



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/>

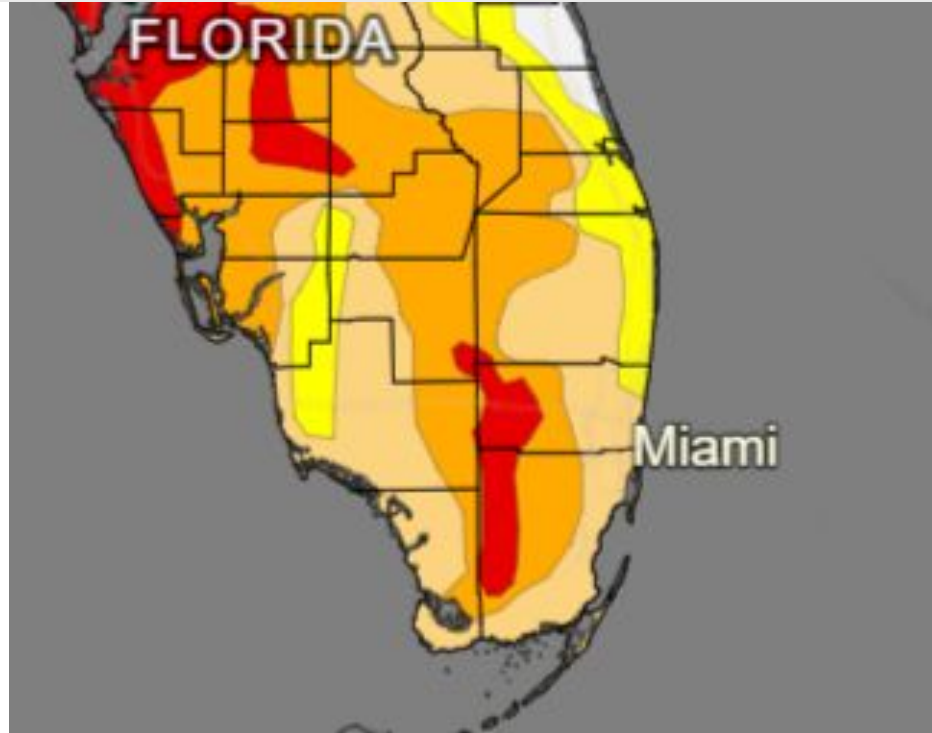




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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



U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8AM EDT July 9th 2026.

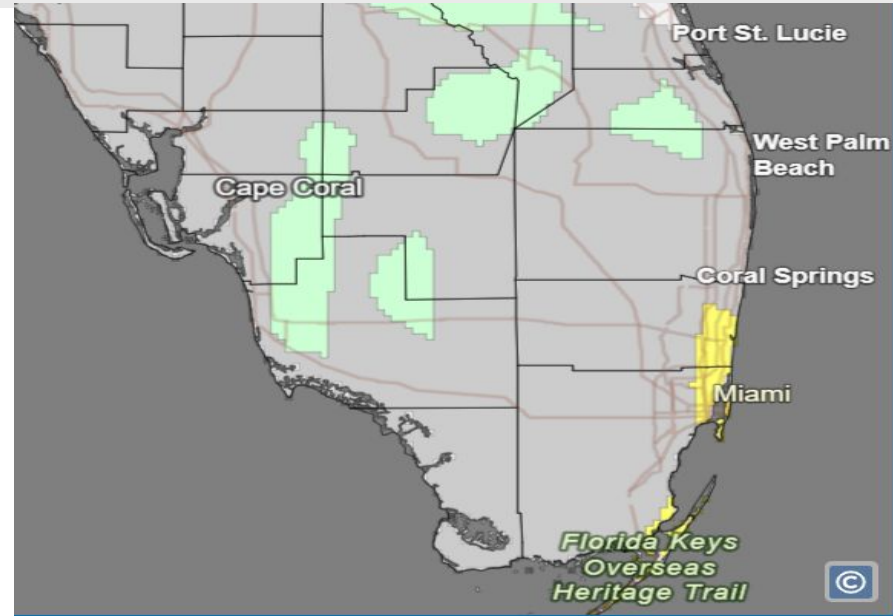




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

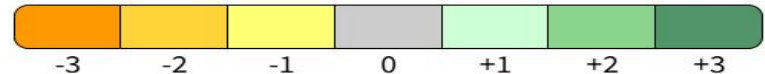
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for South Florida

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
 - The drought severity has increased by one category over portions of metro/coastal Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.
 - The drought severity has decreased by one category over NE Glades County, and portions of Collier County.
- 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 8th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Palm Beach Intl	10.31	-4.67	69%
Naples Municipal	10.29	-2.10	83%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	5.12	-11.47	31%
Miami Intl	9.30	-9.65	49%
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	10.46	-4.08	72%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	19.99	+2.70	116%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	15.65	-1.64	91%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	15.78	-4.22	79%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	11.63	-6.01	66%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	5.88	-11.36	34%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	13.71	-2.90	83%

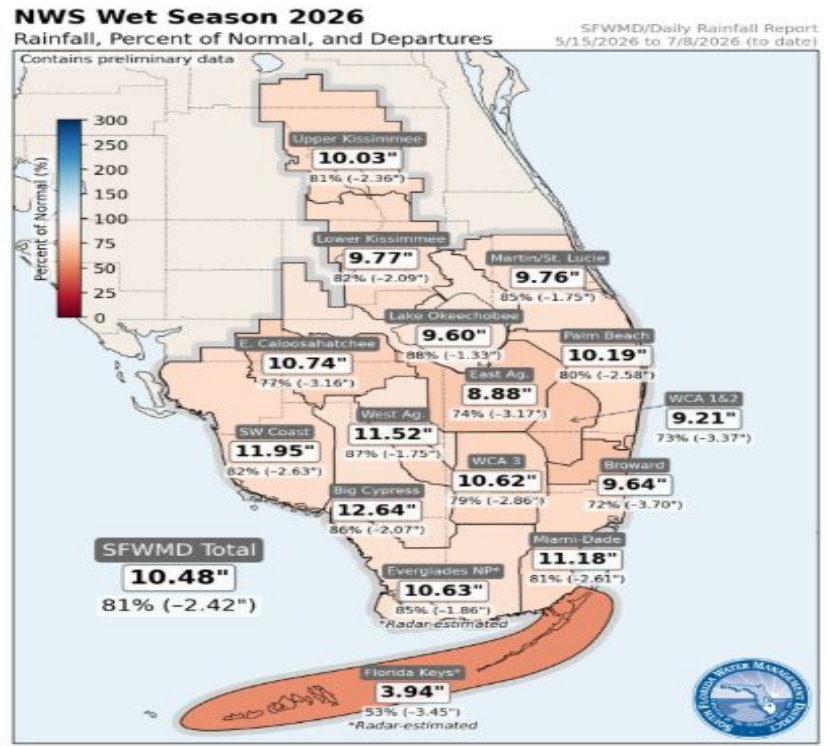


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Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management
from May 15th through July 8th, 2026

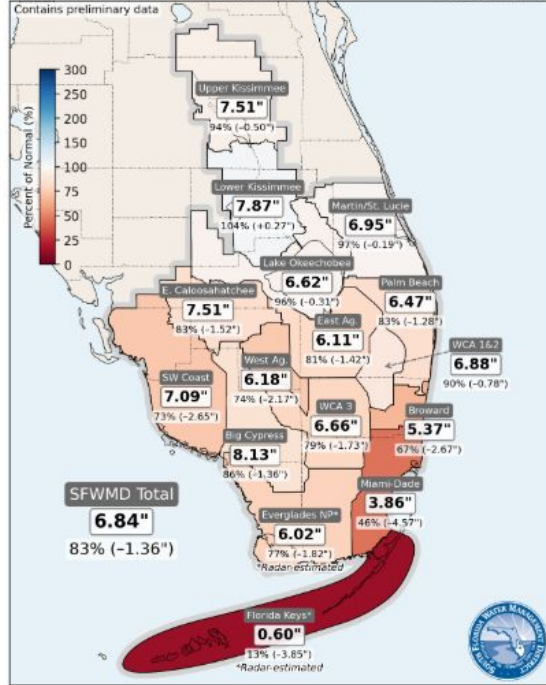


Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 04/10/2026)

Past 30 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

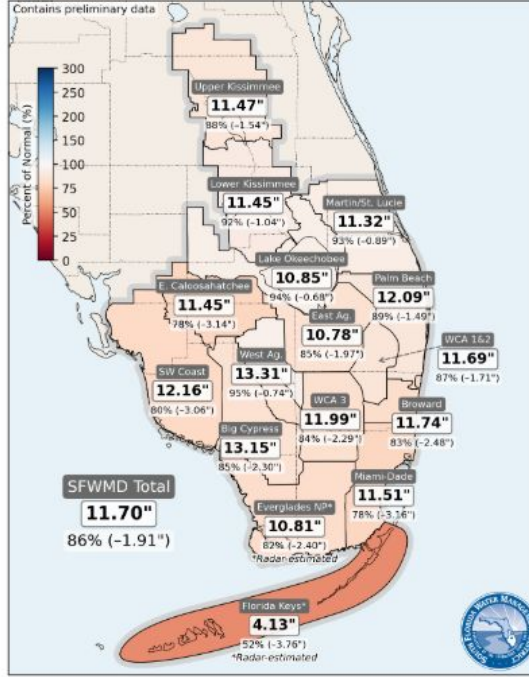
SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
6/9/2026 to 7/8/2026



Past 60 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
5/10/2026 to 7/8/2026



Past 90 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
4/10/2026 to 7/8/2026

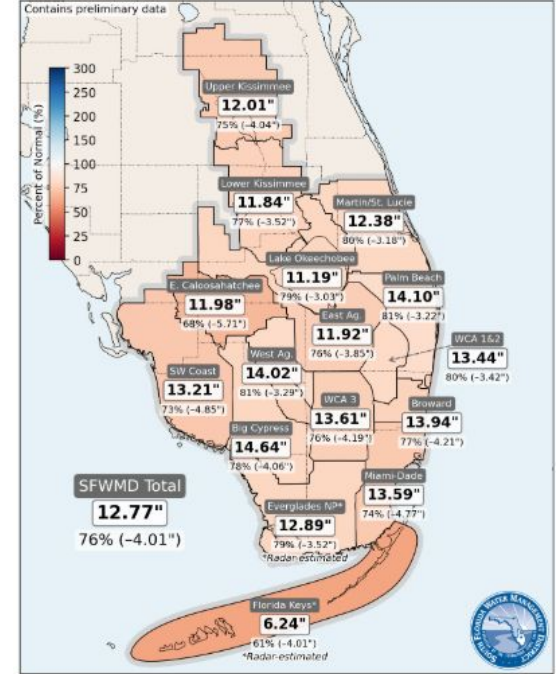


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180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 1/10/2026)

- 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	26.83	-8.34	76%
Naples Municipal	17.65	-4.93	78%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	21.21	-11.53	63%
Miami Intl	21.21	-13.51	61%
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	18.12	-8.74	67%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	29.19	-3.08	90%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	26.50	-3.78	88%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	29.79	-7.95	79%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	22.38	-15.83	59%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	16.11	-19.57	45%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	20.64	-8.83	70%

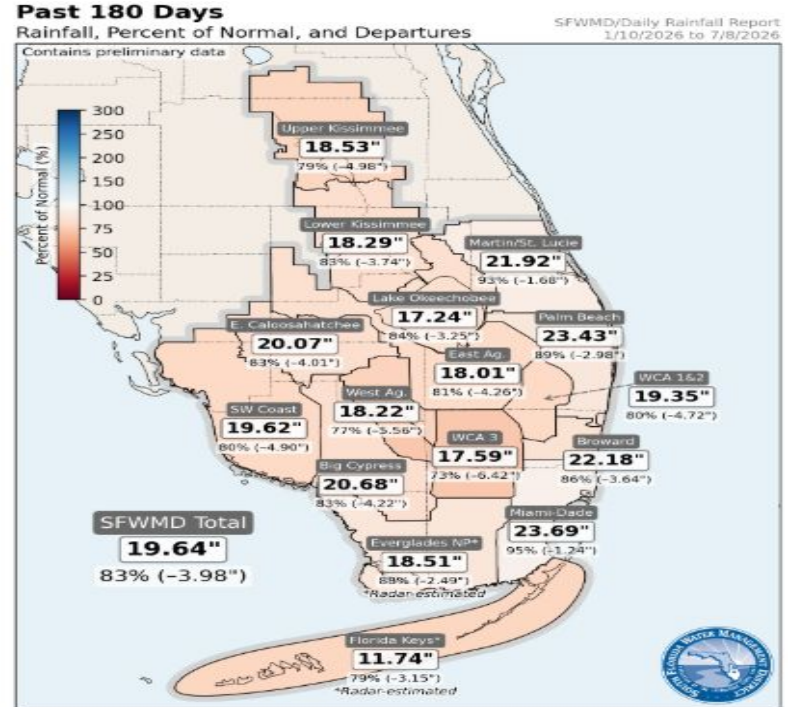


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Data over the past 180 days ending July 8th, 2026





Hydrologic Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- (7/01/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 11.00 feet which is **-2.53 feet** below normal of 13.53 feet.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 1** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 16.22 feet. Compared to the normal value of 15.77 feet, this is **+0.45 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 2** in Interior Broward County is at 11.80 feet. Compared to the normal value of 11.17 feet, this is **+0.63 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 3** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 8.53 feet. Compared to the normal value of 9.74 feet, this is **-1.21 feet** below normal for this time of year.





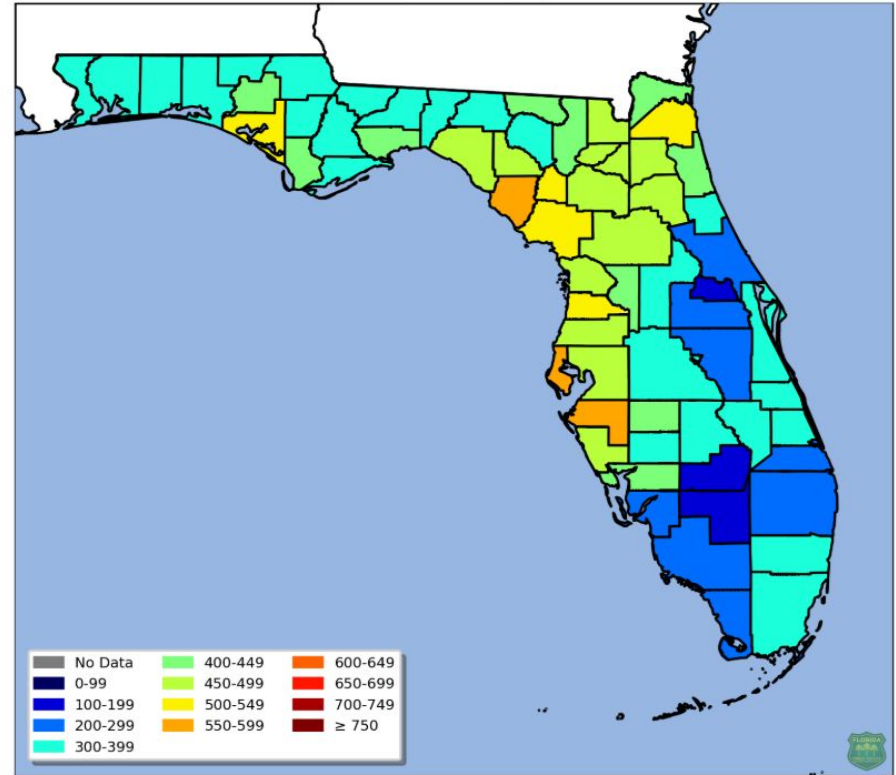
Fire Hazard Impacts

[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 remain over Broward and Miami-Dade Counties,
- KBDI values have improved over rest of South Florida which is now below 300.

KBDI Averages by County | Thu 07/09/26





Fire Danger Matrix

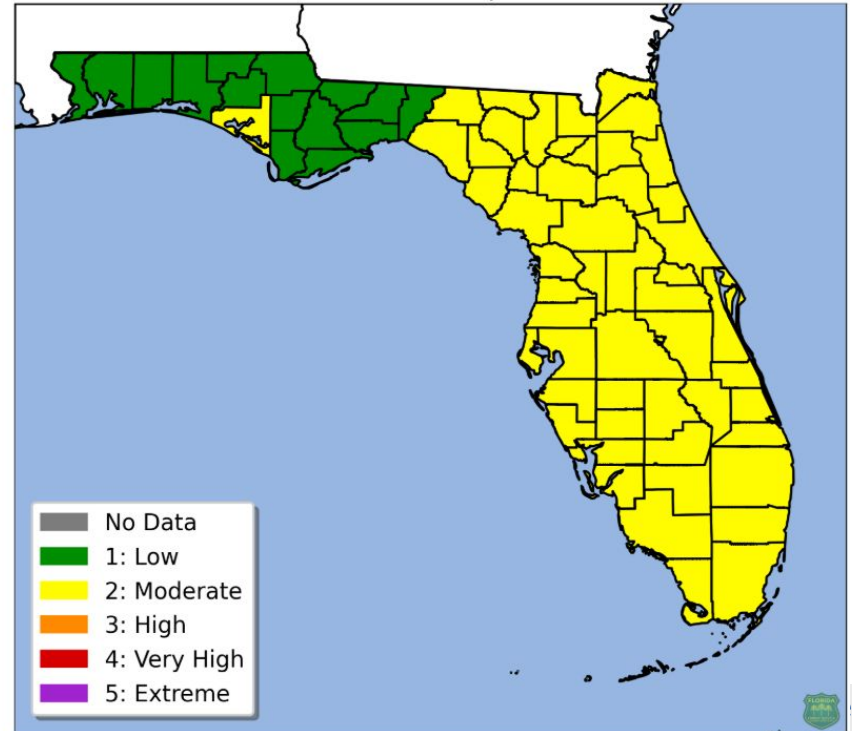
[Fire Danger Risk](#)

Fire Danger Matrix

- A **Moderate fire** (level 2 of 5) danger risk across all of South Florida as of 7/09/2026.

Fire Danger Maps
and Fire Danger Index (FDI) Report

Estimated Fire Danger | Thu 07/09/26



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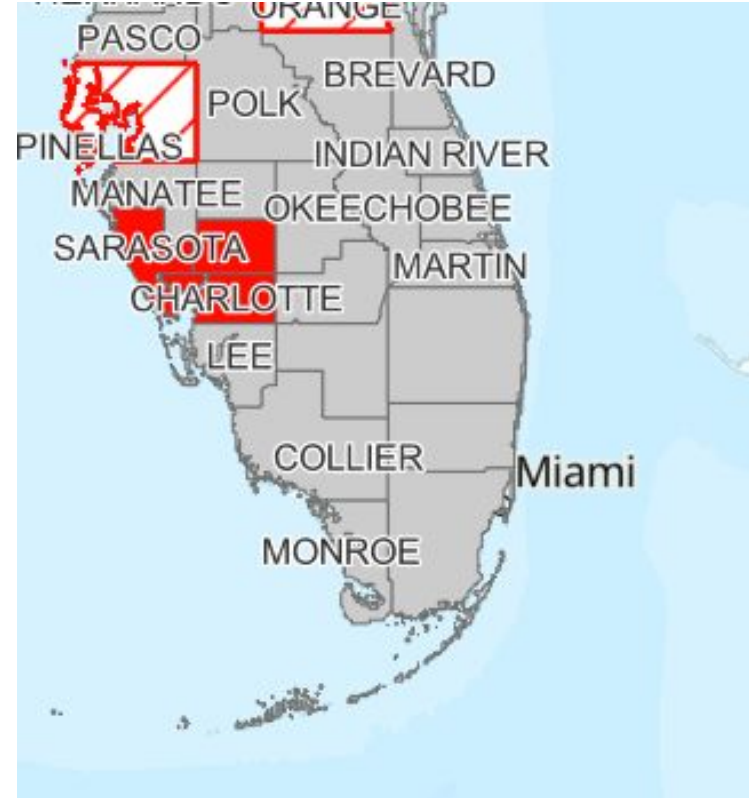


Burn Bans

Link: [County Burn Bans](#)

Current Burn Bans

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





Soil Moisture

- South Florida soil moisture has improved compare to last week.
- Soil moisture is now in the 30 to 70 percentile range over all of South Florida.

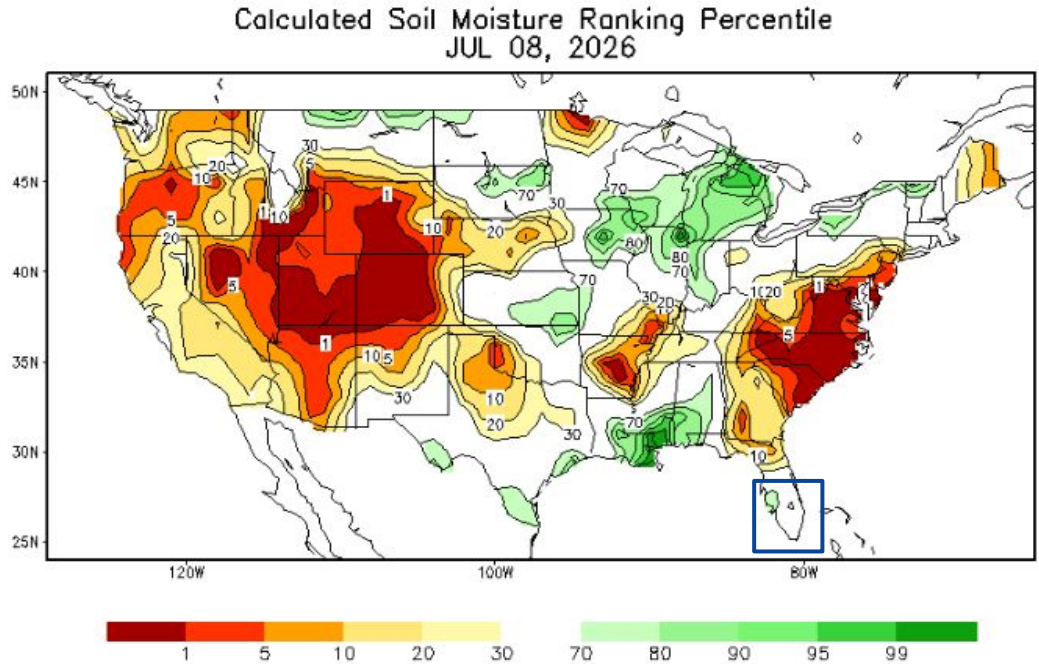


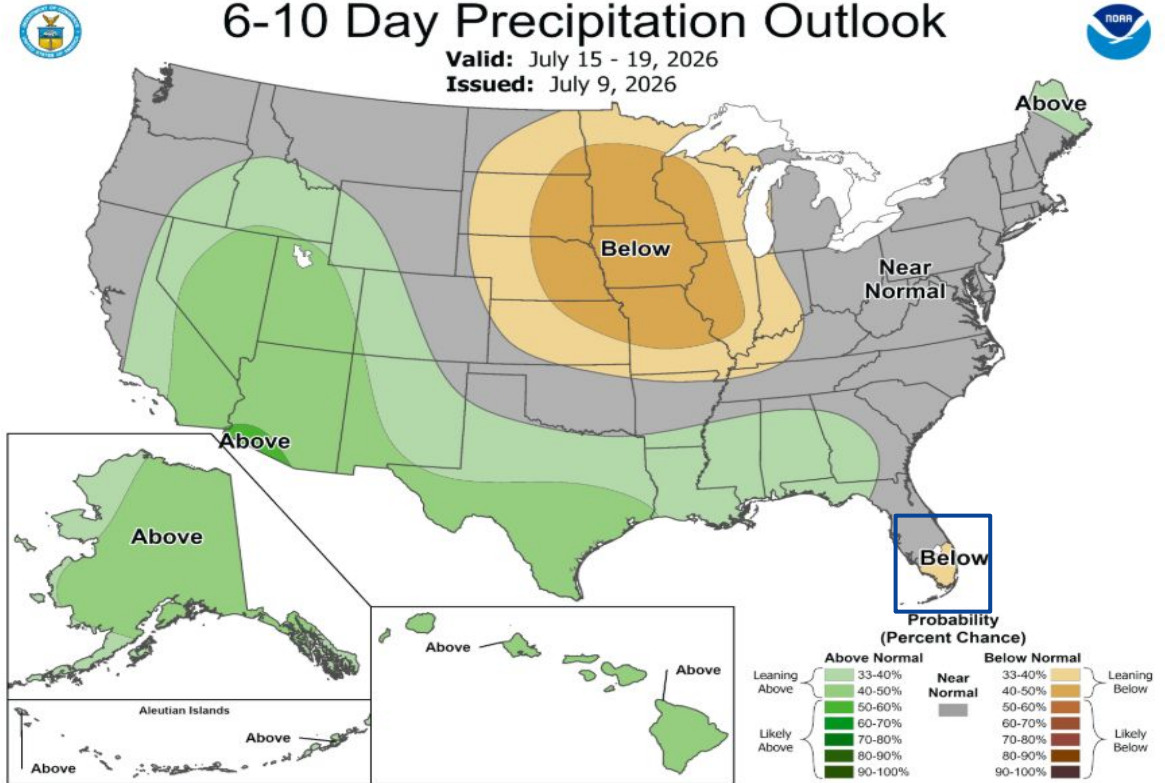
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CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)
valid July 8th, 2026





Precipitation Outlook

- High pressure will remain off the Western Atlantic waters through early next week, as a TUTT low moves across the area early this weekend.
- This pattern will limit the coverage of showers and thunderstorms each day. The only exception to this is early this weekend where there will be more scattered to numerous coverage.
- The **Climate Prediction Center** predicts a **leaning below chance (33-40%) of normal rainfall** for our area over the next 6-10 days.





Monthly Outlook

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

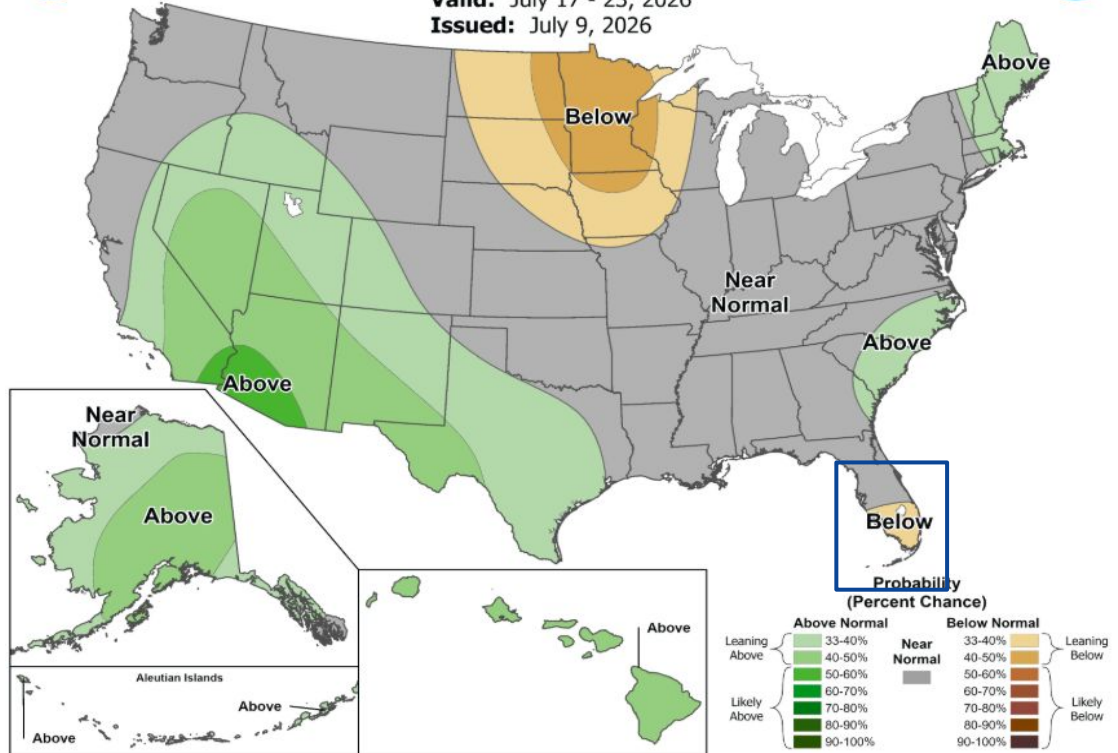
- The *Climate Prediction Center* depicts a **leaning below chance (33-40%) of normal rainfall** for precipitation for our area from July 17th-July 23rd, 2026.



8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: July 17 - 23, 2026

Issued: July 9, 2026





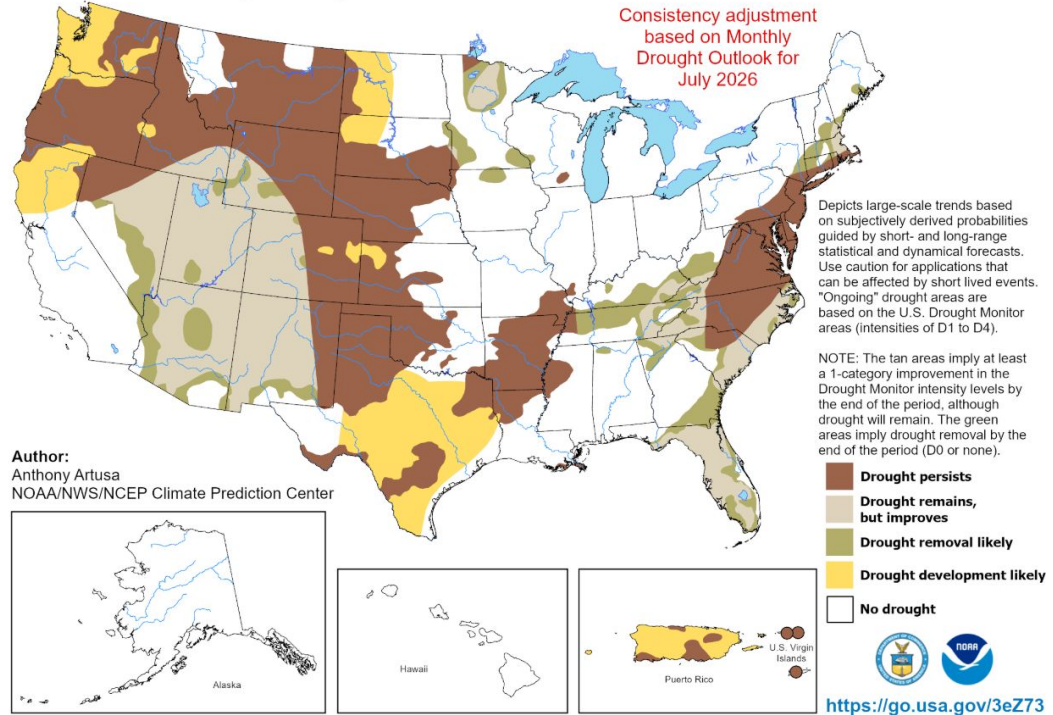
Drought Outlook

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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.

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

Valid for July 1 - September 30, 2026
Released June 30, 2026



Links to the latest:

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

