



Drought Information Statement for South Florida

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- Drought Conditions Remain Present Across The Region
- Please see all available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Visit our local interactive drought page at <https://nws-miami-drought-page-noaa.hub.arcgis.com/>

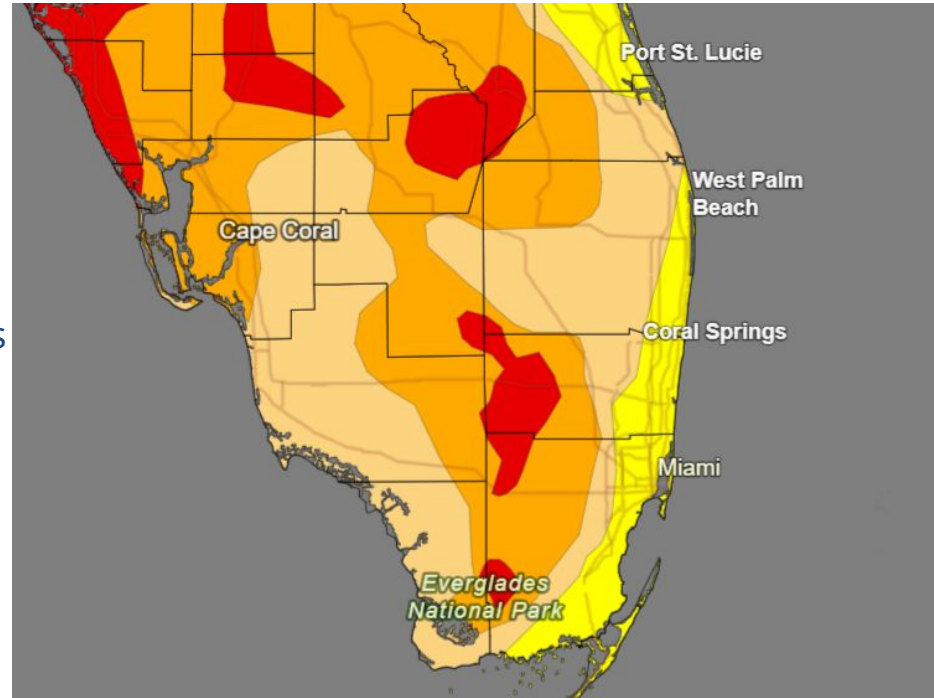




U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for South Florida

- Drought conditions improved over South Florida.
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Metro areas of Palm Beach, Broward, & Miami-Dade Counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Metro areas of Collier County.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of Interior areas of South Florida.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** NE Glades County & portions of the interior areas of South Florida.



U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8AM EDT June 18th 2026.

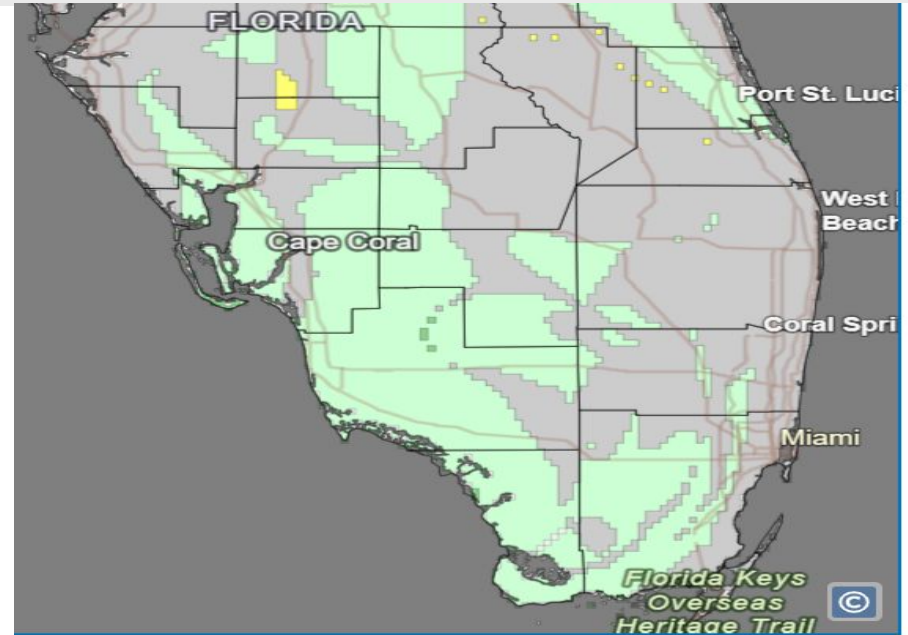




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

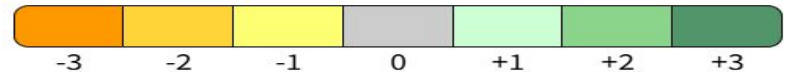
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for South Florida

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
 - One category improvement in drought conditions western and southern areas of South Florida.
 - This is result of heavier rainfall the last couple of weeks over the western and southern interior areas.
- While conditions have improved, if drier weather pattern returns, this could lead to worsening the drought conditions over South Florida.



Legend

Drought Change Since Last Week





Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 05/15/2026)

Wet Season 2026

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since May 1st, 2026

The following table gives the rainfall from May 1, 2026 to June 17th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Palm Beach Intl	8.35	-1.47	85%
Naples Municipal	7.88	+1.30	119%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	4.78	-6.46	43%
Miami Intl	7.62	-4.65	62%

Secondary Observation Sites	Observed	Dep	Percent
Moore Haven (Glades)	4.88	-3.30	60%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	13.88	-2.67	124%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	8.59	-2.50	77%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	10.98	-2.66	87%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	6.31	-5.44	54%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	5.88	-4.69	56%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	9.36	-0.26	97%

NWS Wet Season 2026

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
5/15/2026 to 6/17/2026 (to date)

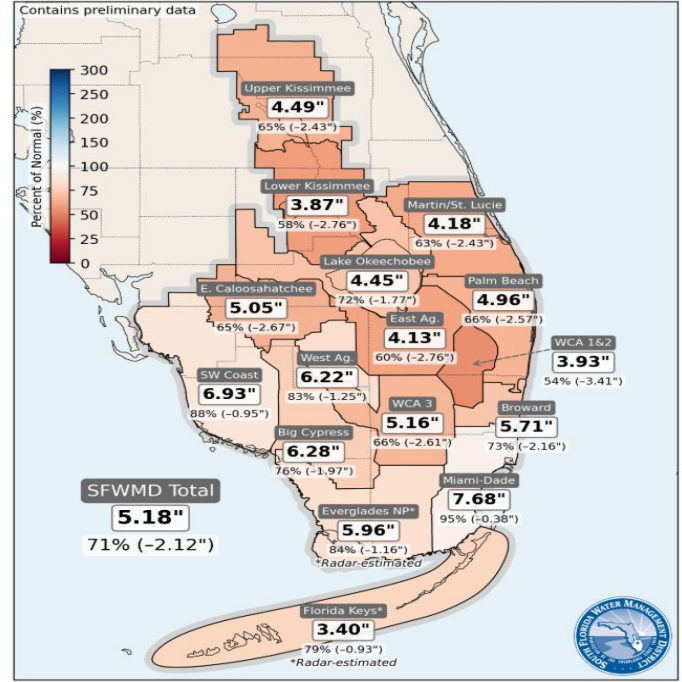


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Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management
from May 15th through June 17th, 2026

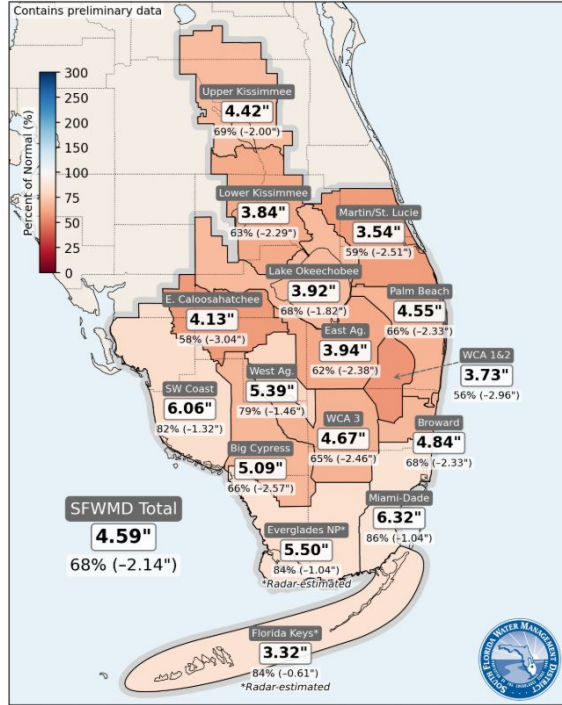


Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 03/20/2026)

Past 30 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

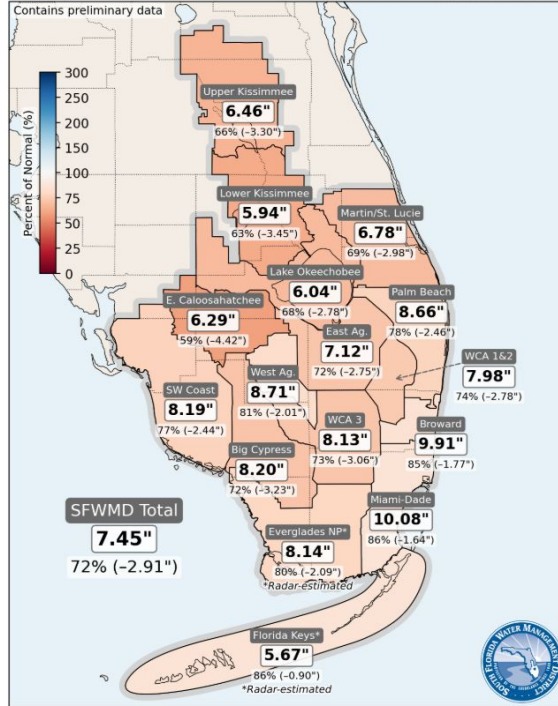
SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
5/19/2026 to 6/17/2026



Past 60 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

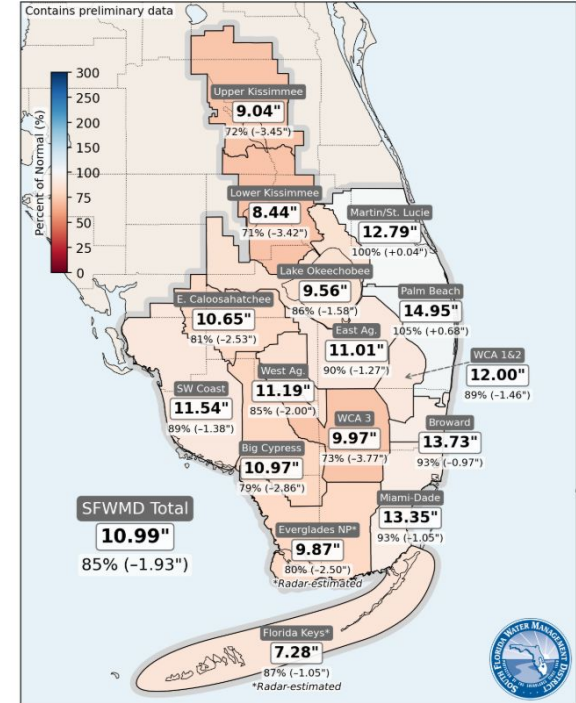
SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
4/19/2026 to 6/17/2026



Past 90 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
3/20/2026 to 6/17/2026





180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 12/20/25)

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since November 1st, 2025

The following table gives the rainfall from November 1, 2025 to May 20th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Palm Beach Intl	24.87	-5.16	83%
Naples Municipal	15.24	-1.53	91%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	20.84	-7.55	73%
Miami Intl	19.53	-8.51	70%

Secondary Observation Sites	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Moore Haven (Glades)	12.54	-7.96	61%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	23.08	-3.11	88%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	19.44	-4.64	81%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	24.99	-5.30	83%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	17.06	-15.26	53%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	16.11	-12.90	56%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	16.29	-6.19	72%

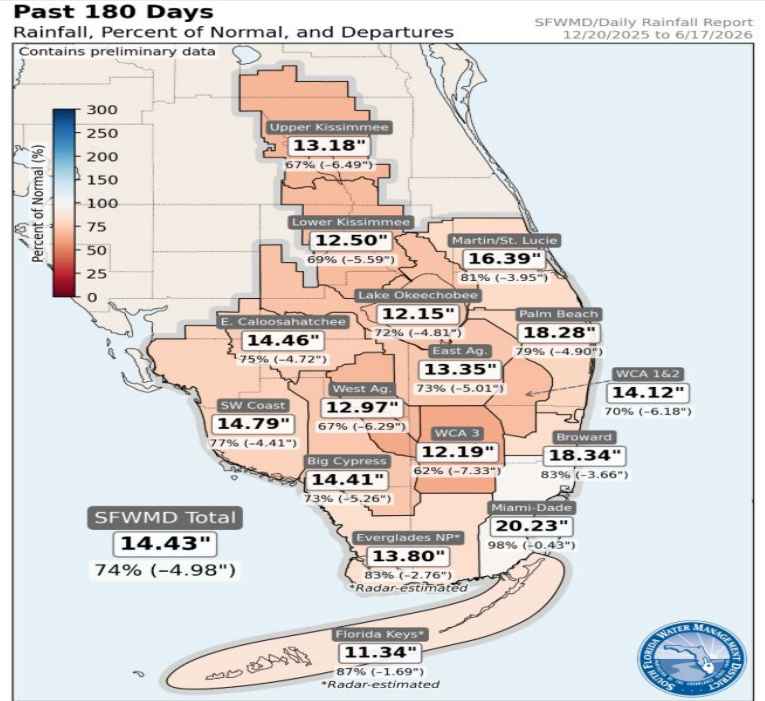


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Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management
Data over the past 180 days ending June 17th, 2026



Hydrologic Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- (6/17/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 11.07 feet which is **-2.12 feet** below normal of 13.13 feet.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 1** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 16.10 feet. Compared to the normal value of 15.75 feet, this is **+0.35 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 2** in Interior Broward County is at 11.47 feet. Compared to the normal value of 11.00 feet, this is **+0.47 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 3** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 7.94 feet. Compared to the normal value of 9.60 feet, this is **-1.66 feet** below normal for this time of year.





Hydrologic Impacts on Lake Okeechobee

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Hydrologic Impacts

- Locks that are closed due to low Lake Okeechobee water levels include:
 - S-135 Boat Lock J&S Fish Camp in Martin County
 - G-36 Boat Lock on Hendry Creek in Okeechobee County
 - S-127 Boat Lock at Buckheat Ridge in Glades County
 - S-131 Boat Lock in Lakeport in Glades County
- S-193 Boat Lock at Taylor Creek in Okeechobee County will remain open only on Saturdays and Sundays during day hours. If the lake level reaches 11 FT NGVD or 9.70 FT NAVD, then the lock will also be closed.



Courtesy of SFWMD





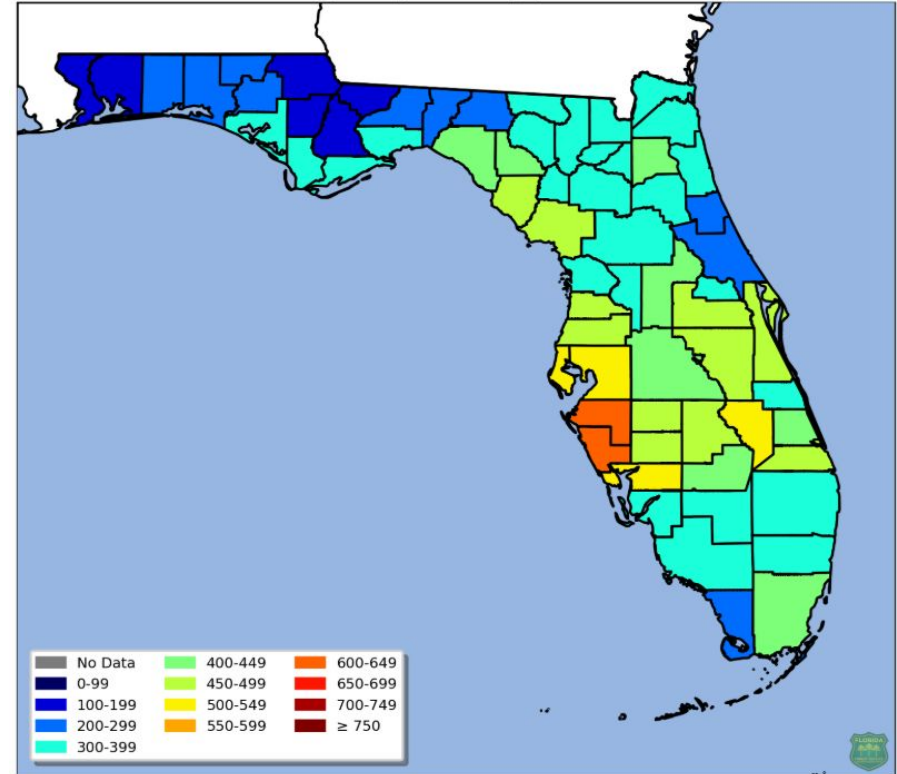
Fire Hazard Impacts

[Keetch-Byram Drought Index \(KBDI\)](#)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- South Florida continues to slowly improved in the dry conditions as the rainy season continues.
- KBDI values 450 to 500 over Glades and Miami-Dade Counties.
- KBDI values 300 to 400 rest of South Florida, except Mainland Monroe County where it is less than 300.

KBDI Averages by County | Wed 06/17/26





Fire Danger Matrix

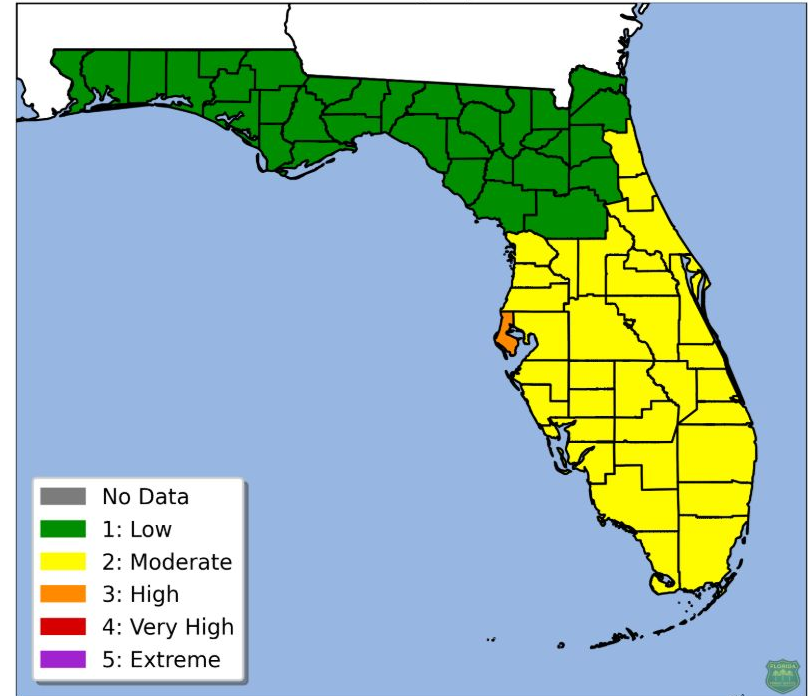
[Fire Danger Risk](#)

Fire Danger Matrix

- A **Moderate fire** (level 2 of 5) danger risk across all of South Florida as of 6/18/2026.

Fire Danger Maps and Fire Danger Index (FDI) Report

Estimated Fire Danger | Thu 06/18/26



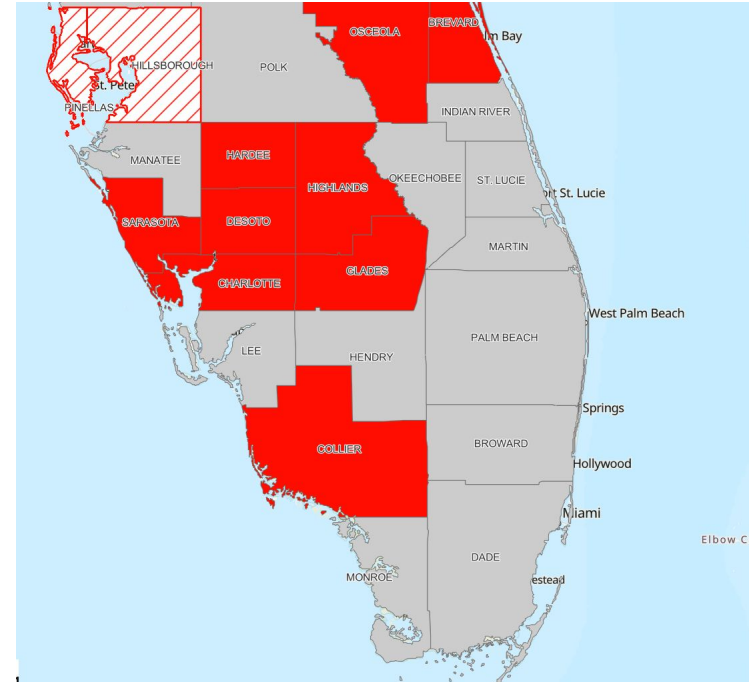


Burn Bans

Link: [County Burn Bans](#)

Current Burn Bans

- Glades and Collier Counties.
- *Issued by local county officials.*





Soil Moisture

- South Florida soil moisture has improved a little bit compare to last week.
- Soil moisture over western areas improved to 10 to 20 percent percentile.
- Soil moisture over eastern areas has improved to 20 to 30 percentile.

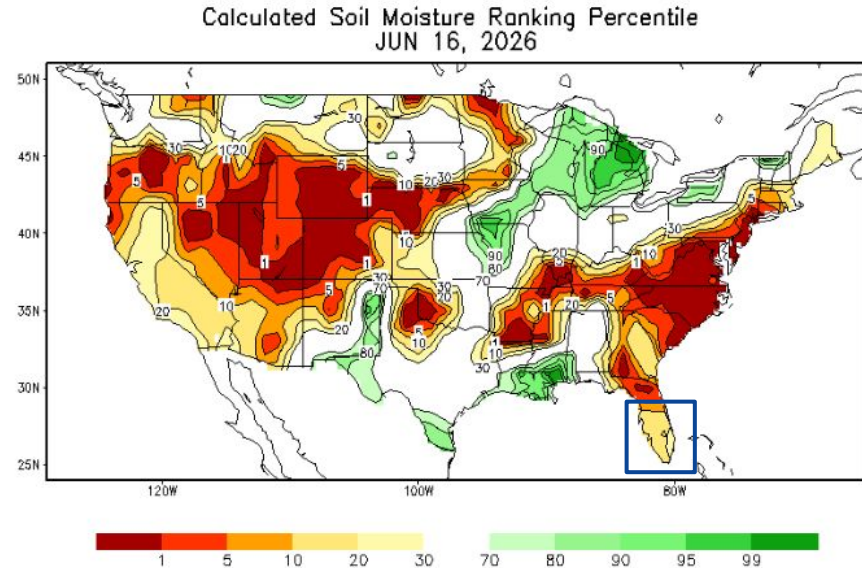


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CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)
valid June 16th, 2026





Precipitation Outlook

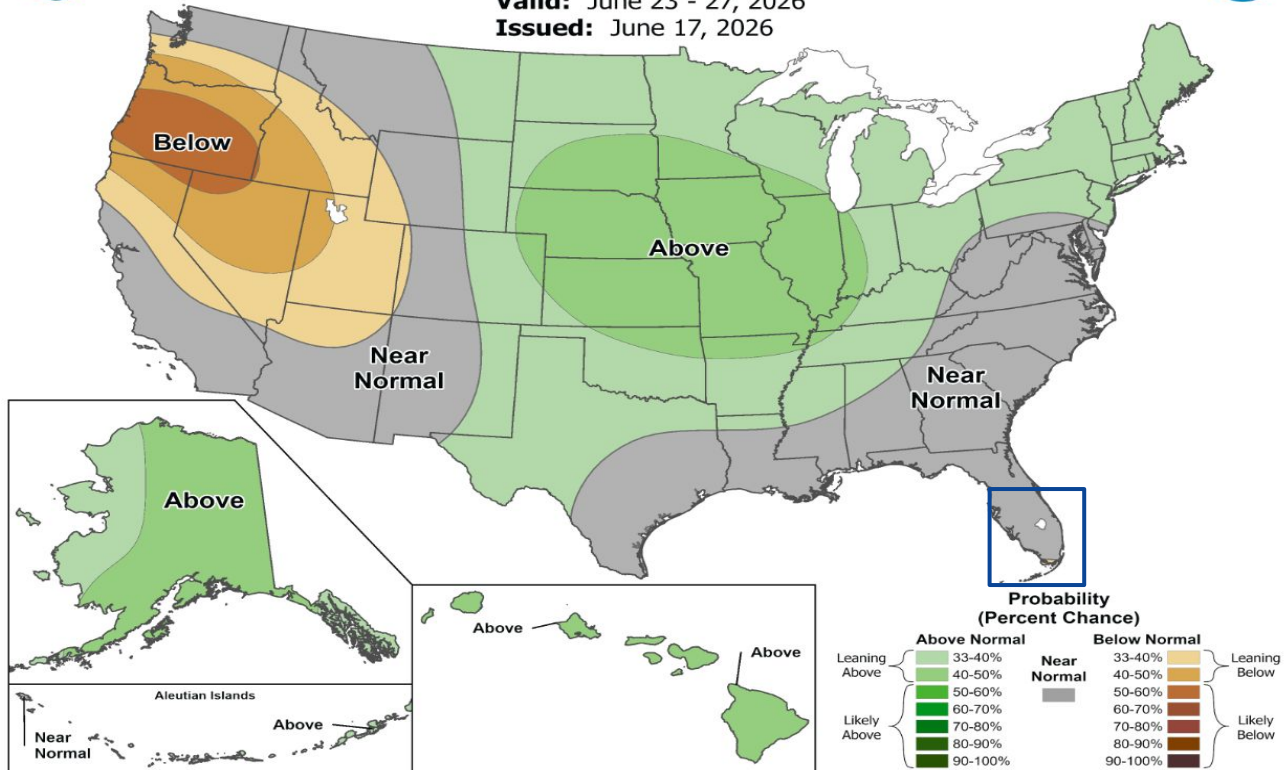


6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: June 23 - 27, 2026
Issued: June 17, 2026



- A trough will be moving southward into the Florida Peninsula this weekend before dissipating early next week. Sharan air mass is forecast to move into South Florida next week.
- This pattern will lead to scattered to numerous rains especially over the interior areas this weekend, before decreasing to more isolated to scattered coverage next week.
- The **Climate Prediction Center** depicts an equal chance of seeing above or below normal rainfall for our area over the next 6-10 days.





Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- The *Climate Prediction Center* depicts an equal chance of seeing above or below normal rainfall for our area over the next 8 -10 days.



8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: June 25 - July 1, 2026

Issued: June 17, 2026

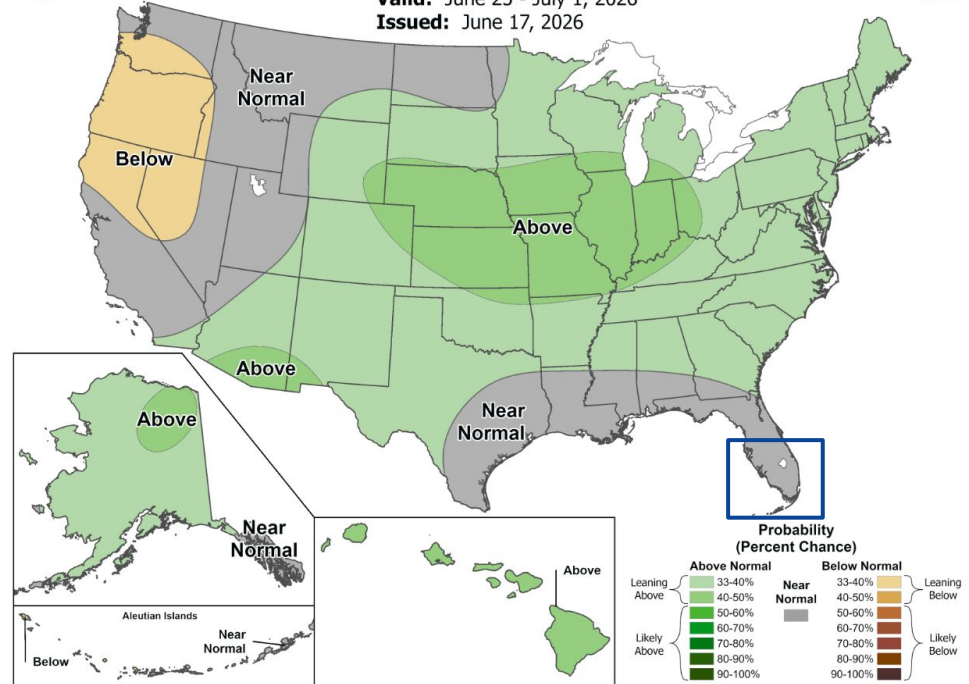


Image Caption:

[Days 8 to 14 U.S. Hazards Outlook](#) Valid Month DD to DD.





Monthly Outlook

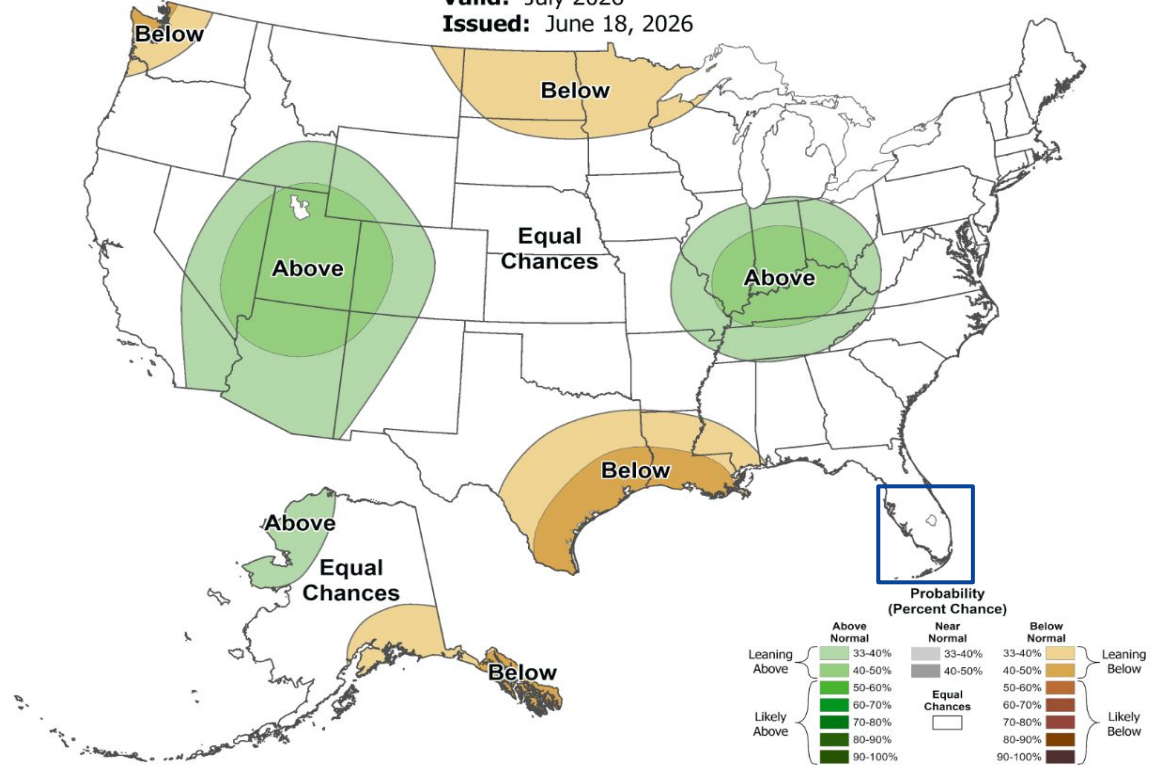
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The *Climate Prediction Center* depicts an *equal chance of above or below normal rainfall* for precipitation for our area in the month of July.



Monthly Precipitation Outlook

Valid: July 2026
Issued: June 18, 2026





Long-Range Outlooks

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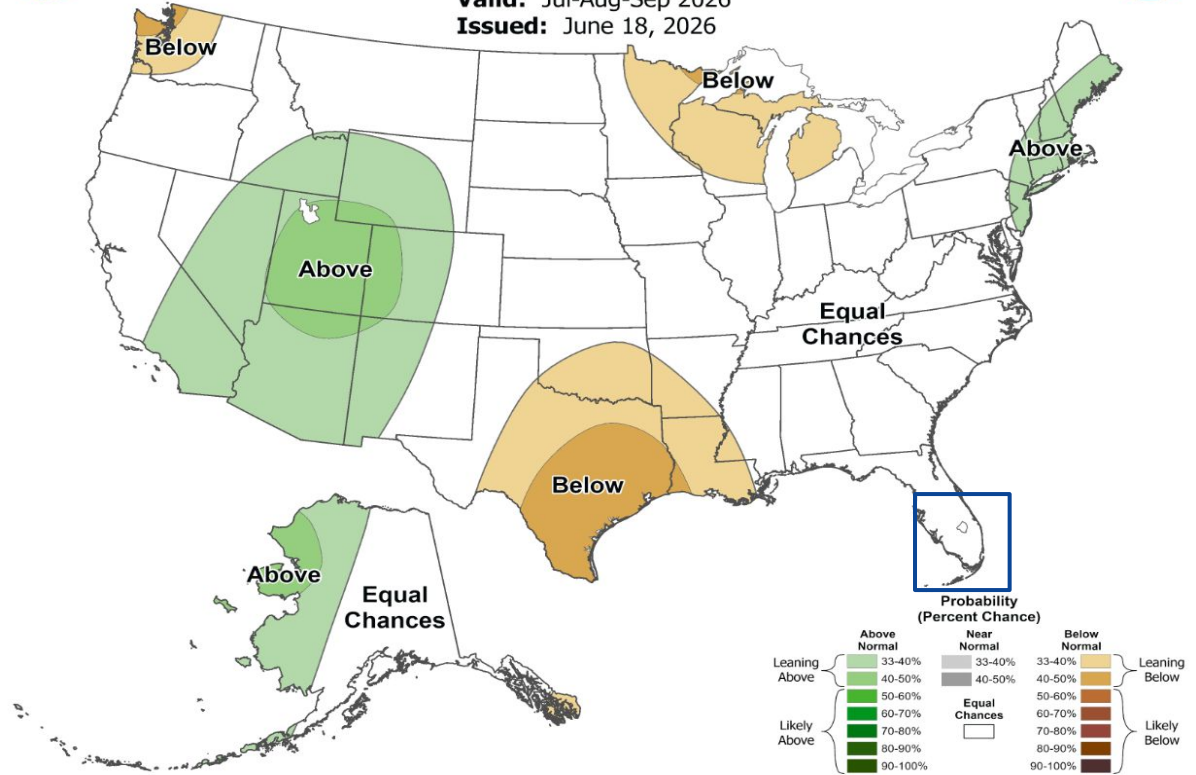
- The *Climate Prediction Center* depicts an *equal chance of above or below normal* for precipitation for our area for the months of July through September 2026.



Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Jul-Aug-Sep 2026

Issued: June 18, 2026





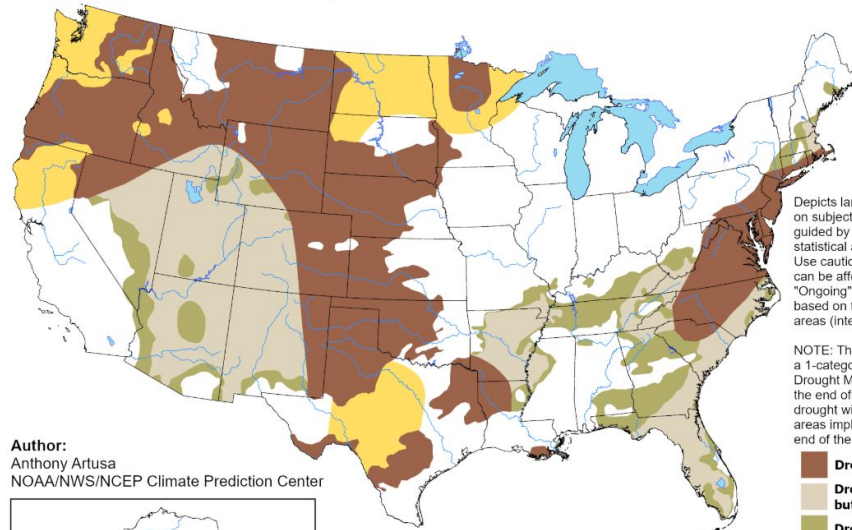
Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist over Interior areas through September of 2026 but should slowly improve through the rainy season.
- Drought is expected to end by September of 2026 over the western east coast metro areas and west coast metro areas.

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for June 18 - September 30, 2026
Released June 18, 2026

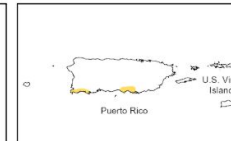
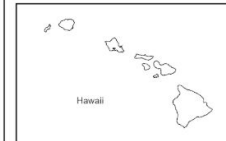


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

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Links to the latest:

- [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)