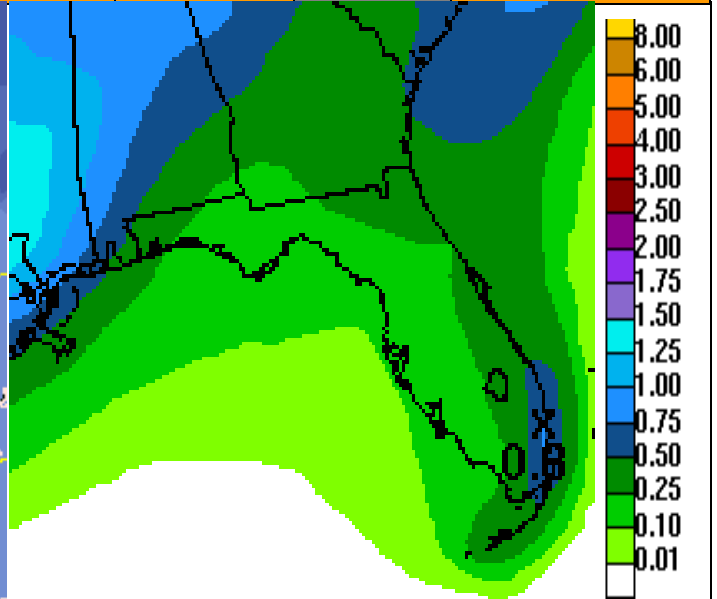
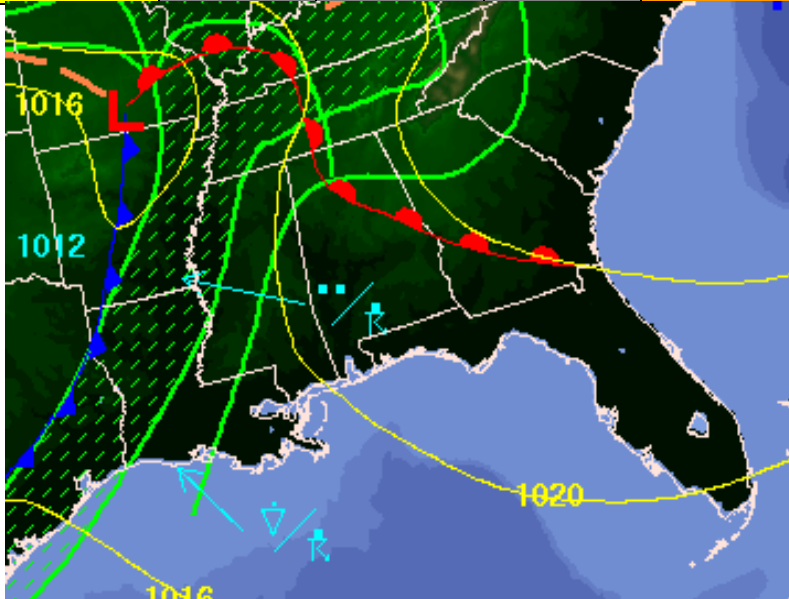
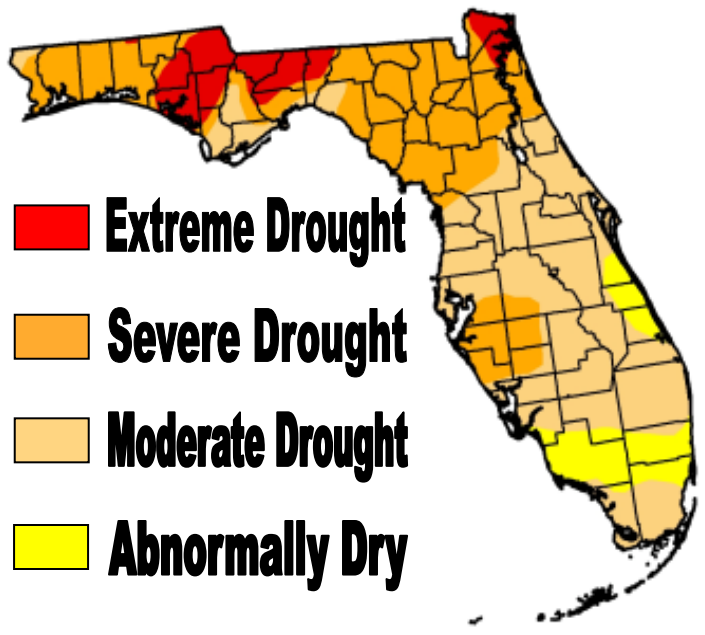
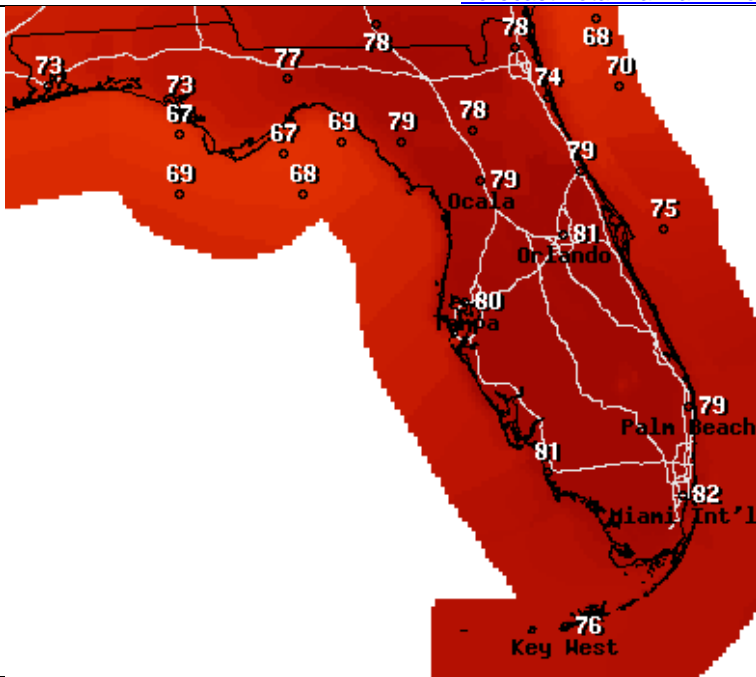


No Threat				Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Lightning	Flooding	Damaging Wind	Tornado	Fog		Wildfire	Freeze	Rip Currents	
Western Panhandle (Fri-Sun)				West Central FL (Fri) Northeast FL & South FL (Fri) Peninsula (Sat)		Peninsula (Fri-Tues) Panhandle (Fri-Tues)		Panhandle & East Coast (Fri-Sat) West Coast (Fri-Sat) Statewide(Sun-Tues)	



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Friday-Saturday:

A stalled frontal boundary over northern Florida will lift northward as a warm front this weekend ahead of a developing low pressure system in the southern Plains. Upper level winds will bring increased moisture into the state from the Gulf of Mexico and result in generally pleasant conditions for much of the state with partly to mostly cloudy skies along with the continuation of warm temperatures in the mid 70s to low 80s during the day and mild lows in the mid 50s to mid 60s for much of the state at night, except coastal Southeast Florida who will only drop to the upper 60s and low 70s.

As the front lifts north, some scattered showers may develop across portions of North Florida, especially west of Tallahassee. On Friday, most of the shower activity will be confined to the western Panhandle, but rain chances will spread east on Saturday, with a 20-30% chance of rain across the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend. While an isolated thunderstorm is possible each afternoon, severe weather is not expected. Additionally, a slight chance of isolated showers or sprinkles is possible along the Treasure Coast, Southeast Florida and the Florida Keys as increasing easterly flow may push some shower activity westward from the Gulf Stream. Rain chances should decrease slightly overnight, but a few showers cannot be ruled out after midnight. However, rain accumulations statewide are expected to be less than one-quarter of an inch each day.

Overnight, warm temperatures and light winds will allow for the development of patchy to locally dense fog across inland portions of the western Peninsula, mainly along and west of US-27, early Saturday morning through sunrise. Visibilities from Sumter county southward through Hendry County could have visibilities drop to less than 1 mile, while other areas along I-75 in Northeast Florida, as well as inland portions of Southeast Florida near Alligator Alley, could have visibilities drop to less than 3 miles. The fog may be more widespread on Saturday night into Sunday morning, with patchy to locally dense fog possible across much of the Florida Peninsula around and north of Lake Okeechobee.

Sunday-Tuesday:

The cold front will finally arrive in North Florida on Monday before it stalls over Central Florida Monday night. This will bring higher rain chances to the Panhandle on Sunday and to the Peninsula on Sunday night through Tuesday. Long range forecasts indicate that the rain chances could hang around through the end of next week.

These rain chances, however, are going to be on the low side, around 30-40% over Northwest Florida and less than 20% along the Peninsula on Sunday, and then around 20-30% along the Peninsula on Monday and Tuesday, since the front will be weakening as it enters the state. The thunderstorm risk appears low and most of the activity should be in the form of showers. While this is good news for the likely absence of severe weather, rainfall accumulations will be light, less than a half of an inch, which will likely do little to ease our ongoing drought. Clearing conditions will be in place across the Panhandle and Big Bend Monday and Tuesday.

Temperatures on Sunday are expected to look like they did on Friday and Saturday with highs in the upper 70s for the majority of Florida except for inland portions of Central and South Florida which are likely to see temperatures reach the low 80s. For Sunday night, lows are still expected to linger in the 50s and 60s; but as Monday and Tuesday roll around, cooler temperatures will move into North Florida behind the front.

Daytime highs on Monday will remain in the mid 70s to low 80s for the Peninsula, but may only reach the mid 60s to mid 70s in the Panhandle and western Big Bend. These cooler temperatures will spread east on Tuesday, leaving all North Florida areas in the upper 60s to



mid 70s for highs on Tuesday afternoon. For Monday night, overnight lows are expected to dip into the mid 40s to low 50s for the Panhandle and Big Bend, although northern portions of the extreme western Panhandle could see temperatures fall into the low 40s. Otherwise, temperatures will remain in the mid 50s to mid 60s for the Peninsula, except coastal Southeast Florida and the Florida Keys who will remain warmer in the upper 60s to mid 70s. Tuesday night, areas along and south of the I-4 corridor will remain very mild with lows in 60s and 70s, but Northwest Florida will again see lows in the low 40s to low 50s and Northeast Florida will see cooler temperatures in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

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Rip Currents:

Moderate east to southeast winds between 10 and 20 mph and unsettled weather will likely generate a moderate risk for rip currents for the beaches along much, if not all, of the Florida Atlantic Coast and Panhandle through the weekend. Other Gulf beaches will see a low chance for rip currents. The rip current risk could be high at times, especially along the Southeast Florida coast during low tide. As the winds calm during the beginning of the work week, the rip current risk should decrease to a low risk statewide.

Although it is chilly, anyone who plans to enter the water should check their local rip current forecast and learn how to escape a rip current before going to their beach destination. Everyone should always remember that the safest beaches are the ones protected by lifeguards. [Daily surf zone and rip current forecasts for all Florida beaches.](#)

Drought & Fire Weather:

The recent and forecasted rain will keep the fire risk low for the Panhandle for the next five days. Increasing humidity will keep wildfire conditions below critical levels, but the lack of significant rainfall and increasing drought values will result in a moderate risk of wildfires through the next 5 days along the Peninsula, despite any light rainfall that may occur.

According to the latest [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), the entire State of Florida is now at least abnormally dry, and almost half (45%) of Florida is considered to be in severe or extreme drought conditions. The highest drought values currently exist across North Florida and West Central Florida, where it is [estimated](#) that 9-15 inches of rain is needed to relieve the current long-term drought, but short term drought values are rising rapidly across the Florida Peninsula.

Due to continuing La Niña conditions which are forecast to persist through Spring of 2012, a [drier and warmer than normal winter](#) is forecast for the Southeastern U.S. With only a 20-30% chance of relieving the drought during the next 3 months, drought conditions are [forecast to worsen](#) across the entire state through the remainder of the winter.

According to the [National Interagency Fire Center](#), Florida has the highest risk of significant wildfire activity through April of all the southern states. [View active fires from the Florida Forest Service.](#)

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Have a great weekend!!

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