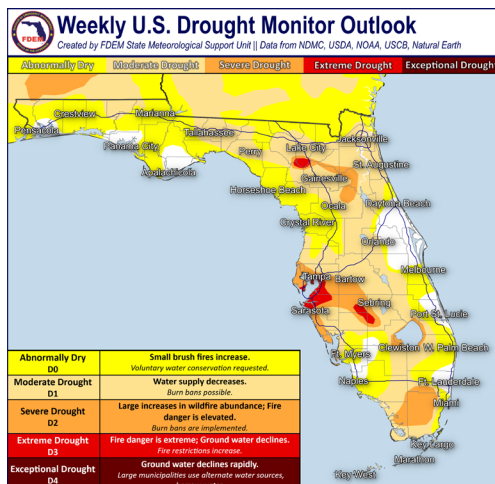
Tropical Outlook:

In the subtropical central Atlantic, the remnants of Fay have a 10 % chance of development. Dry air and strong wind shear surround the remnants of Fay and. Development is not expected at this time. **The potential disturbance poses no threat to Florida at this time.** For the latest information, please visit the [National Hurricane Center](#).

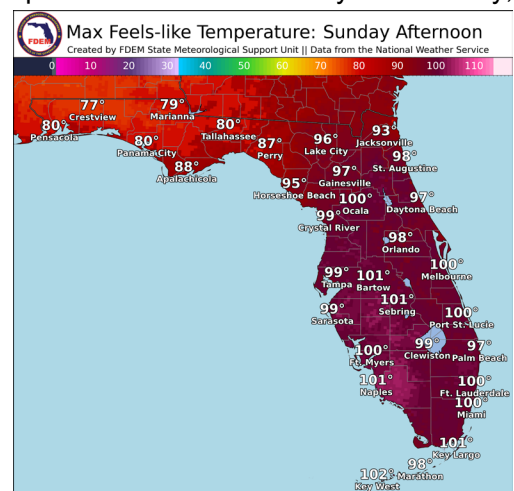
Extreme Heat Impacts:

Temperatures and heat indexes continue to uptrend this weekend with the influx of tropical moisture and the presence of a surface ridge will result in **hot and humid conditions**. Feels-like temperatures will slowly climb into the **low 100s** over the weekend in the Peninsula. The hottest days of the forecast period look to be Saturday and Sunday, where afternoon heat indexes climb into the **low 100s** across West-Central Florida and areas south of the I-4 Corridor. Feels-like temperatures begin to lower across the state Monday and Tuesday as the frontal boundary begins to move through the state bringing cooler conditions.

Drought and Fire Weather Impacts:



The latest drought monitor issued on Thursday, October 1 only showed minor changes to categorical drought conditions in localized areas were observed in this week's drought monitor update.



Two areas of **Extreme Drought (D3)** remain across the state, both due to long-term precipitation deficits and extremely low streamflows. An area of **Severe Drought (D2)** remains around Lake Okeechobee as well as the southern portion of the Everglades. Elsewhere, there are pockets of **Moderate Drought (D1)** across the Big Bend from Leon County east and southward down to the Peninsula.

Rain chances significantly increase across the Panhandle and Big Bend region during this forecast period limiting any fire weather concerns from developing. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 15 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 320 acres.

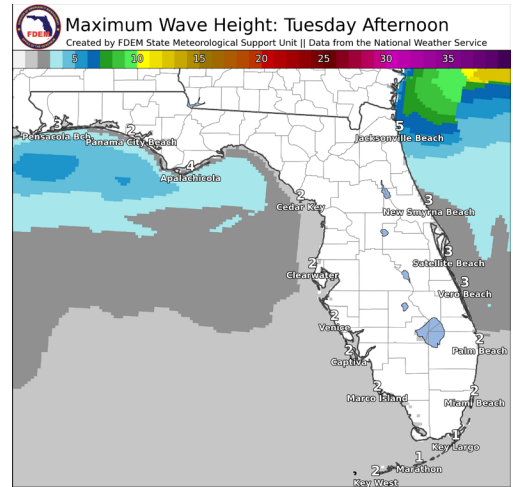
Rip Currents and Marine Impacts:

Marine conditions are expected to begin deteriorating today for the Panhandle as the front begins to move into the Gulf Coast region. Marine winds of 10-15kts and wave heights of **4-5'** across Panhandle beaches are expected Saturday and Sunday. Marine conditions in Northeast Florida gradually deteriorate each day in the forecast period as the frontal boundary moves through the state early next week. **Gale-like conditions** are possible Tuesday and Wednesday in Northeast Florida with coastal **wind gust of 35-45 mph** as a Nor'easter begins to form off the coast.

This will drive wave heights of **4-6'** across the Northeast Florida beaches. Marine winds along the rest of the Florida east coast will be elevated to 10-15 knots due to the Nor'easter conditions with increased wave heights as well.

A **Low risk of rip currents** is outlooked for most Gulf facing beaches in Citrus county moving southward to Lee County throughout the forecast period. **High risks for rip currents** begin to be introduced along the entire East Coast and along the Panhandle Today. The High risks will continue through the end of the forecast period due to the frontal feature in the region.

The latest **Blue-Green Algae** dashboard shows 87 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in throughout the St. Johns River, Doctors Lake – Center, Lake Howell, Lake Marian, Kenansville Lake, and Fellsmere Water Management Area. **Moderate levels** have been observed throughout the St. Johns River, Georges Lake, Lake George, Bull Creek, Lake Thonotosassa, Stick Marsh, and Blue Cypress Lake. Visitors should continue to follow local health and water-quality guidance where advisories are in effect.



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Have a great weekend!

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