Drought Information Statement for South Florida

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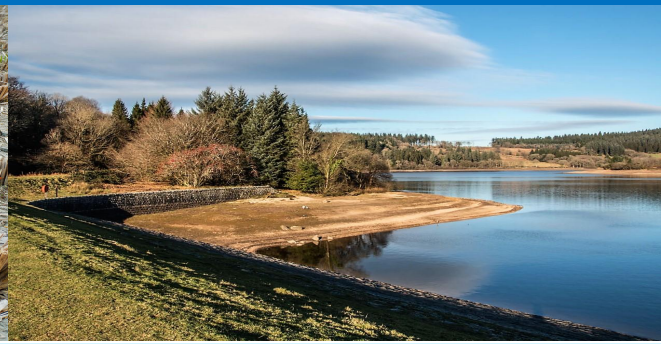
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- Drought Conditions Remain Present Across The Region
- Please see all available products at **https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements**.
- Visit our local interactive drought page at **https://nws-miami-drought-page-noaa.hub.arcgis.com/**





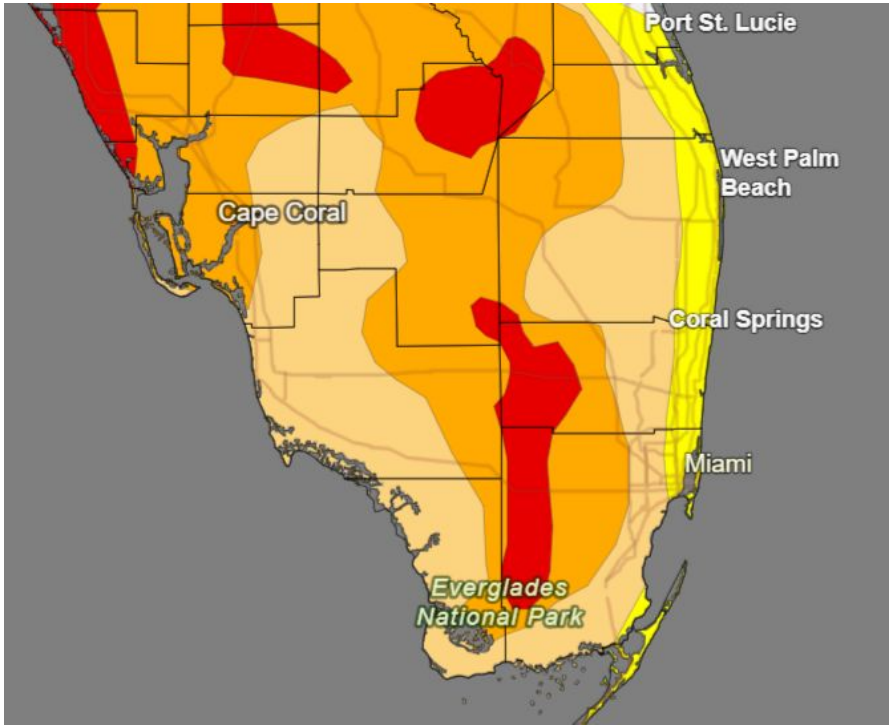


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 coastal Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Metro areas of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Collier Counties.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of Interior areas of South Florida.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** NE Glades County & portions of the interior areas of South Florida.



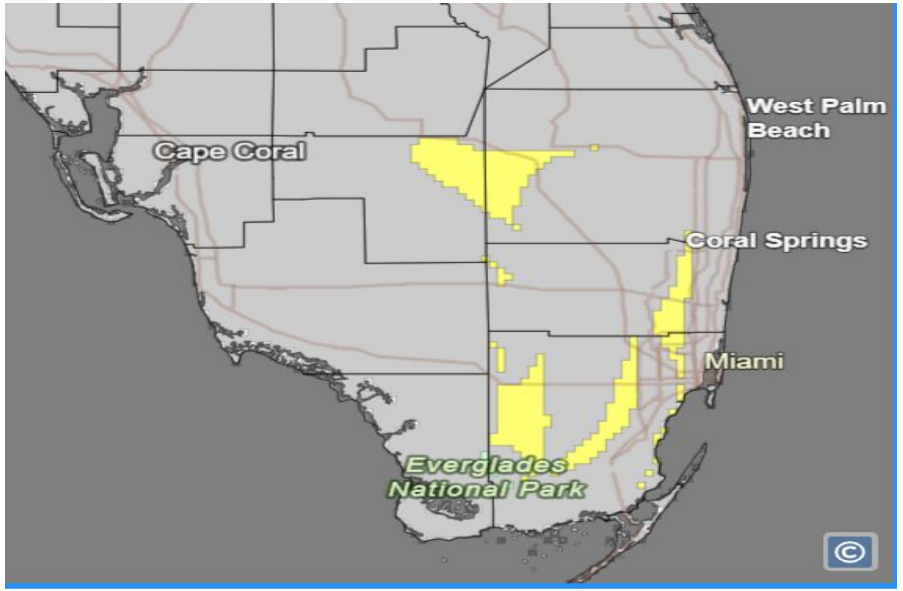
U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8AM EDT July 2nd 2026.

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 by one category over portions of the interior areas along with portions of the metro areas of Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

- Rest of South Florida remain unchanged in drought conditions from last week. However, if drier weather pattern returns, this could lead to worsting the drought conditions over South Florida.



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 July 1st, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Palm Beach Intl	9.74	-3.86	72%
Naples Municipal	9.74	-0.71	93%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	5.06	-10.24	33%
Miami Intl	8.62	-8.49	50%
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	6.42	-6.28	51%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	16.74	+1.26	108%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	12.25	-3.36	78%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	13.29	-4.83	73%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	9.56	-6.46	60%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	5.88	-9.34	39%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	11.24	-3.29	77%

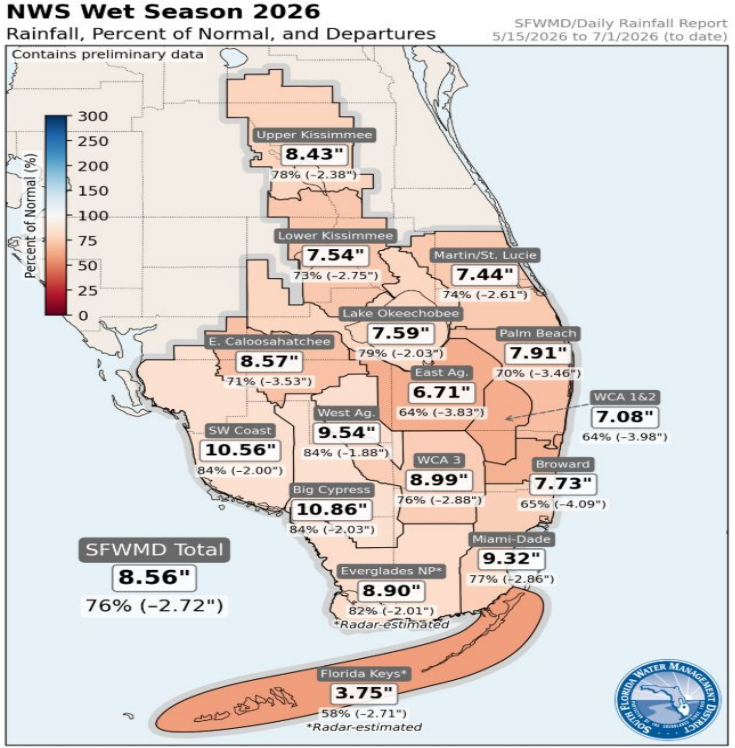
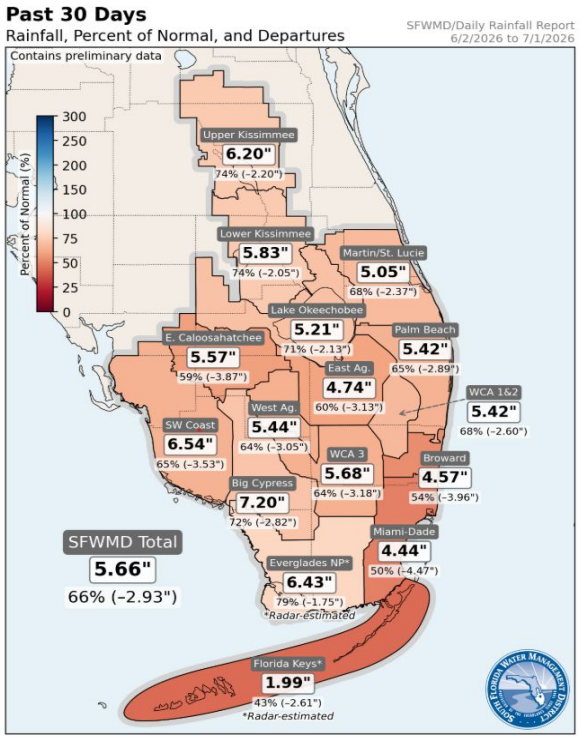
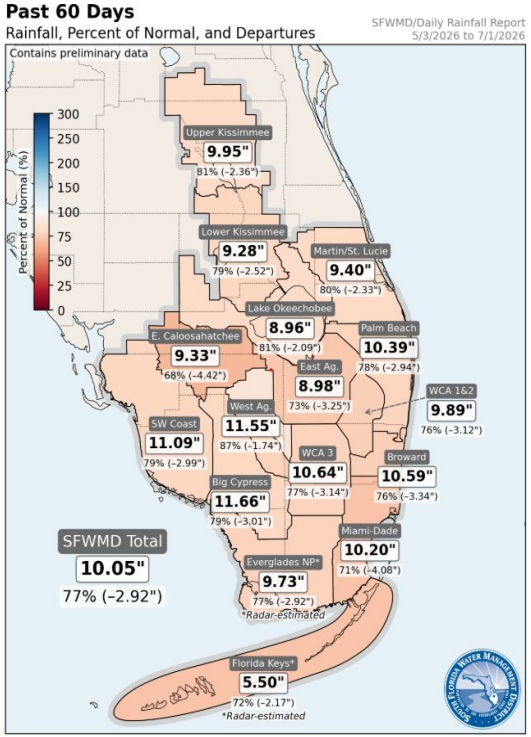


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Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management
from May 15th through July 1st, 2026

Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 04/03/2026)





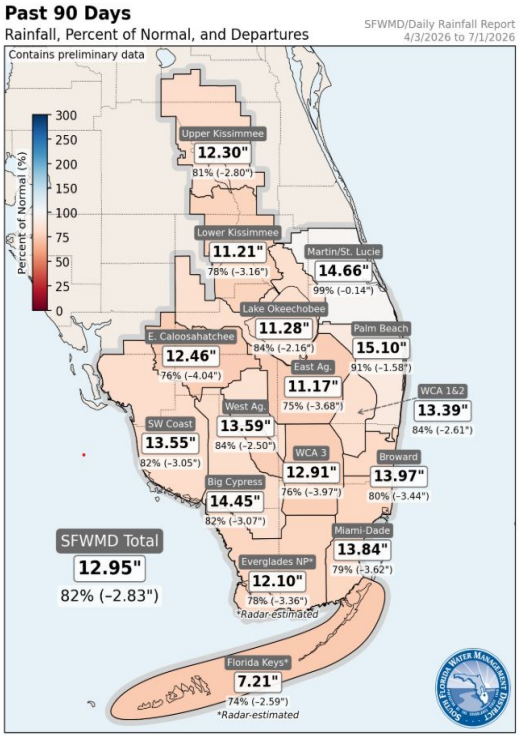


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180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 1/03/2026)

- 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 1st, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Palm Beach Intl	26.26	-7.53	78%
Naples Municipal	17.10	-3.54	83%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	21.21	-11.24	65%
Miami Intl	20.53	-12.35	62%
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	14.08	-10.94	56%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	25.94	-4.52	85%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	23.10	-5.50	81%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	27.30	-8.56	76%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	20.31	-16.28	56%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	16.11	-17.60	48%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	18.17	-9.22	66%

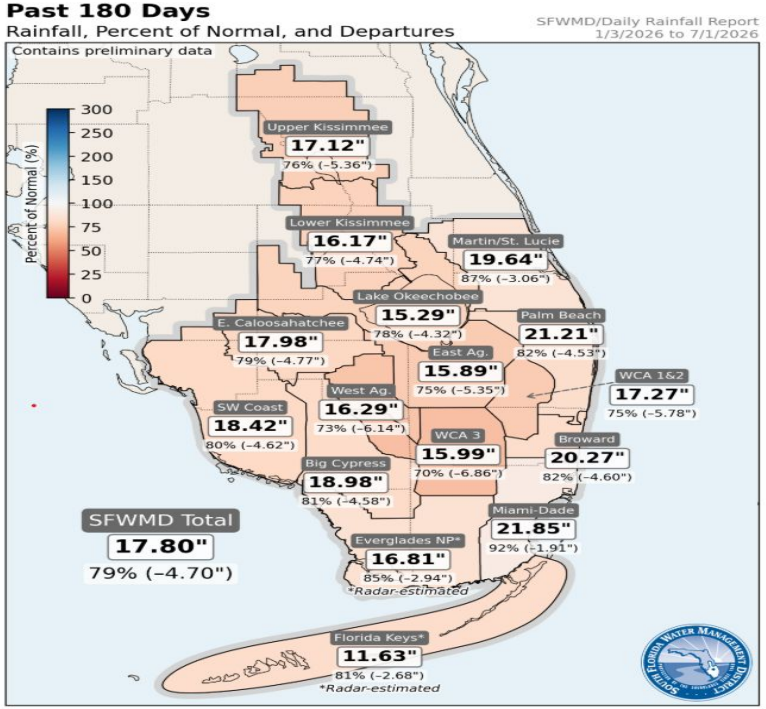


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Data over the past 180 days ending July 1st, 2026

Hydrologic Impacts

- **(7/01/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 10.93 feet which is –2.48 feet below normal of 13.41 feet.**
- The underground level for ***Water Conservation Area 1*** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 16.15 feet. Compared to the normal value of 15.75 feet, this is **+0.40 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for ***Water Conservation Area 2*** in Interior Broward County is at 11.84 feet. Compared to the normal value of 11.02 feet, this is **+0.82 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for ***Water Conservation Area 3*** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 8.40 feet. Compared to the normal value of 9.70 feet, this is **-1.30 feet** below normal for this time of year.

Hydrologic Impacts on Lake Okeechobee

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

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 Locak at Taylor Creek in Okeechobee County will remain open only on Saturdays and Sundays during day hours.



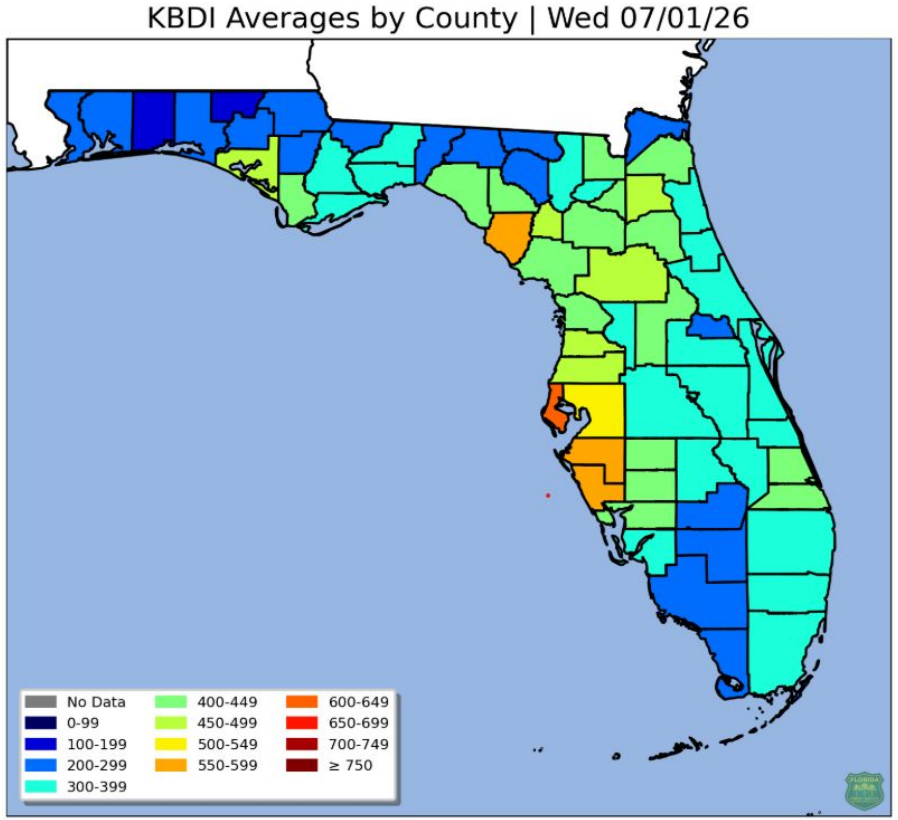
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Fire Hazard Impacts

Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI)

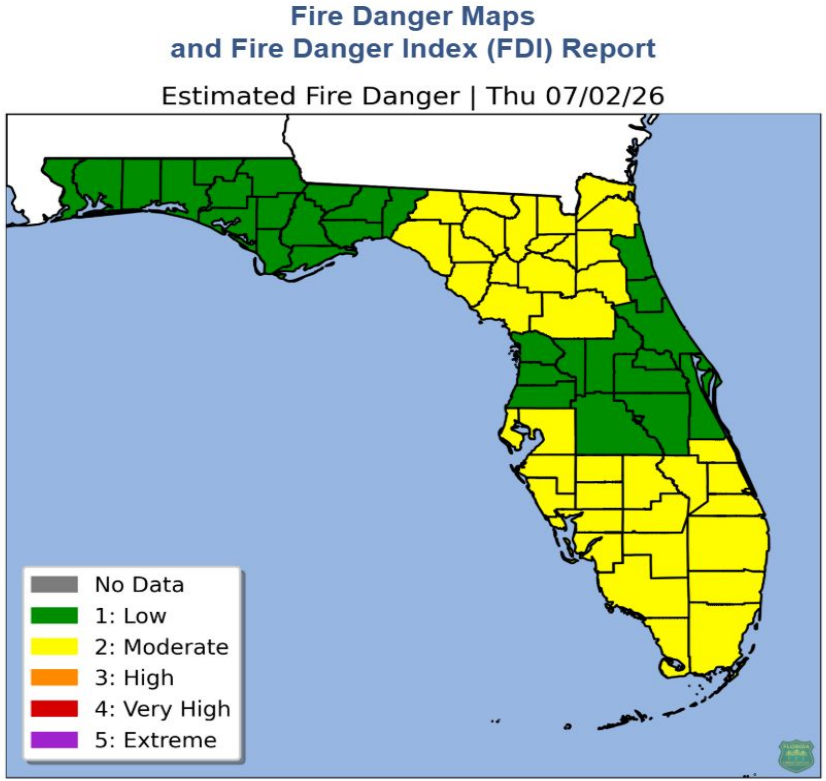
Fire Hazard Impacts

- South Florida continues to slowly improved in the dry conditions as the rainy season continues.
- KBDI values 300 to 400 over the eastern areas of South Florida.
- KBDI values have improved over western areas and is now between 200 to 300.



Fire Danger Matrix

- A **Moderate fire** (level 2 of 5) danger risk across all of South Florida as of 7/02/2026.



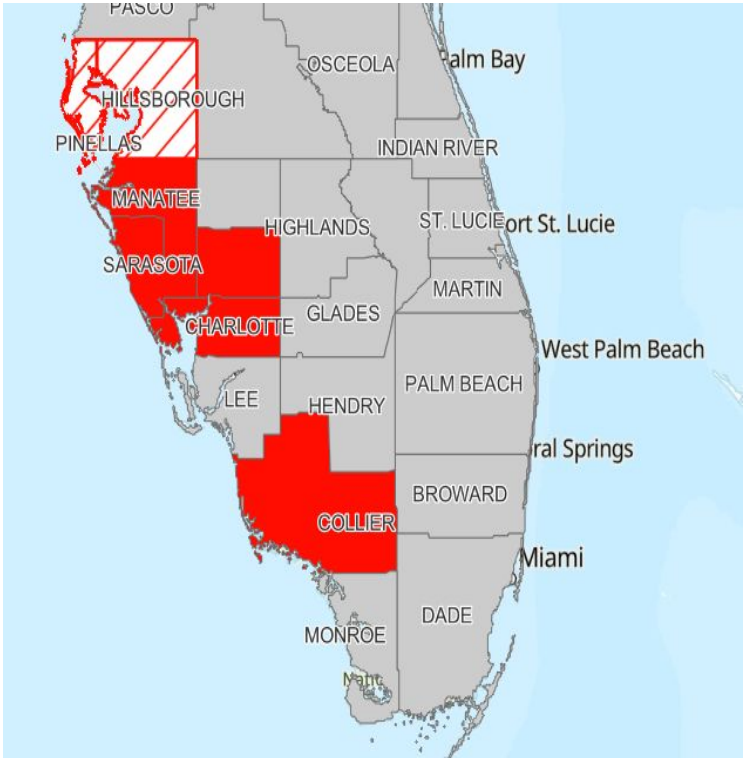
Burn Bans

Link: [County Burn Bans]

Current Burn Bans

- Collier County.
- *Issued by local county officials.*





Soil Moisture

- South Florida soil moisture has remain about the same compare to last week.
- Soil moisture over most areas of South Florida are still in the 10 to 20 percentile.
- The only area that is in the 20 to 30 percentile is over coastal/metro areas of Palm Beach County.

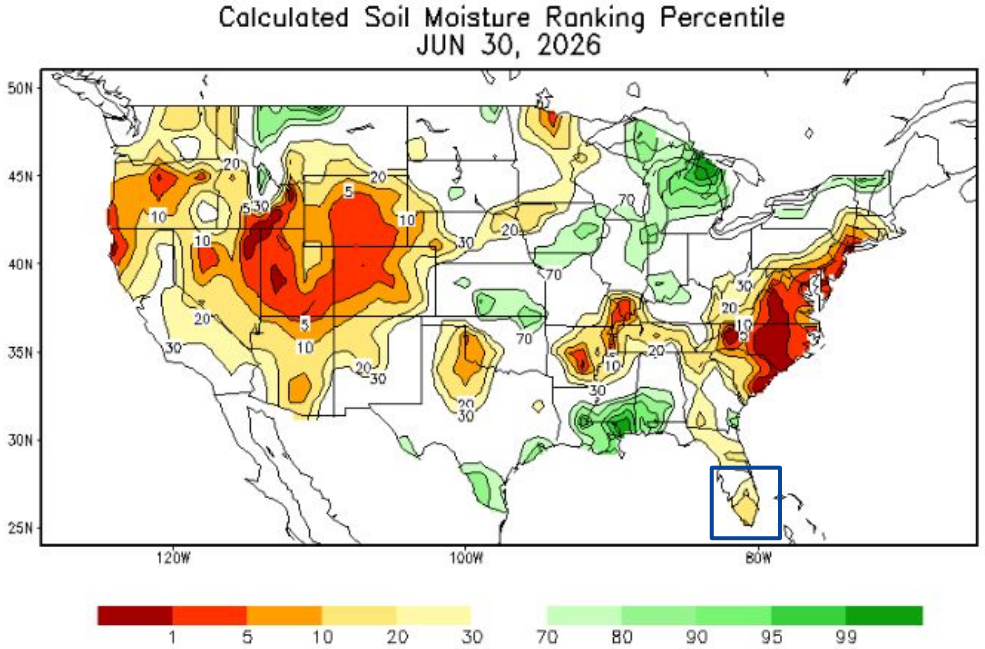
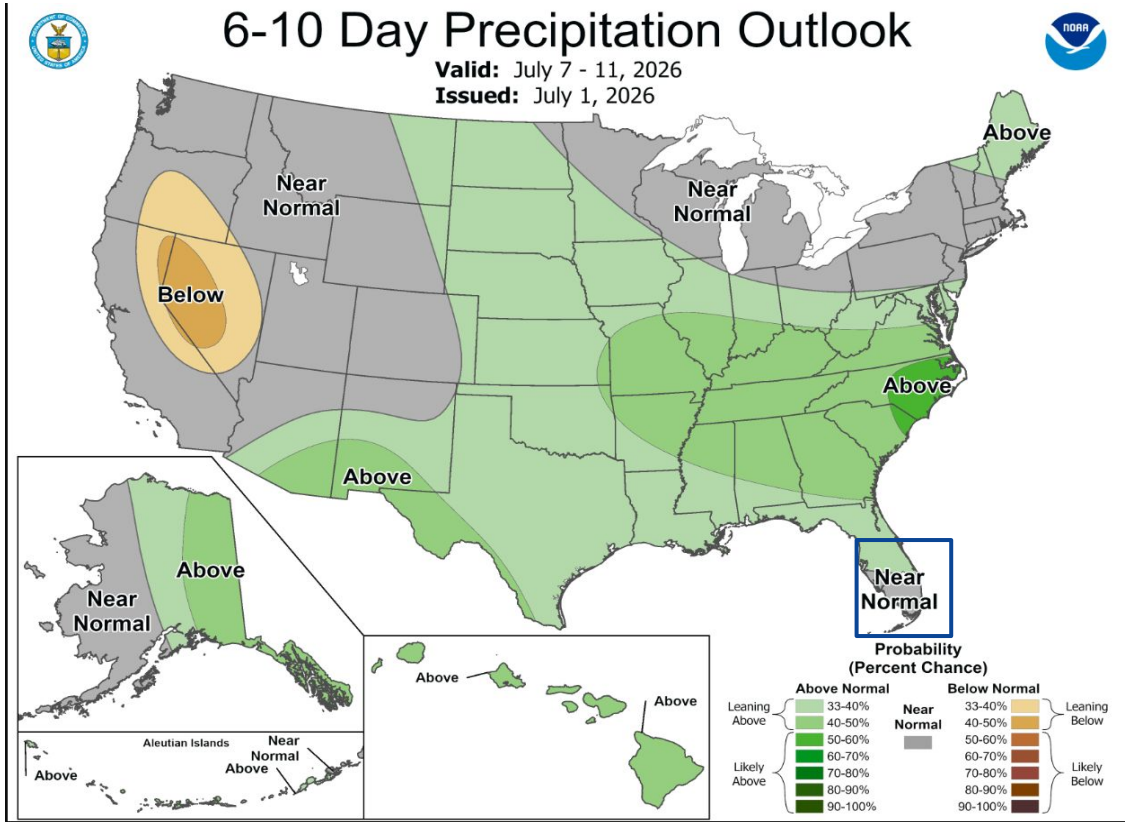


Image Captions:
CPC Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
valid June 30th, 2026

Precipitation Outlook

- *HIgh pressure will remain off the Western Atlantic waters through early next week.*
- *This pattern will lead to scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms each day with highest changes over interior/west coast.*
- *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.*

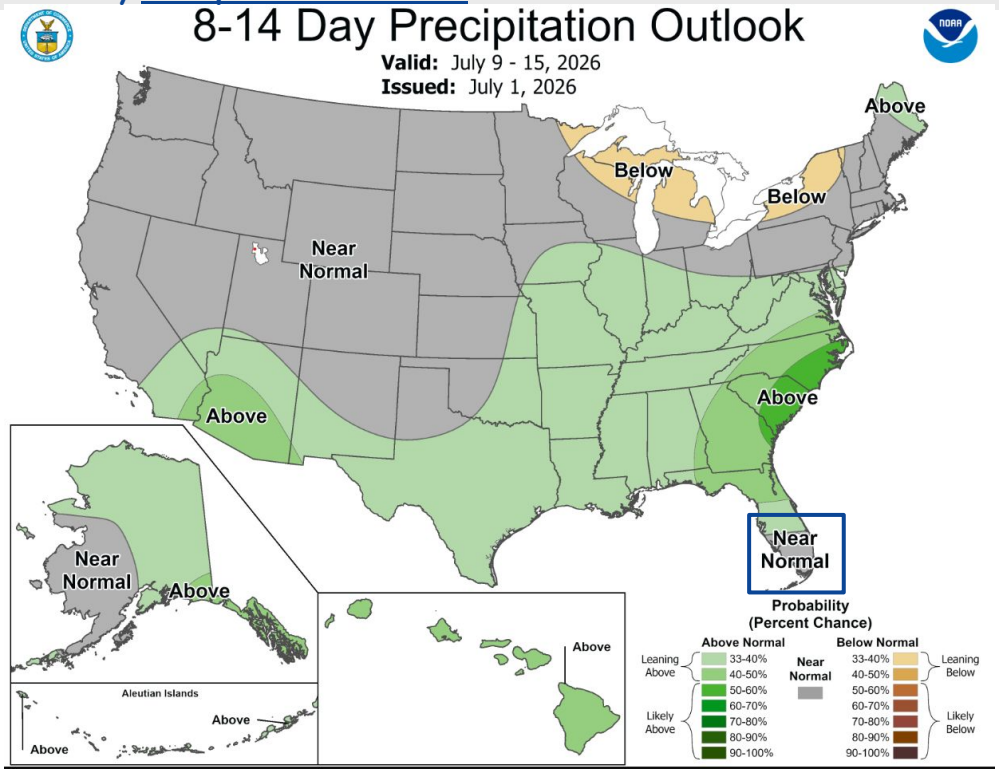
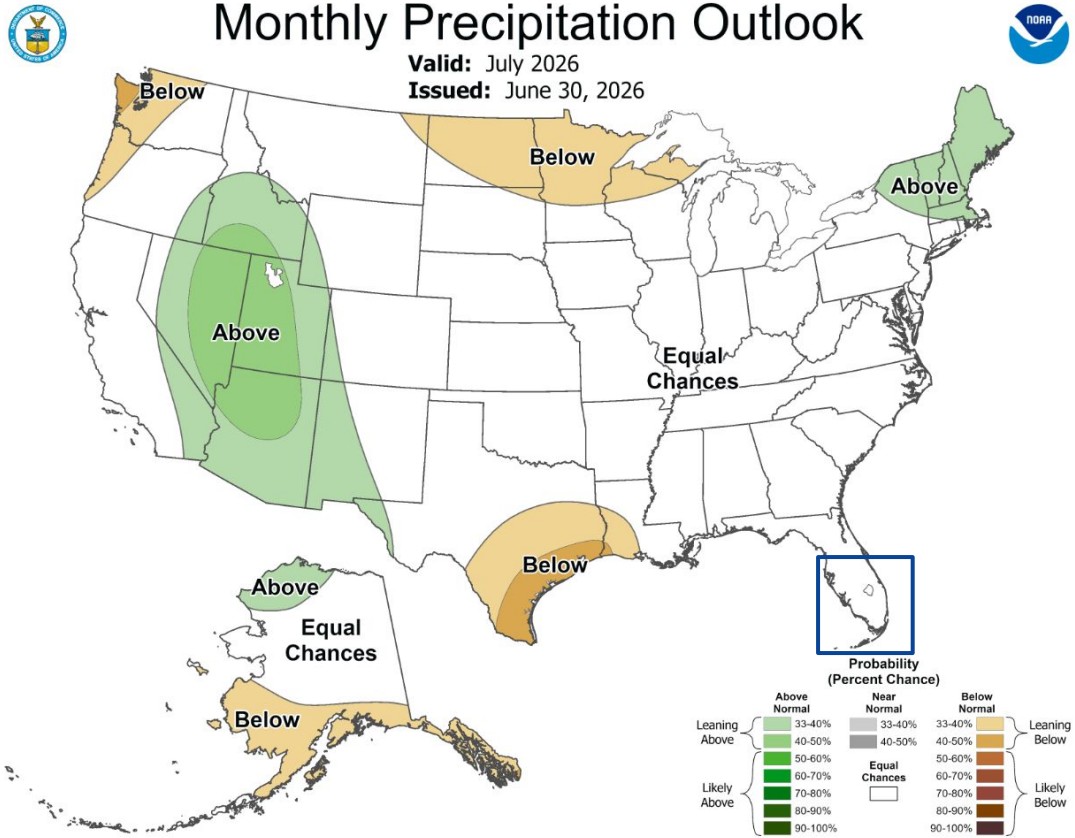


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Days 8 to 14 U.S. Hazards Outlook Valid Month DD to DD.

Monthly Outlook

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

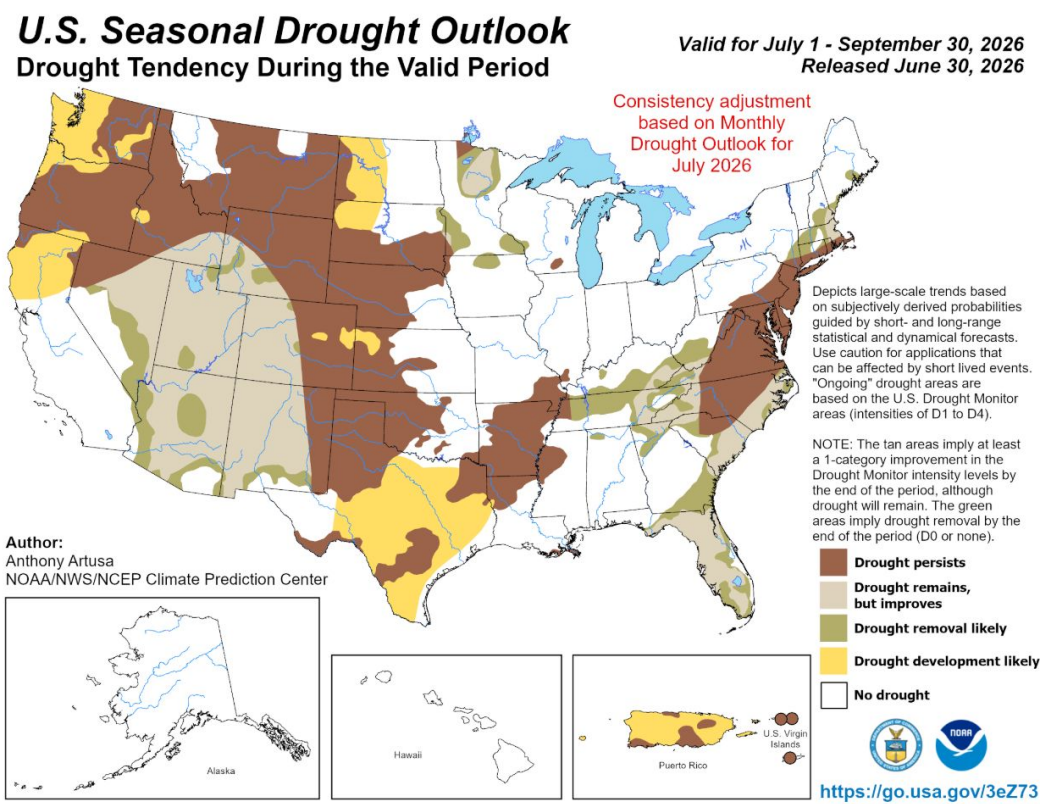
- *The **Climate Prediction Center** depicts an **equal chance of above or below normal rainfall** for precipitation for our area in the month of July.*



Drought Outlook

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



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook