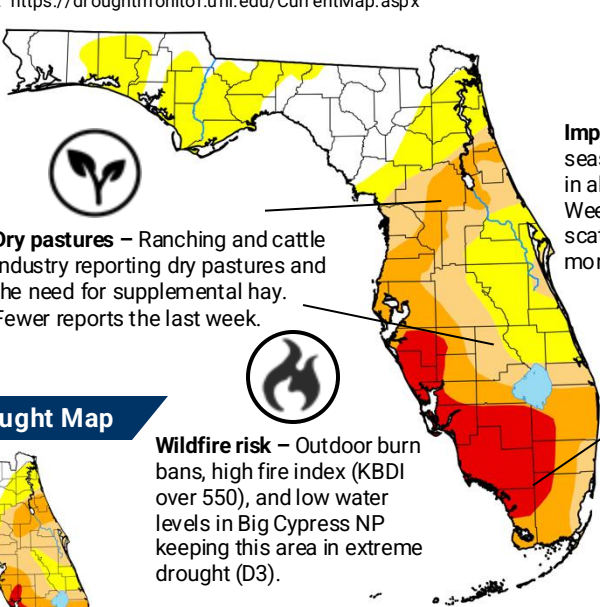


Florida Drought Update

For the assessment period ending May 27, 2025

This Week's Drought Monitor of Florida Map

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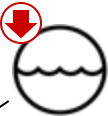
Dry pastures – Ranching and cattle industry reporting dry pastures and the need for supplemental hay. Fewer reports the last week.



Wildfire risk – Outdoor burn bans, high fire index (KBFI over 550), and low water levels in Big Cypress NP keeping this area in extreme drought (D3).



Improved rainfall – wet season appears to be setting in along east central Florida. Weekly rainfall totals a scattered 0.5 to 4.0 inches or more.



Low water levels – dry conditions in Everglade NP and other wetlands are hampering airboat access and recreation.



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? The **summer rainy season** has begun with 1-3 inches of convective rain along the eastern peninsula. Predominantly westerly flow has kept the west side of the state much drier. This week's map shows improvement in the east, degradation in the west.

Current Pattern: **Low pressure trough** and a series of shortwave impulses will bring unsettled weather and difficult to forecast rain chances to both north and south Florida. Daily sea breeze convection will also be a player.

What's Next? May 15 was the designated start to Florida's summer rainy season. Expect afternoon thundershower activity to increase as we head into June. ENSO neutral conditions will continue for the coming months with little effect on our weather. Atlantic hurricane season is forecast to be above average, but not as active as last year.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category (cumulative)	Coverage This Week	Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	30.66%	25.35%
D1: Moderate Drought	16.10%	22.43%
D2: Severe Drought	19.14%	19.24%
D3: Extreme Drought	12.98%	11.29%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%