

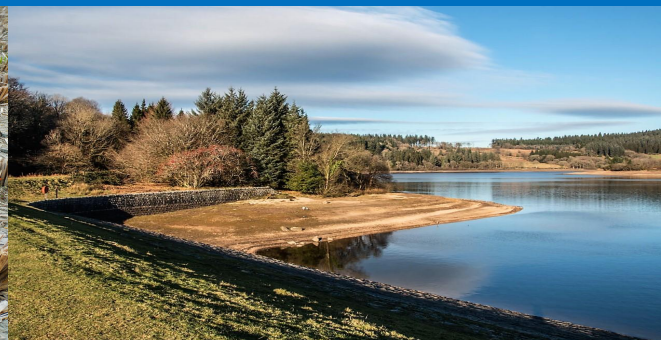
Drought Information Statement for South Florida

7 23 2026

Issued By: NWS Miami-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/>

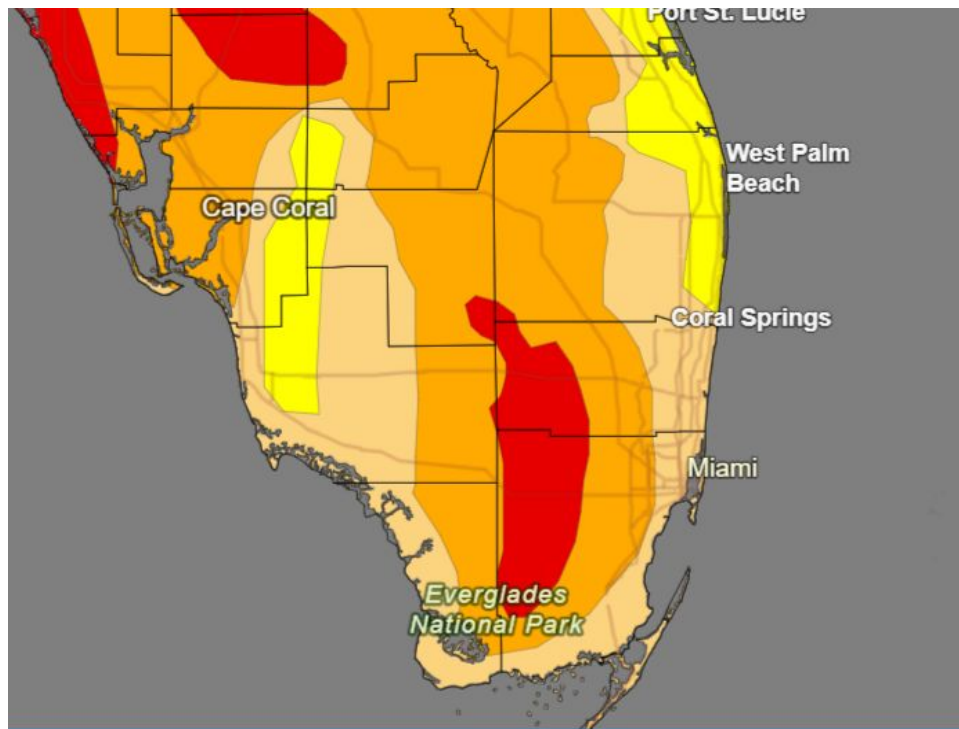




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought conditions improved over South Florida.
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Coastal and metro areas of Palm Beach Counties along with western interior Collier County.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Coastal and portions of metro areas of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Collier Counties.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Western metro Broward and western metro Miami-Dade Counties along with portions of interior South Florida.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Far western Broward and far western Miami-Dade Counties.



U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8AM EDT July 23rd 2026.

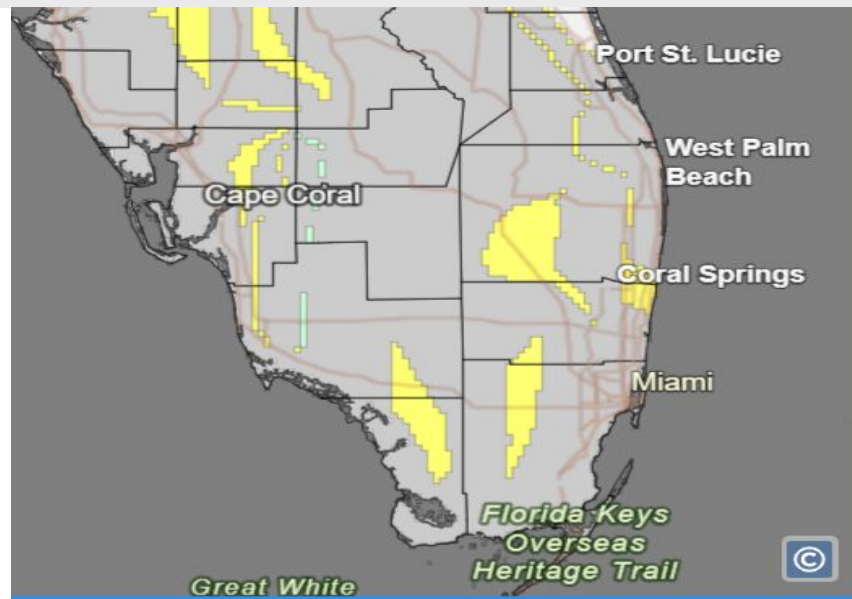




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

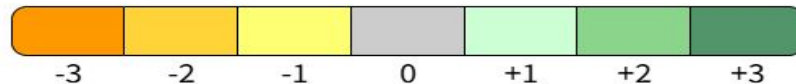
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for South Florida

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
 - The drought severity has increased over portions of South Florida by one category.
- Rest of South Florida remain unchanged in drought conditions from last week. However, 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 05/01/2026)

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 July 22nd, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	14.93	-2.35	86%
Naples Municipal	13.27	-2.59	84%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	9.23	-9.75	48% (13th driest wet season so far)
Miami Intl	11.16	-10.91	50% (7th driest wet season so far)
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	11.79	-6.01	66% (19th driest wet season so far)
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	20.76	-0.24	99%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	18.55	-1.57	91%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	17.98	-5.38	77% (25th driest wet season so far)
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	12.08	-8.85	58% (4th driest wet season so far)
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	7.08	-13.81	34% (Driest wet season so far)
Devils Garden (Hendry)	14.49	-5.92	71% (10th driest wet season so far)

NWS Wet Season 2026

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
5/15/2026 to 7/22/2026 (to date)

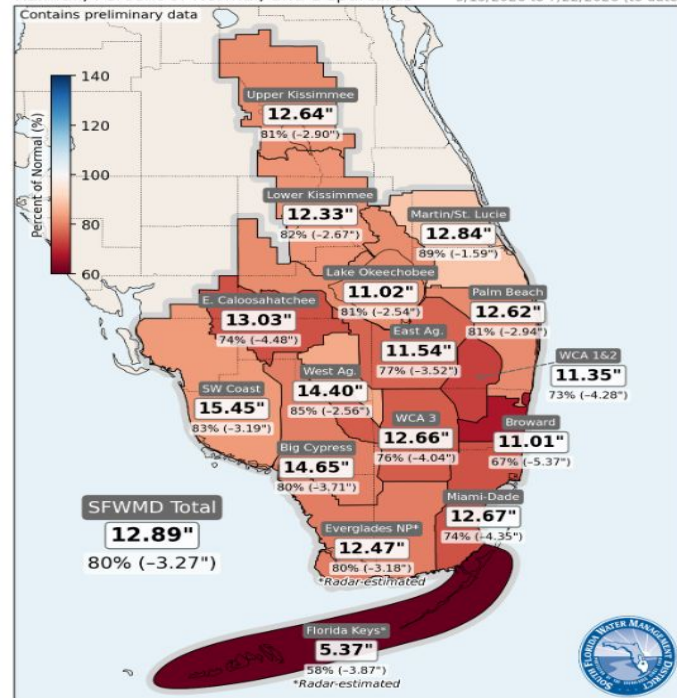


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Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management
from May 15th through July 22nd, 2026

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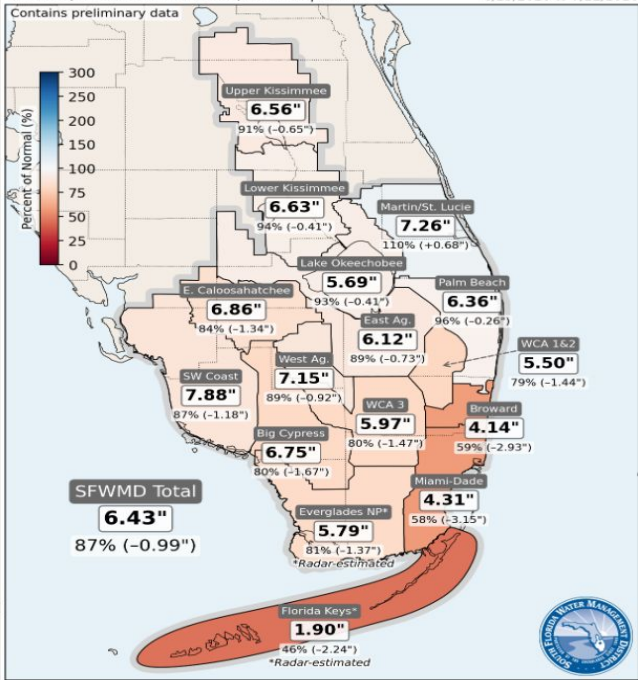


Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 04/24/2026)

Past 30 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

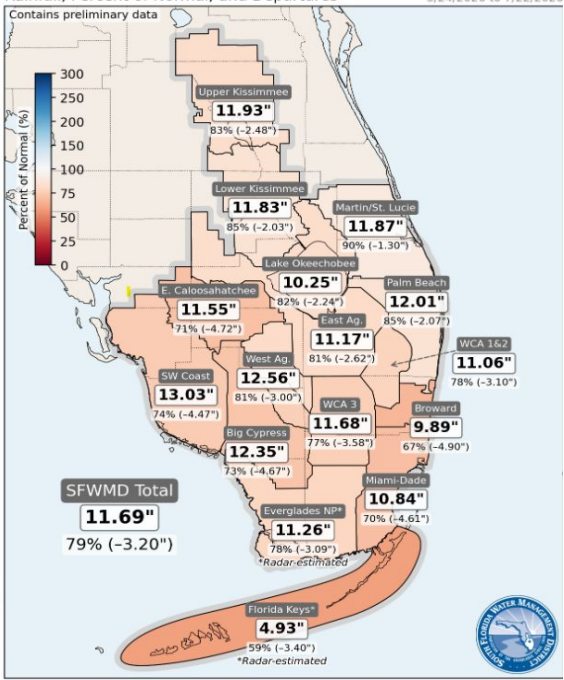
SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
6/23/2026 to 7/22/2026



Past 60 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
5/24/2026 to 7/22/2026



Past 90 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
4/24/2026 to 7/22/2026

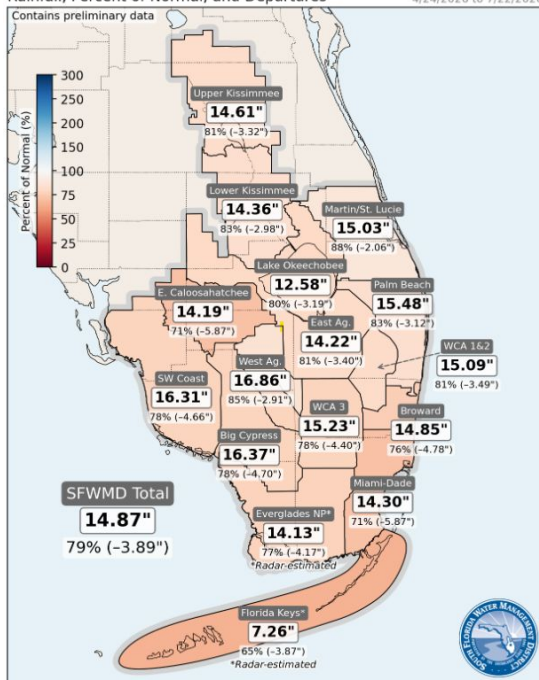


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180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 1/24/2026)

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

The following table gives the rainfall from November 1, 2025 to July 22nd, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	31.50	-6.02	84%
Naples Municipal	20.63	-5.87	79%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	25.29	-10.84	70%
Miami Intl	23.07	-14.77	61%

Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	19.45	-10.67	65%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	29.96	-6.02	83%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	29.40	-3.91	88%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	31.99	-9.11	78%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	23.58	-17.91	57%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	17.31	-22.02	44%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	21.42	-11.85	64%

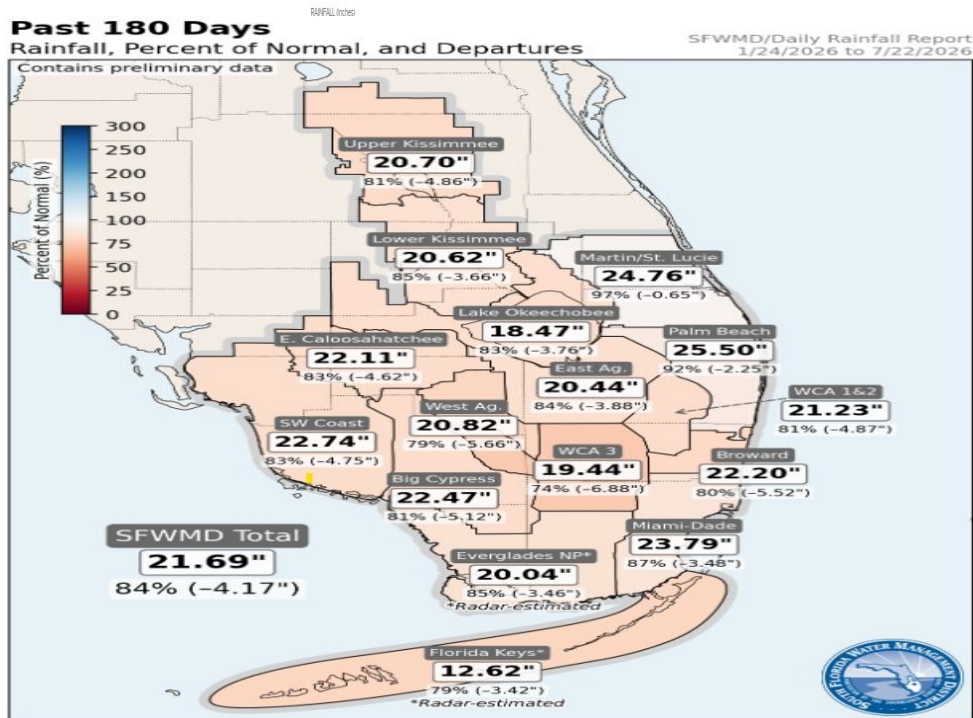


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Data over the past 180 days ending July 22nd, 2026





Hydrologic Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- (7/23/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 10.89 feet which is **-2.77 feet** below normal of 13.66 feet.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 1** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 16.27 feet. Compared to the normal value of 16.08 feet, this is **+0.19 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 2** in Interior Broward County is at 11.81 feet. Compared to the normal value of 11.48 feet, this is **+0.33 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 3** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 8.51 feet. Compared to the normal value of 9.83 feet, this is **-1.32 feet** below normal for this time of year.





Hydrologic Impacts

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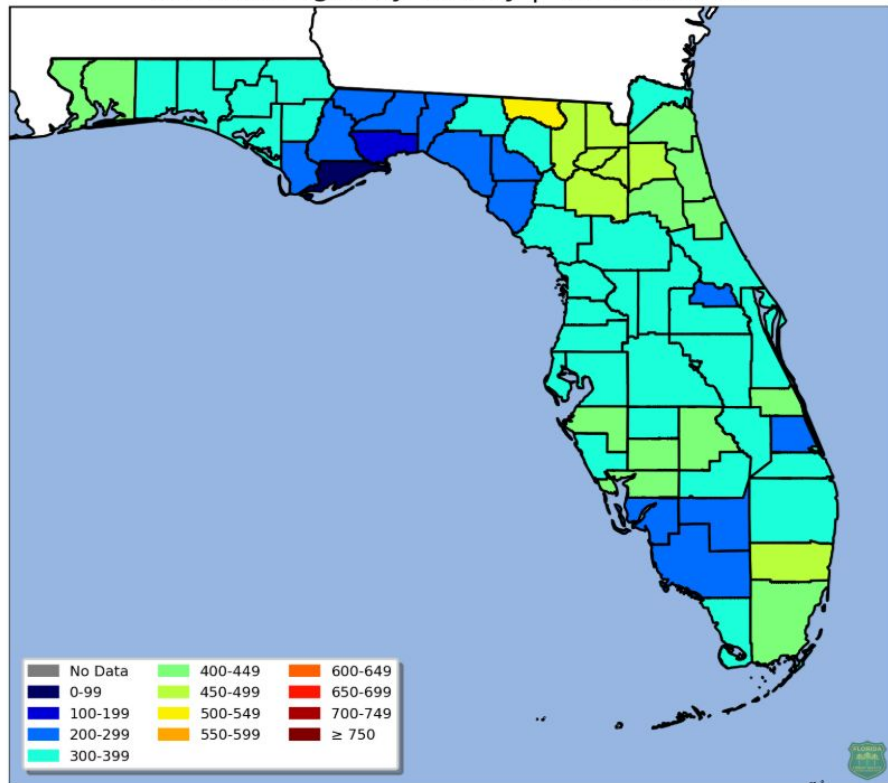
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire threat continues to increase over most of South Florida.
- KBDI values of 400 to 500 over Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.
- KBDI values of 300 to 400 over rest of South Florida, except below 300 over Collier and Hendry Counties.

KBDI Averages by County | Wed 07/22/26



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Fire Danger Matrix

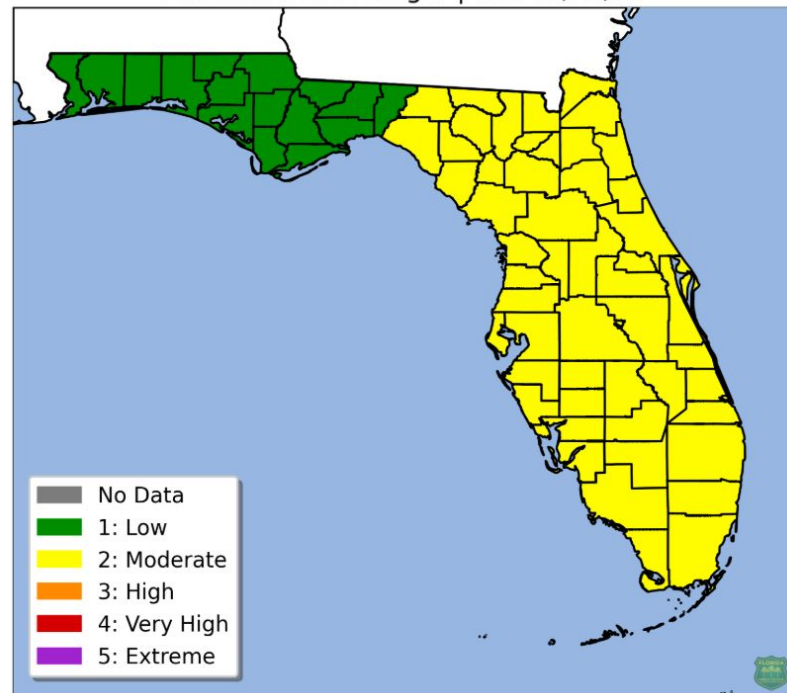
[Fire Danger Risk](#)

Fire Danger Matrix

- A **Moderate fire** (level 2 of 5) danger risk across all of South Florida as of 7/23/2026.

Fire Danger Maps and Fire Danger Index (FDI) Report

Estimated Fire Danger | Thu 07/23/26



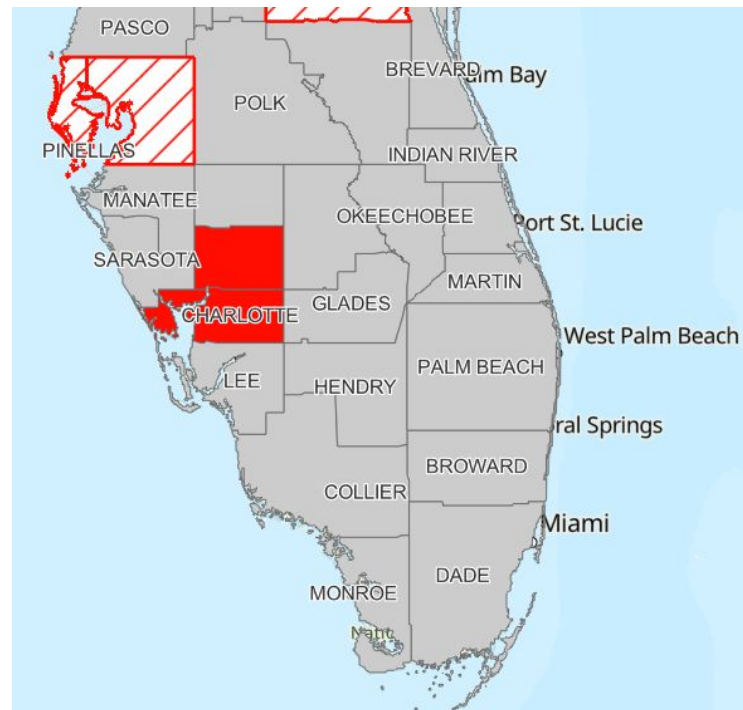


Burn Bans

Link: [County Burn Bans](#)

Current Burn Bans

- No burns are currently in effect for South Florida.*





Soil Moisture

- South Florida soil moisture has continue to degrade over South Florida.
- Soil moisture is now in 10 to 20 percentile range over most of the region except 20 to 30 percentile around Lake Okeechobee region.

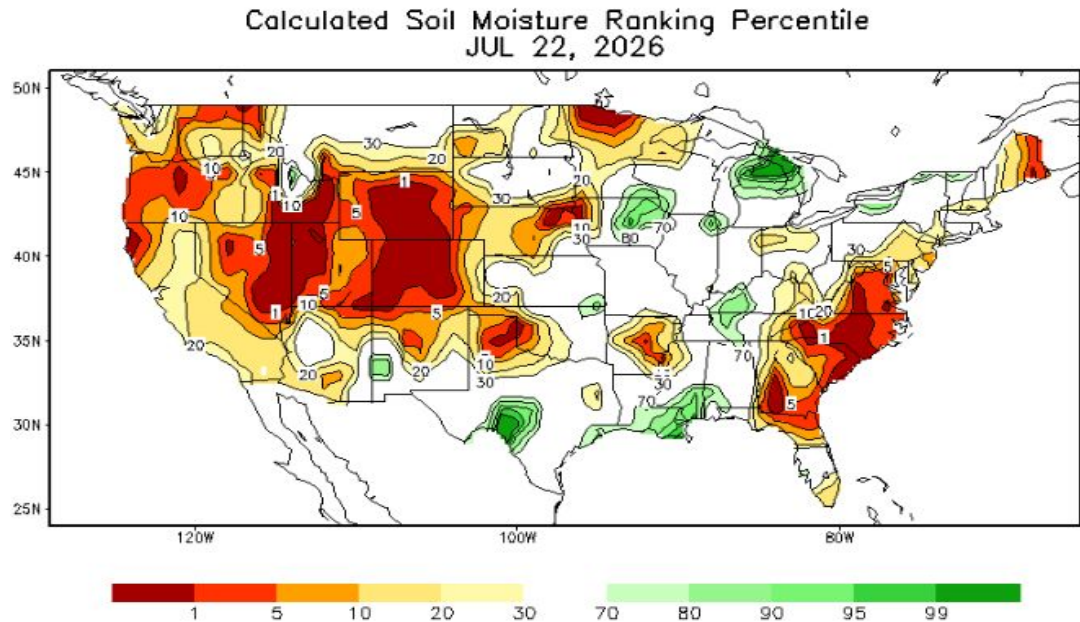


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CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)
valid July 22nd 2026



Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](https://www.nifc.gov/nicc-files/predictive/outlooks/month1_outlook.png).

- There is a significant wildfire threat across South Florida for the month of August.

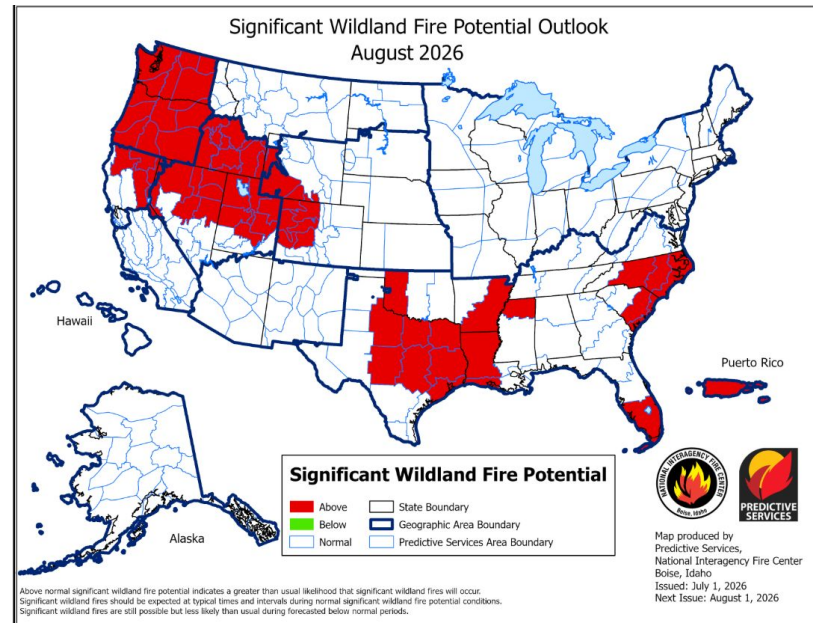


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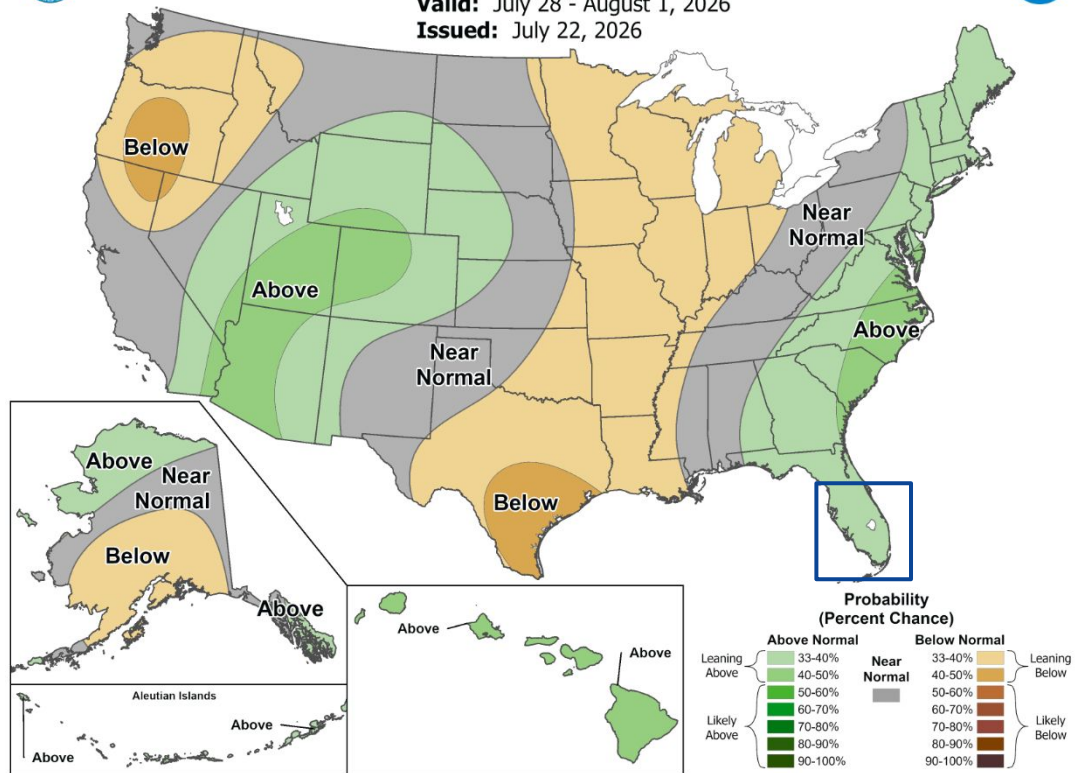


- A tropical wave will be moving through South Florida this weekend, before a broad mid-upper trough develops over the eastern United States.
- This pattern will allow for scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms each day across South Florida.
- The **Climate Prediction Center** predicts a **leaning above chance (33-40%) of normal rainfall** for our area over the next 6-10 days.

6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: July 28 - August 1, 2026

Issued: July 22, 2026



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Monthly Outlook

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

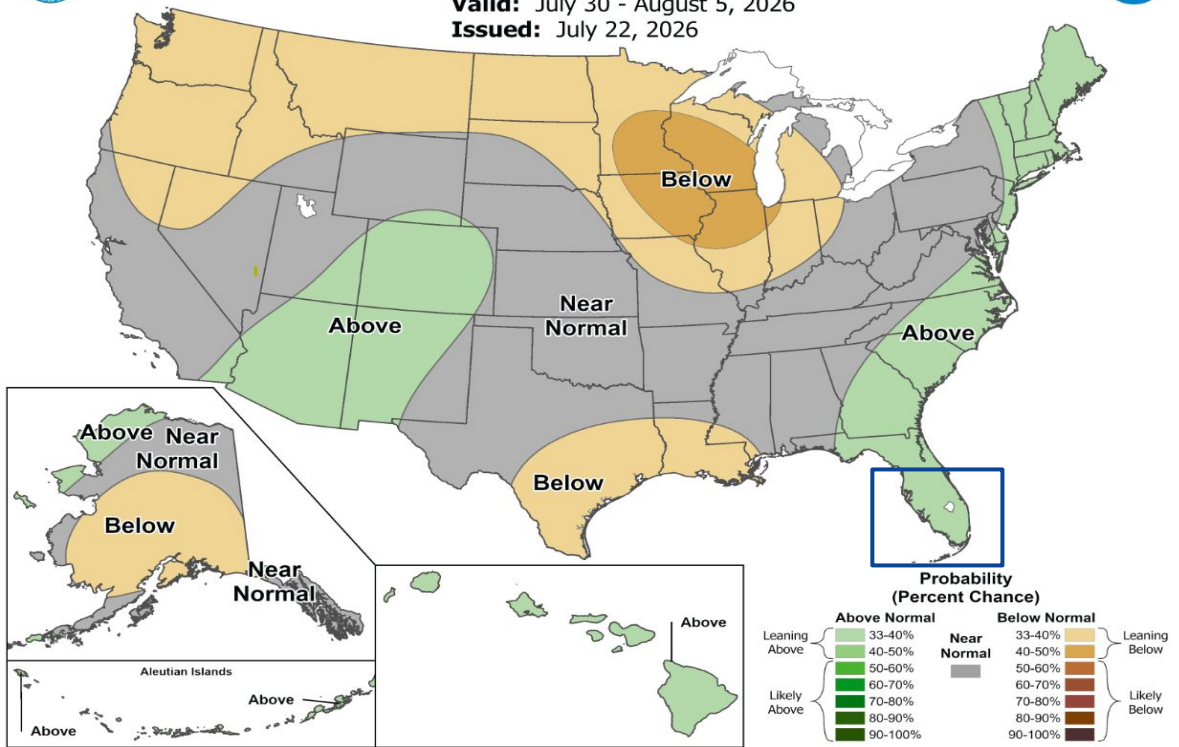
- The **Climate Prediction Center** predicts a **leaning above chance (33-40%) of normal rainfall** for our area over the next 8-14 days.



8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: July 30 - August 5, 2026

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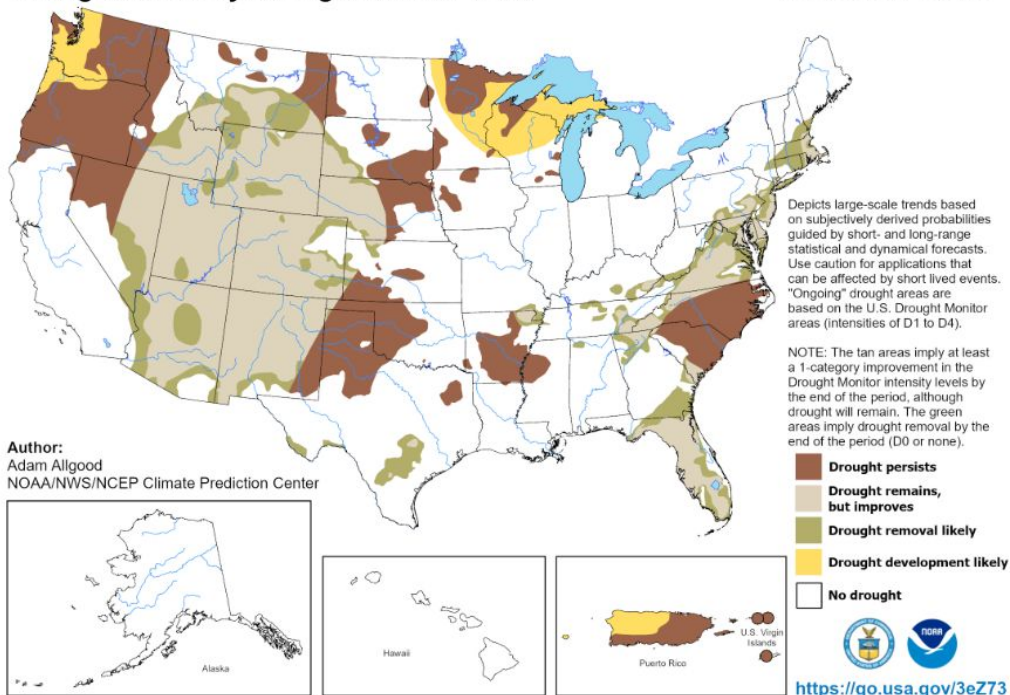
Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist over Interior and metro areas of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties through October of 2026, but should slowly improve through rest of the rainy season.
- Drought is expected to end by October of 2026 over the west coast metro areas and coastal areas of Broward and Miami-Dade County.

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

Valid for July 16 - October 31, 2026
Released July 16, 2026



Links to the latest:

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



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