



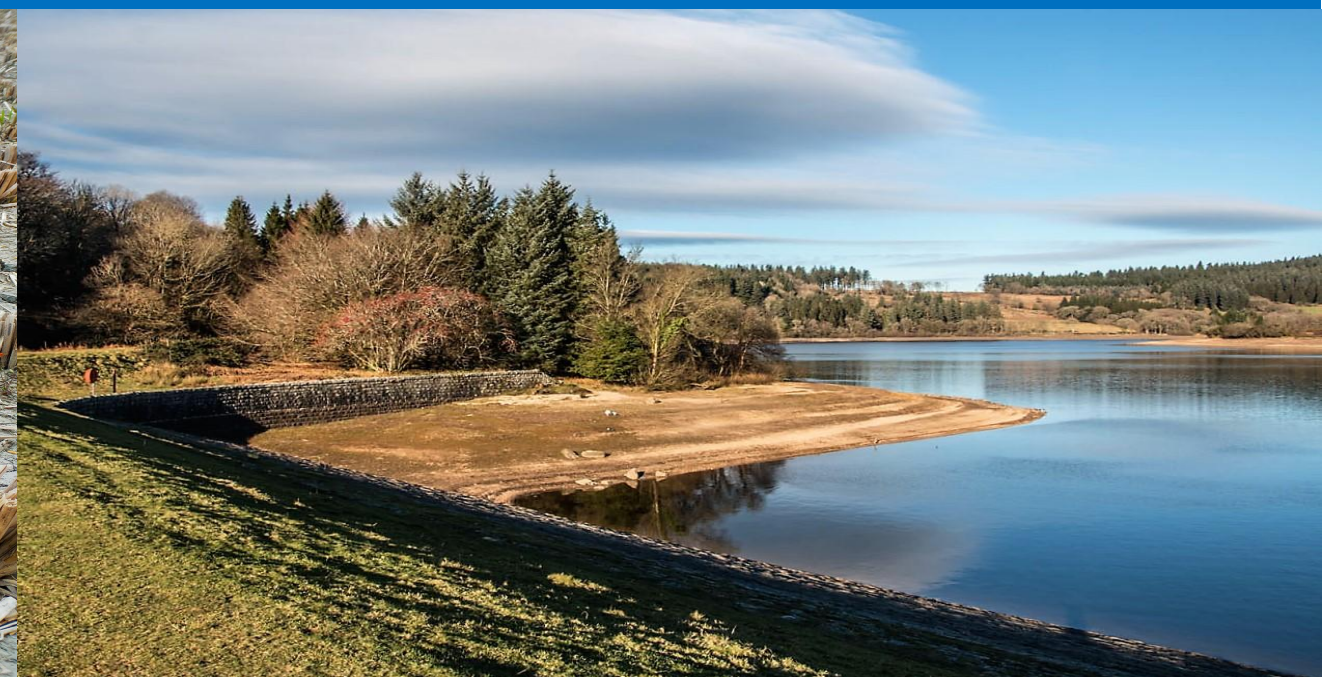
Drought Information Statement for South Florida

9 24 2026

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- Gradual Improvement In Drought Across South Florida
- 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/>



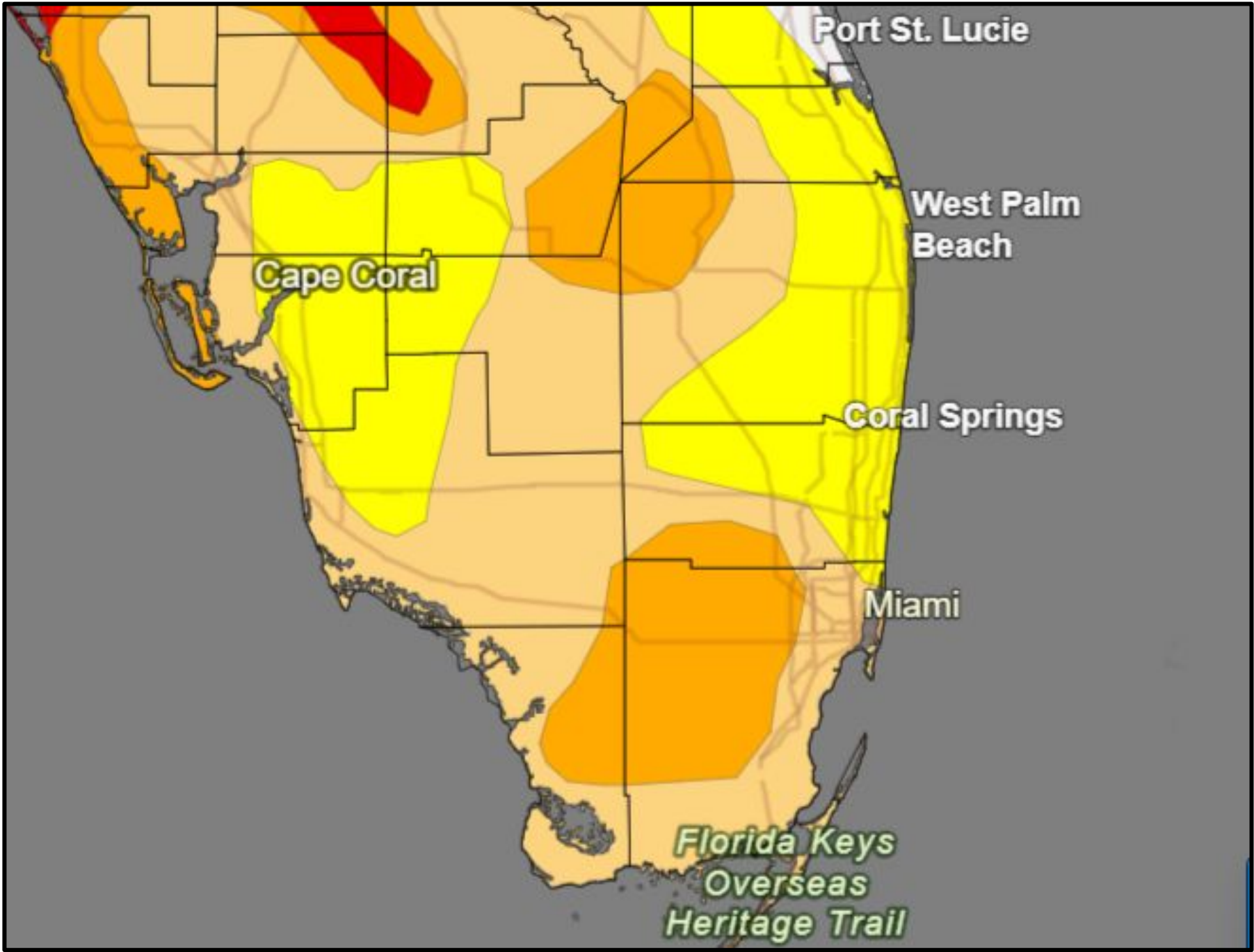


Drought Update - 9/24/2026

September 24, 2026
12:00 PM

Key Messages

- ➔ **Recent Rainfall Across South Florida**
Numerous numerous shower and storms activity over metro Palm Beach and Broward Counties have brought beneficial rainfall. This has help in reducing the drought over this area. Rest of South Florida saw only scattered showers and storms which kept the drought status steady.
- ➔ **Update On Drought Intensity & Extent Across South Florida**
D0 (Abnormally Dry): Metro areas of Palm Beach County, the majority of metro Broward County as well as Western Glades, Western Hendry, and northwest Collier Counties.
D1 (Moderate Drought): Western Palm Beach, metro areas of Miami-Dade and Collier Counties, and most of the Interior areas of South Florida, including Big Cypress.
D2 (Severe Drought): Most of the Everglades of Miami-Dade County into Mainland Monroe County.

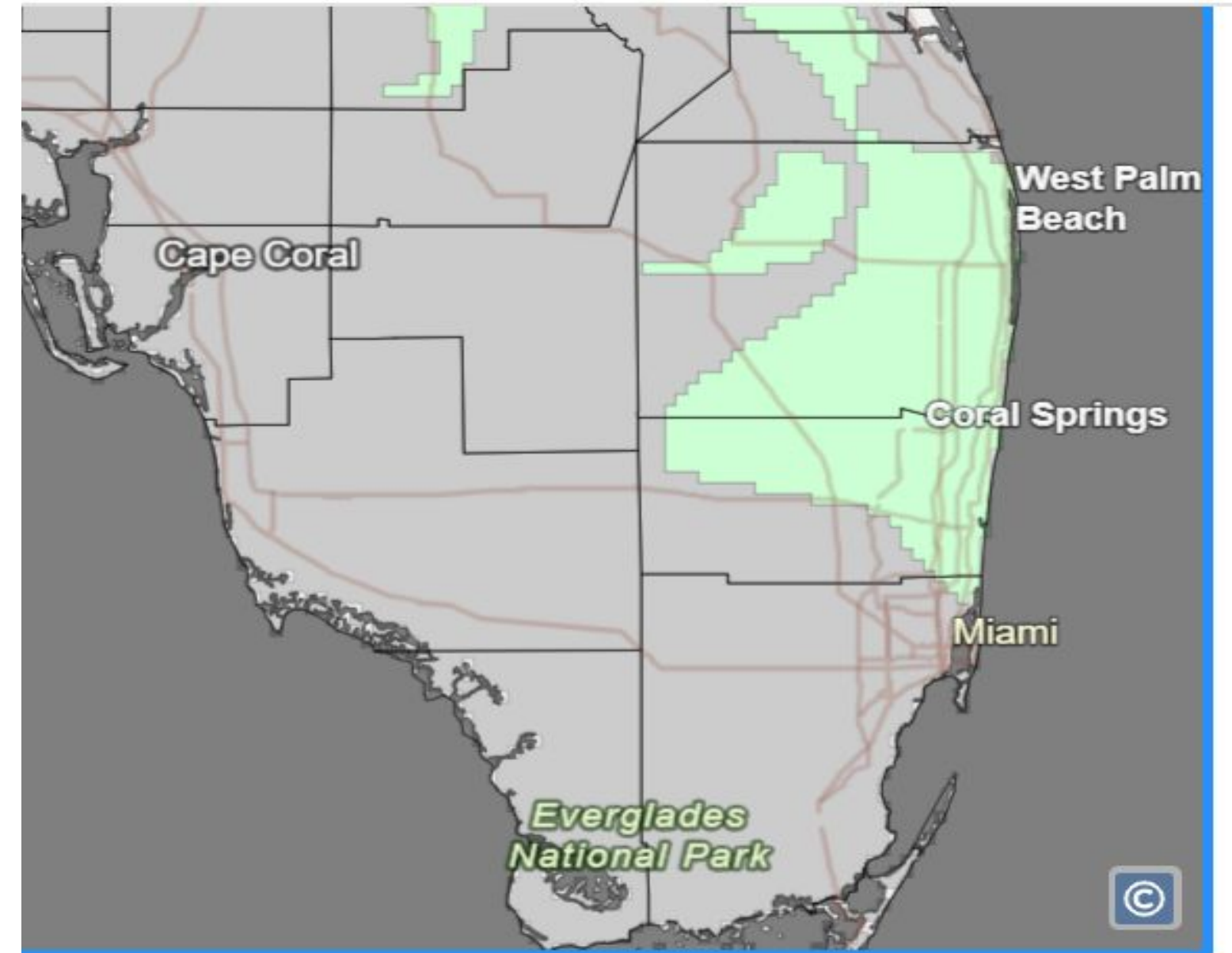




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

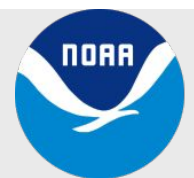
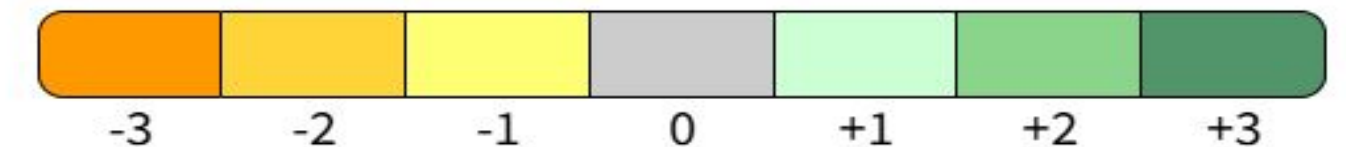
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) and [1-week change map](#) for South Florida

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
 - Drought has improved slightly (+1) across metro areas of Palm Beach and Broward Counties.
- Coverage and placement of showers and thunderstorms over roughly the next month (*conclusion of wet season is officially October 15th*) will dictate drought improvement or degradation across portions of South Florida.



Legend

Drought Change Since Last Week





Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 05/01/2026)

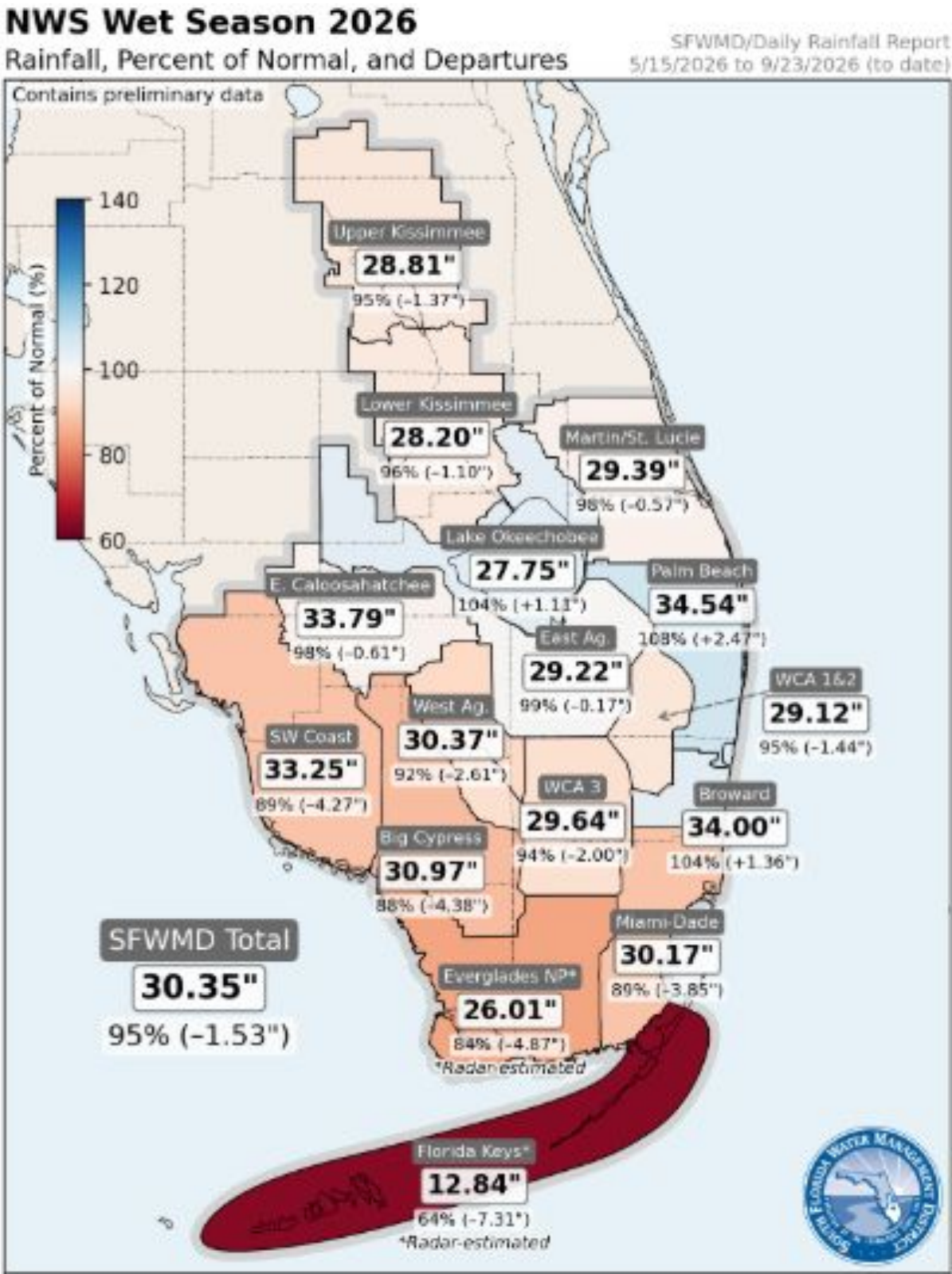
Wet Season 2026

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

The following table gives the rainfall from May 1st, 2026 to September 23rd, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	30.88	-3.15	91%
Naples Municipal	27.96	-5.84	83% (8th driest wet season so far)
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	36.35	+1.66	105%
Miami Intl	25.86	-15.88	62% (19th driest wet season so far)
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	24.21	-8.20	75% (11th driest wst season so far)
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	32.53	-5.77	85% (8th driest wet season so far)
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	36.04	-3.48	91% (11th driest wet season so far)
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	41.66	-3.26	93%
Miami Beach	30.54	-2.50	92%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	28.36	-7.92	78% (12th driest wet season so far)

Image Captions:
Data Courtesy
South Florida Water Management
from May 15th through
September 23rd, 2026



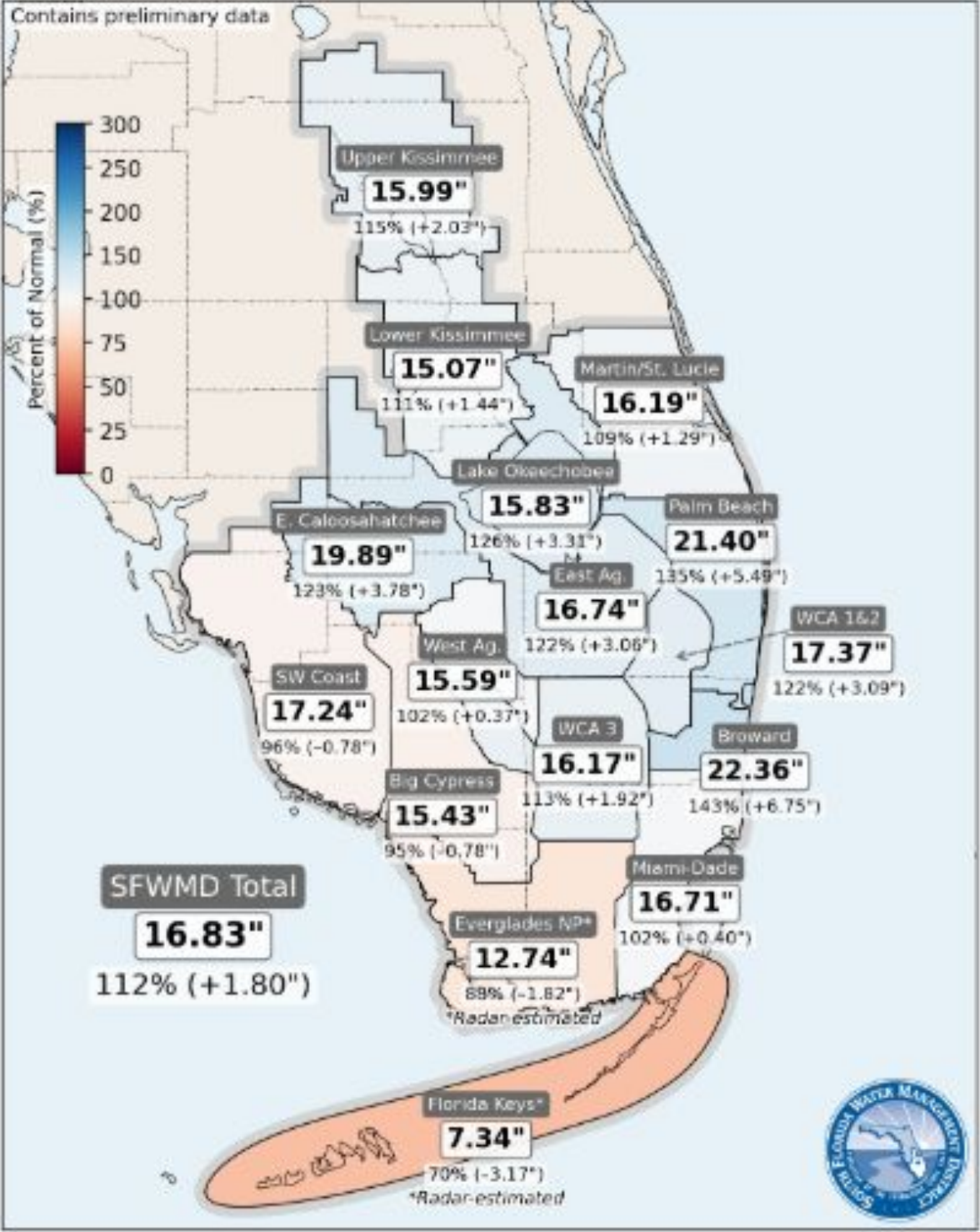


Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (60 & 90 Days)

Past 60 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
7/26/2026 to 9/23/2026



Past 90 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
6/26/2026 to 9/23/2026

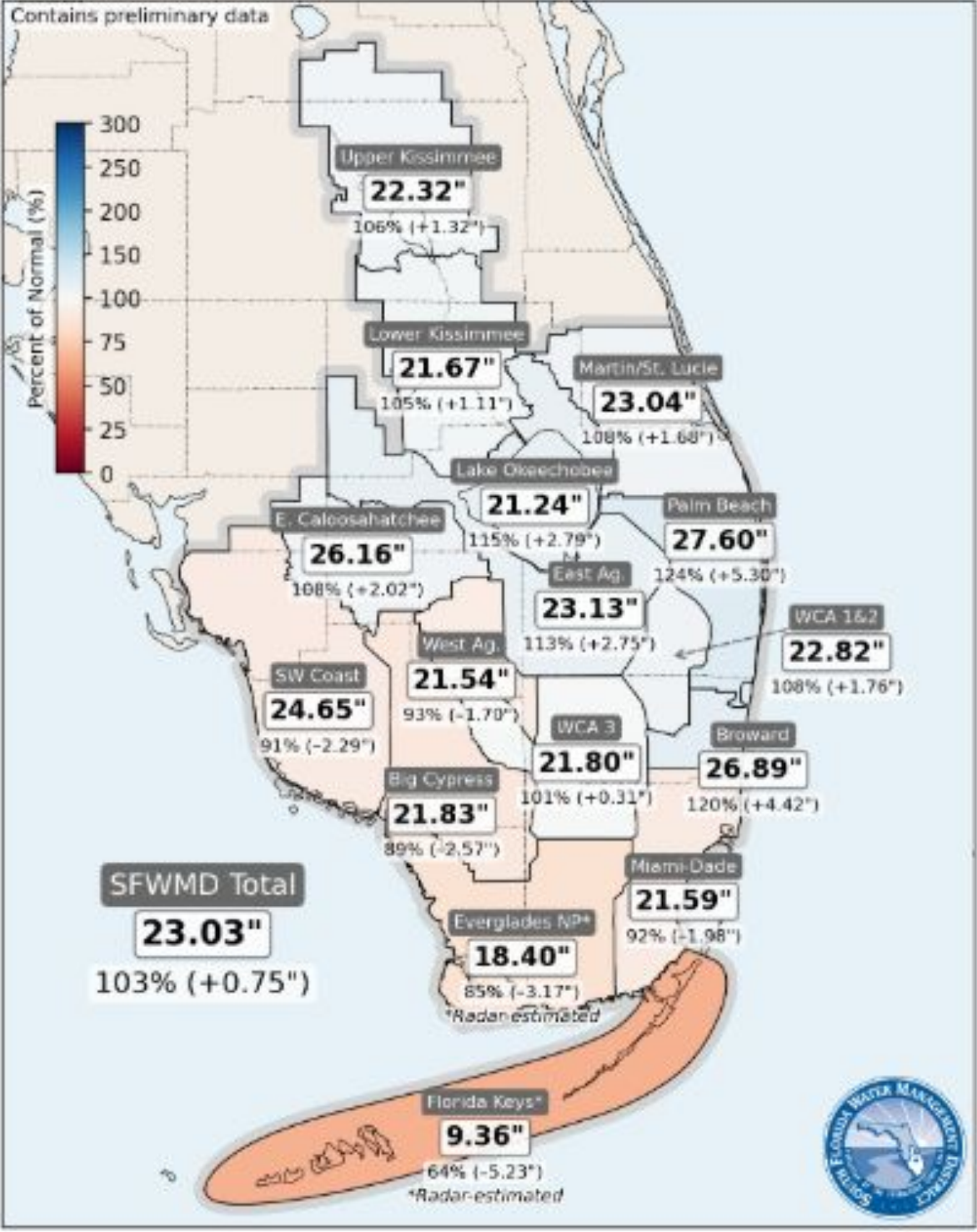


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- Past 60 Days (Since 7/26/2026)
- Past 90 Days (Since 6/26/2026)





180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 1/01/2026)

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

The following table gives the rainfall from November 1, 2025 to September 23rd, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	47.40	-6.82	87%
Naples Municipal	35.32	-8.67	80%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	52.41	+0.57	101%
Miami Intl	37.77	-19.94	66%
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	31.87	-12.87	71%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	41.73	-11.55	78%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	46.89	-5.62	89%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	55.67	-6.99	89%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	35.29	-13.85	72%

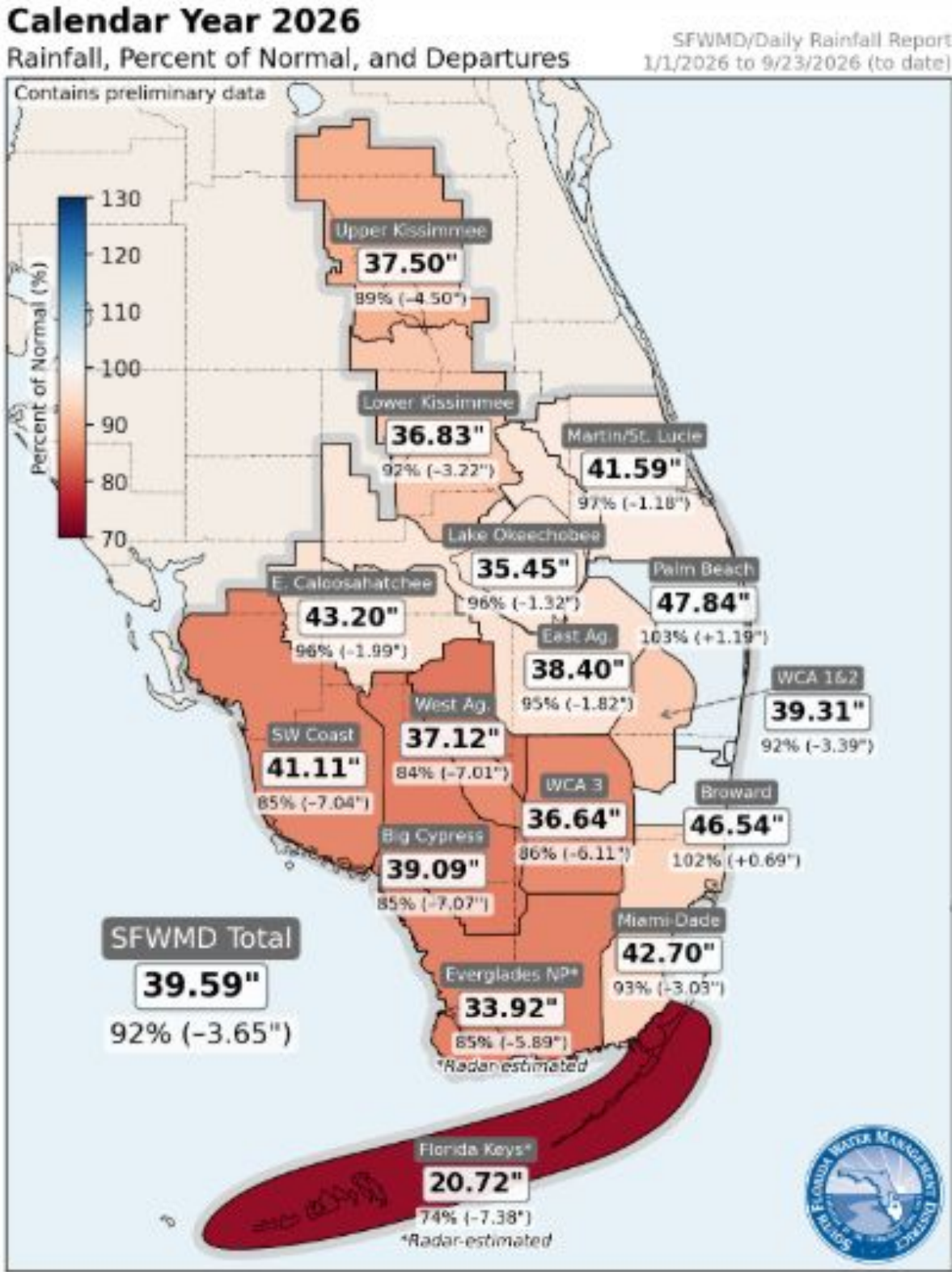
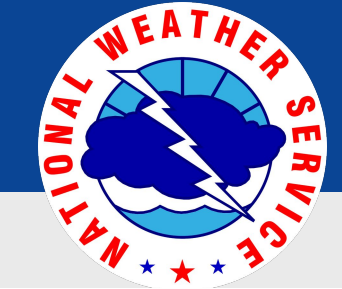


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Management
Data since beginning of January 1st,
2026





Hydrologic Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- (9/24/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 11.72 feet which is **-2.98 feet** below the normal value of 14.70 feet.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 1** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 17.37 feet. Compared to the normal value of 17.48 feet, this is **-0.11 feet** below normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 2** in Interior Broward County is at 14.00 feet. Compared to the normal value of 12.85 feet, this is **1.15 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 3** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 9.37 feet. Compared to the normal value of 10.25 feet, this is **-0.88 feet** below normal for this time of year.





Hydrologic Impacts

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- A detailed map of Lake Okeechobee, Florida, showing various water control structures and boat locks. The lake is labeled "LAKE OKEECHOBEE" in large blue letters. Several red arrows point to specific boat locks: "S-131 Boat Lock" (bottom left), "S-127 Boat Lock" (center), "G-36 Boat Lock" (top center), and "S-135 Boat Lock" (bottom right). Other structures are labeled with codes like S283, S131, S282, S289, S288, S287, S286, S71W, S285, G207, S284, S71, G709, S129, S292, S290, S291, S72W, S127, S127_LOCK, S267, S266, S265, S154C, S84, S84X, S133, S191A, S191, G36, S387B, S268, S386B, S650, S654A, L65C, S674B, S135_LOCK, S135, SR-15, S308_LOCK, S153, S308, S269, S270, S271, S76, G261, S274, S127, S127_LOCK, S135_LOCK, S135, SR-15, S308_LOCK, S153, S308, S269, S270, S271, S76, G261, S274. The map also shows "NUBBIN SLOUGH STA" and "LAKESIDE RANG" (part of Lakeside Range). A red icon of a computer monitor is visible in the bottom right corner.

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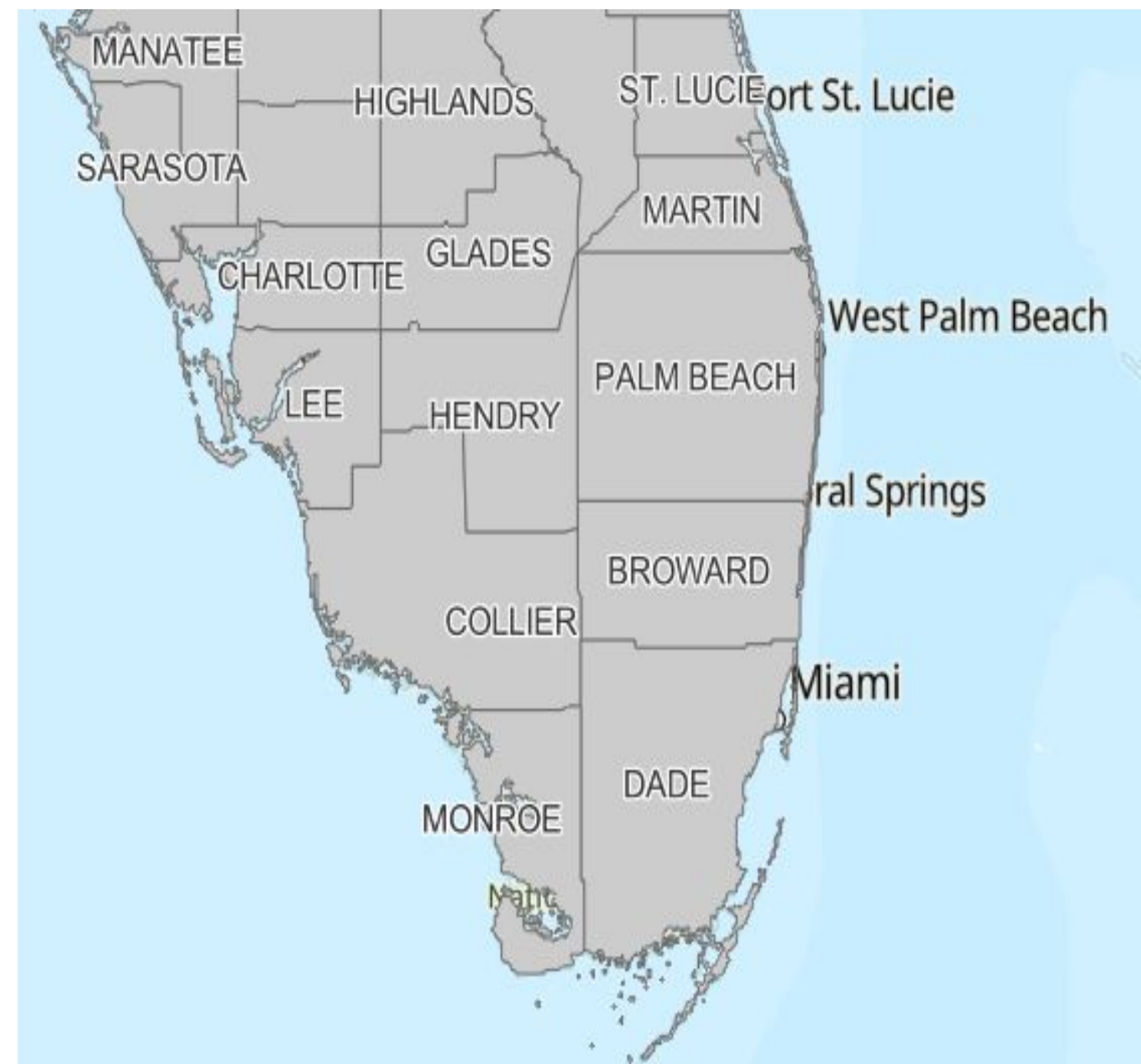


Burn Bans

Link: [County Burn Bans](#)

Current Burn Bans

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





Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture values have continued to improve across all of South Florida since last week.
- Soil moisture values are now in the 70th-99th percentile.

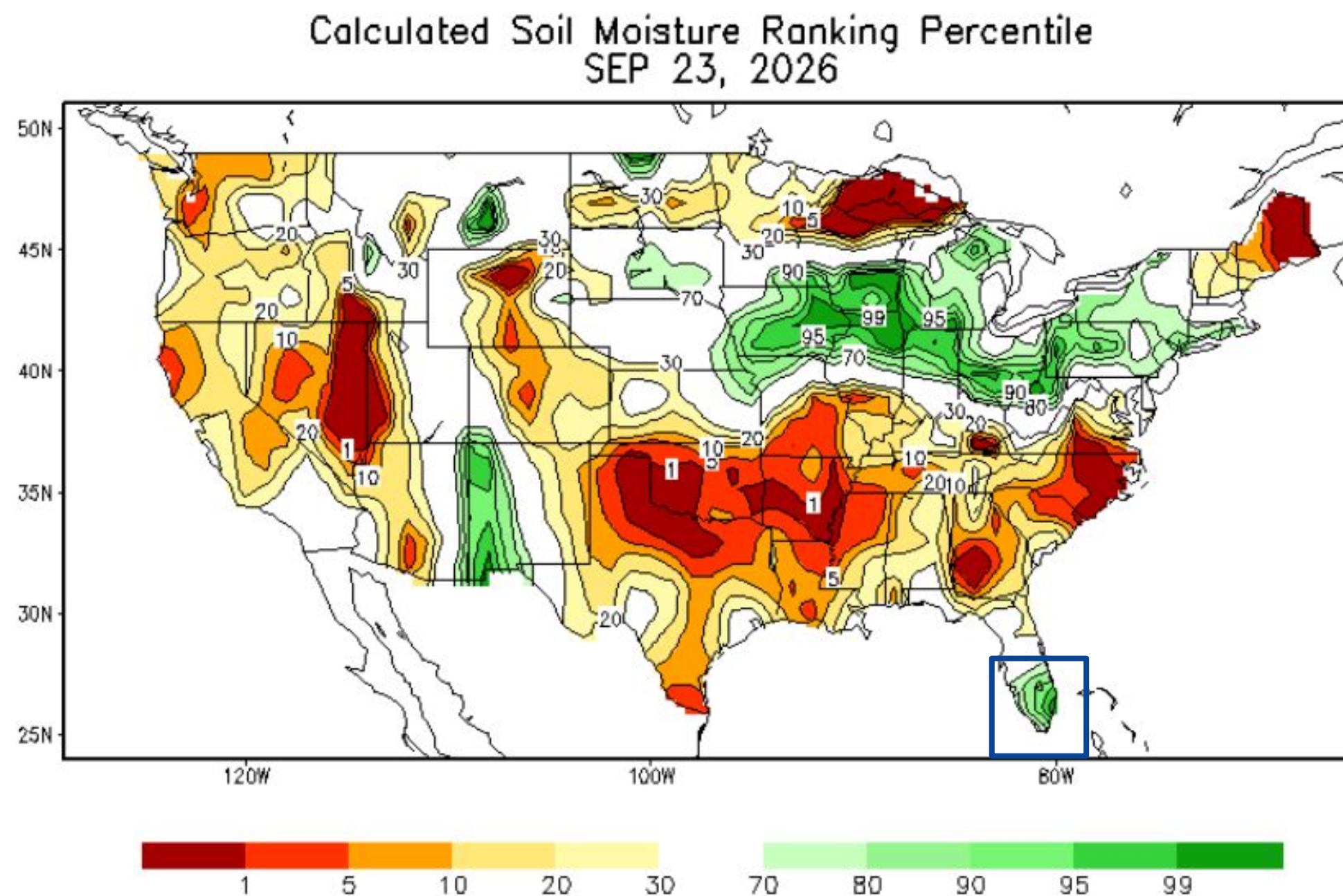
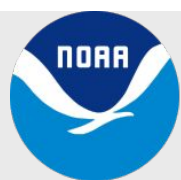


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CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)
valid September 23th, 2026

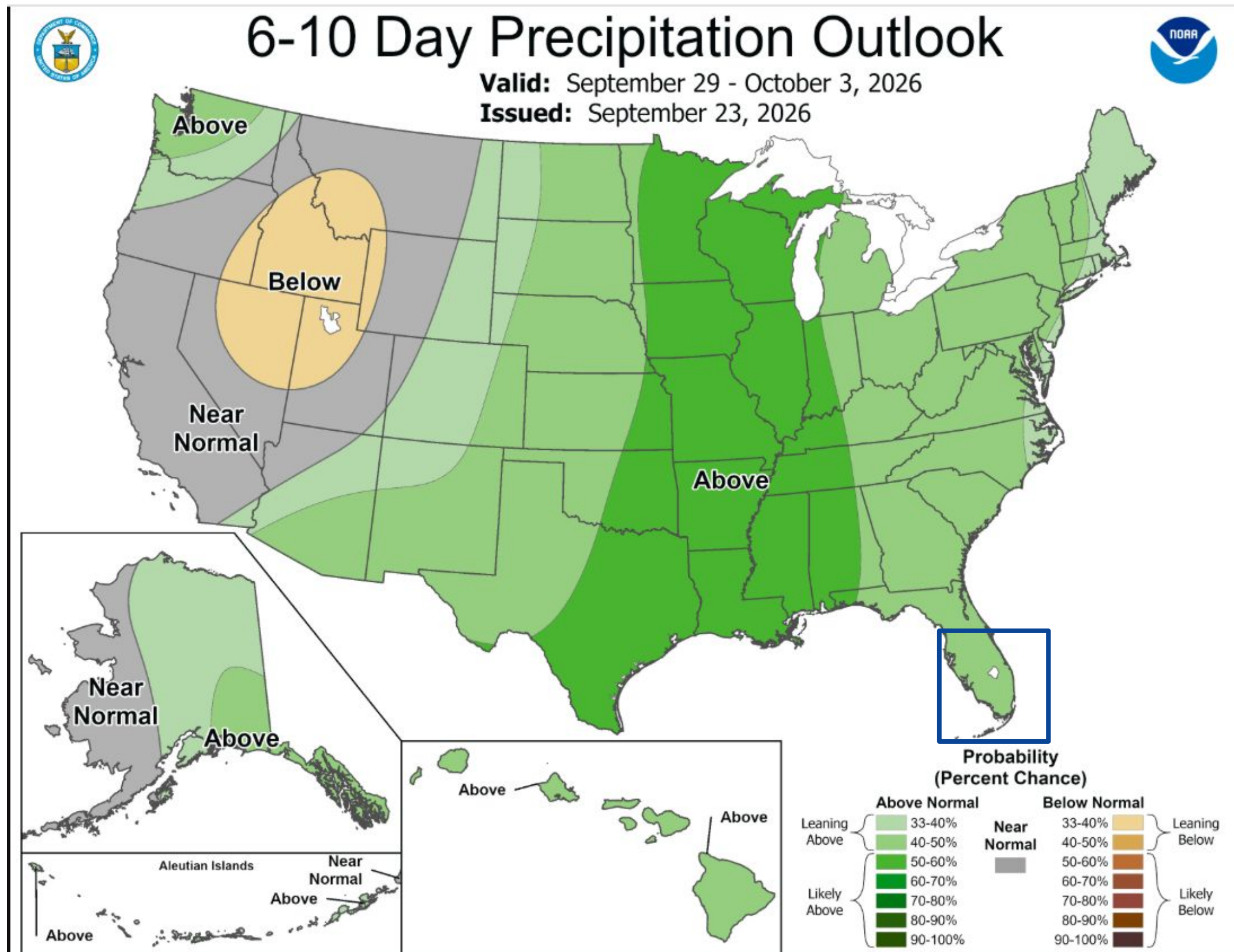




Precipitation Outlook

6-10 Day Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Outlook

- A northeaster low will remain over the New England area before washing out early next week. This will allow for drier air to work into over South Florida from the north this weekend before going back to more tropical moisture next week.
- This pattern will lead to mostly dry conditions this weekend, except for a few showers along the east coast areas. Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will then return to the region for next week.
- The **Climate Prediction Center** forecasting **“Leaning above normal rainfall” (40 to 50 percent)** for our area over the next 6-10 days.





Monthly Outlook

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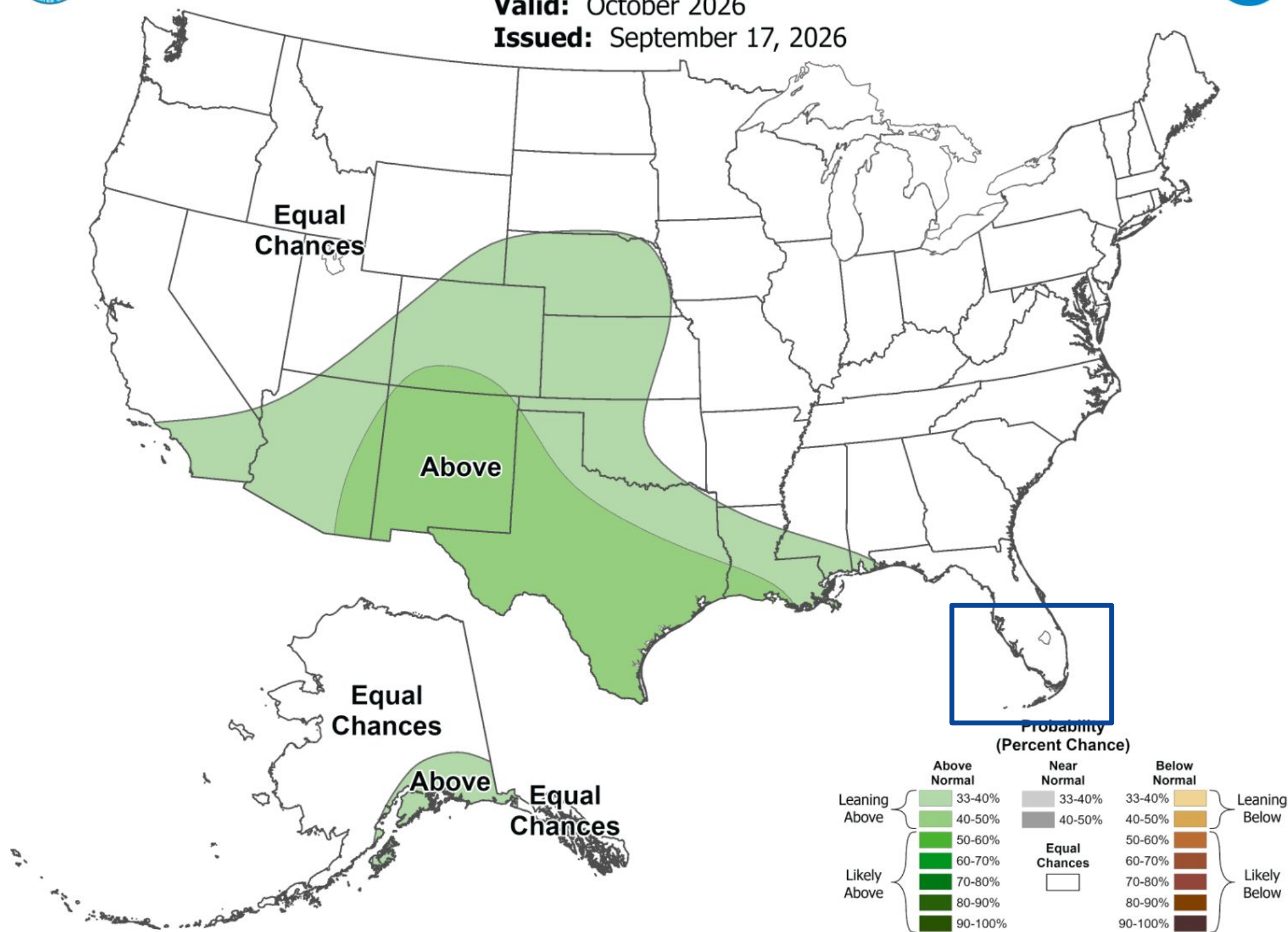
- The *Climate Prediction Center* is forecasting “an equal chance of above or below normal rainfall” for South Florida for October.



Monthly Precipitation Outlook

Valid: October 2026

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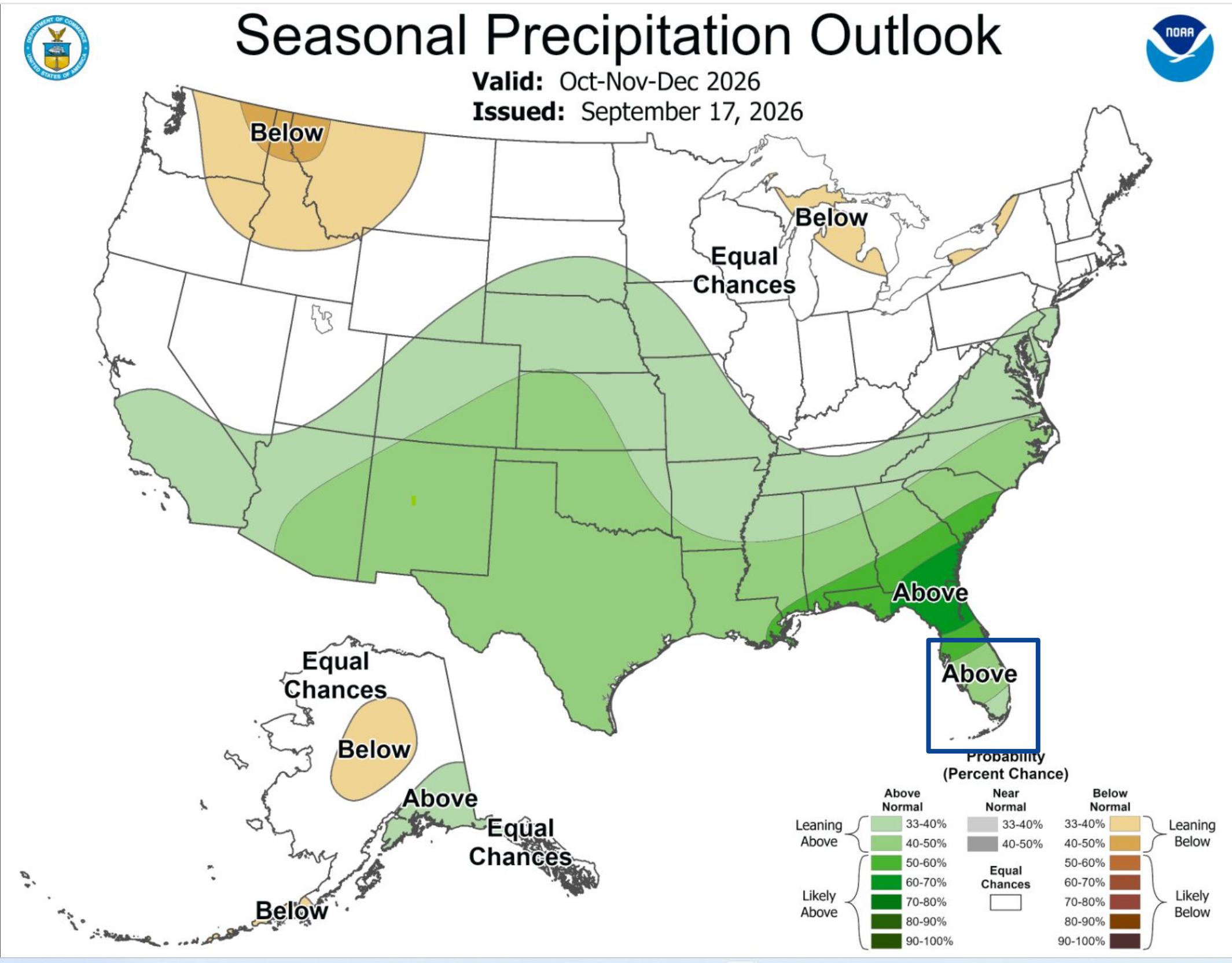
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Long-Range Outlooks

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- The *Climate Prediction Center* is forecasting “**Leaning above normal rainfall**” (33 to 50 percent) for precipitation for our area for the months of October through December 2026.





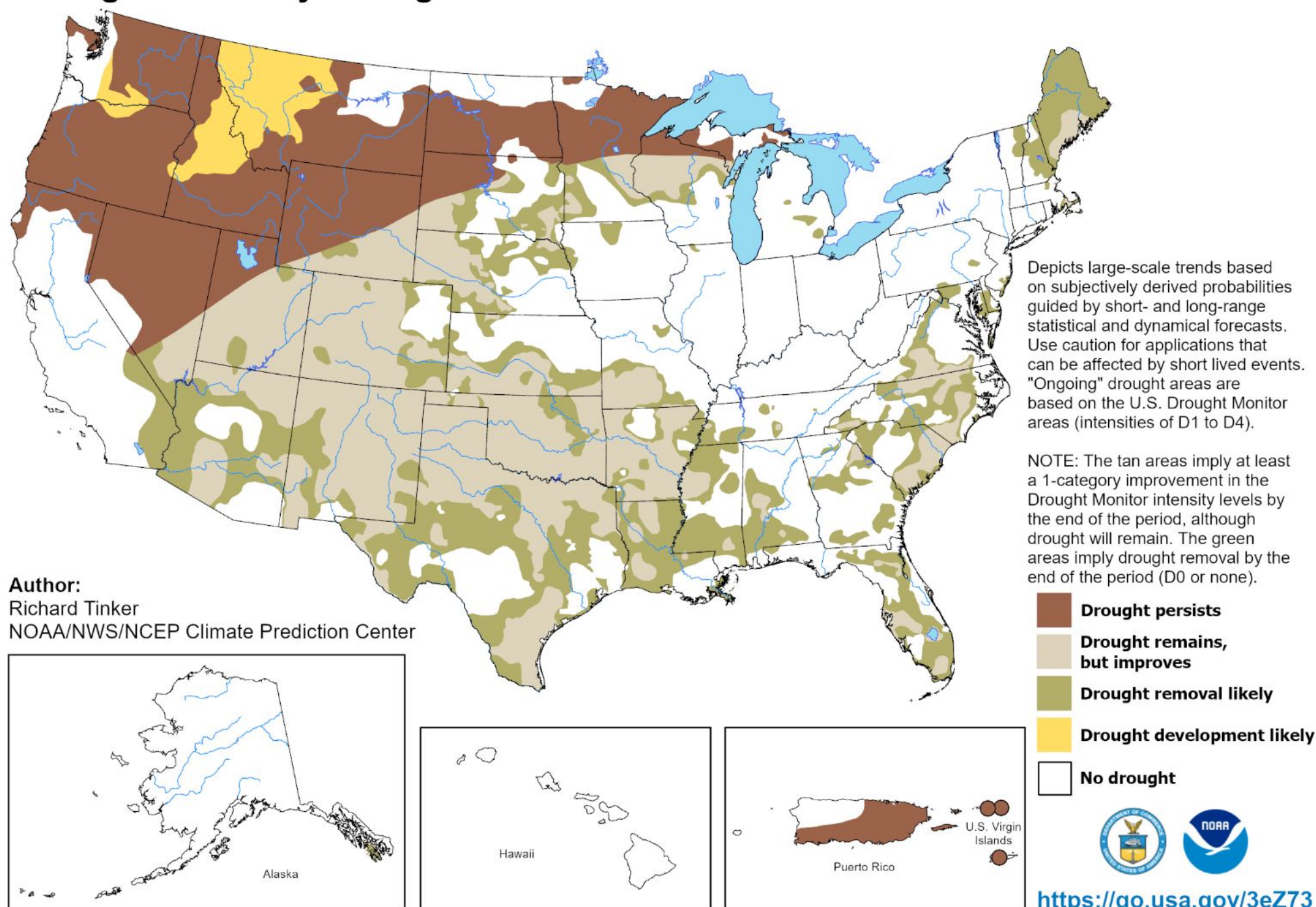
Drought Outlook

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- Drought has persisted for the duration of the wet season with oscillations in severity. The latest seasonal outlook continues to forecast drought removal over most of South Florida, except for the Everglades where drought could continue.
- Continued heavy rainfall will be needed to fully alleviate the drought across the region.

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

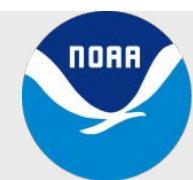
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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