

### TROPICAL UPDATE

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5:00 PM EDT Saturday, June 6, 2020 Tropical Storm Cristobal & Bermuda Low (20%)

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### **Atlantic Basin Satellite Image**

Chance of development: — None \_ Low \_ Medium \_ High



### Tropical Storm Cristobal Saturday, June 6



#### Tropical Weather Overview:

The tornado risk has increased since this morning, with a slight risk being issued for the West Coast of the Peninsula. Otherwise, the forecast remains on track. The main threat from Cristobal continues to be heavy rainfall. Flash Flood Watches have been issued for the entire Panhandle, Big Bend, and into interior Northeast Florida.



### Visible Satellite Imagery: Tropical Storm Cristobal

Cristobal is a large system with much of the thunderstorms (green circle) displaced well to the east of the center (black circle).

Cristobal is moving to the north over the Gulf of Mexico as it continues to gradually regain strength.





### Projected Path: Tropical Storm Cristobal

- The center of Cristobal is located about 280 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River, of 375 miles southwest of Pensacola, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds are at 50 mph.
- Cristobal is moving north at 12 mph, and this general motion will continue through landfall.
- Some strengthening is possible until landfall
- Cristobal will likely make landfall along the Louisiana coast Sunday evening
- **Tropical Storm Warnings** are in effect for the western Panhandle.
- Flood Watches are in effect for much of the state.
- Coastal Flood Advisories are in effect for the Gulf Coast.







**Chances for Sustained Tropical Storm Force** Winds (39+ mph)

> Pensacola NAS: 19% Milton: 10% Destin: 8% Panama City: 7% Apalachicola: 3%

#### **Tropical Storm Warning**





# Wind Gusts

### Next 24 Hours

Wind gusts to 25 mph are possible across much of the state today, from the south and east.

Higher gusts are likely in any heavy thunderstorms.

Higher gusts to 40 mph are possible tonight and Sunday in the western Panhandle.

Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for coastal Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa County.





### Rainfall Totals Next 48 Hours Ending 2 PM ET Monday

48-hr QPF Accumulation (in) Ending Monday, Jun. 8, 2020 at 2 p.m. EDT



Through Monday afternoon, widespread rainfall totals of 2-5" are expected across North and Central Florida. Locally higher totals of 6-12" are possible, especially where heavier bands set up in the Big Bend, interior Northeast Florida, and the Nature Coast.

Training rain bands are likely to set up tonight along the Big Bend and/or Nature Coast, increasing the Flash Flood Threat between Tampa and Panama City.

## Day 1-5 Rainfall Totals

For the Entire Tropical Storm Cristobal Event



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# Model Forecast Radar

\*\*\*Only Model Guidance – Time & Position Will Vary\*\*\*







### 8 PM ET Saturday

### 3 AM ET Sunday

#### 8 AM Sunday

Widespread rainfall will continue across North and Central Florida tonight with a more focused rain brand setting up in the Big Bend and Nature Coast through tomorrow morning. Isolated tornadoes and flash flooding will be possible.



### Saturday - Monday Timing the Event – Cristobal Rainfall



Widespread areas of rain are spreading over the state today. Heavier bands of rain will impact the Gulf Coast today and tonight, with scattered thunderstorms developing in Southeast Florida each afternoon. Additional rain bands will set up across North Florida on Sunday and Monday.

## Flash Flood Watches

#### Links: <u>NWS Mobile</u> <u>NWS Tallahassee</u> <u>NWS Jacksonville</u>



The Flash Flood Watch expires at 8 PM ET / 7 PM CT SUNDAY for the eastern Panhandle, Big Bend, and interior Northeast Florida (NWS Tallahassee & Jacksonville Area).

It expires at 7 PM CT MONDAY for the western Panhandle including Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa County (NWS Mobile Area).



# Areal Flood Watches

Links: NWS Tampa Bay NWS Melbourne NWS Miami



Torrential downpours and wet to saturated soils will lead to some flooding, especially of urban, low-lying, or poor drainage areas. Average rainfall of 2-4" is expected across the Peninsula with localized amounts of 6-8" possible.

Some parts of the Peninsula have seen 10+" of rain locally. Additional rainfall could result in more flooding.

The Flood Watch expires at 8 PM ET TODAY for South Florida (NWS Miami Area) but continues until 8 PM ET SUNDAY for Central Florida (NWS Tampa/Melbourne Area)



# Weekend Flash Flood Threat

### Flash Flood Outlook



Most of the state will be under a Marginal to Slight Risk for flash flooding today and Sunday. Isolated to scattered flash floods are possible.

However, should heavier rainfall materialize, the risk for flash flooding may increase- particularly in North Florida once it becomes more clear where exactly heavier rain bands set up.



# Weekend Flash Flood Threat

#### Flash Flood Outlook Key

#### **Understanding WPC Excessive Rainfall Risk Categories**

No Area/Label	MARGINAL (MRGL)	SLIGHT (SLGT)	MODERATE (MDT)	HIGH (HIGH)
Flash floods are generally not expected.	Isolated flash floods possible	Scattered flash floods possible	Numerous flash floods likely	Widespread flash floods expected
www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov @NWSWPC	Localized and primarily affecting places that can experience rapid runoff with heavy rainfall.	Mainly localized. Most vulnerable are urban areas, roads, small streams and washes. Isolated significant flash floods possible.	Numerous flash flooding events with significant events possible. Many streams may flood, potentially affecting larger rivers.	Severe, widespread flash flooding. Areas that don't normally experience flash flooding, could. Lives and property in greater danger.
Flash Flooding flooding near me? NO Flash Flooding	(1,2,2,2,2,2)	(1,2,3,2,1)	$C \in \mathcal{M}(G)$	255 S (2)
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## Drought Index – Soil Moisture

<u> KBDI – Full Report from the Florida Forest Service</u>

Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI) County Averages for June 06, 2020 4 km Resolution KBDI Statewide June 06, 2020





# Possible River Flooding



More details on river levels available at the <u>Southeast</u> <u>River Forecast Center website.</u> Some minor flooding is possible along some rivers, but it will depend on where exactly the heaviest rain falls.

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The <u>Manatee River at Myakka</u> <u>Head</u>, <u>Little Manatee River</u> <u>near Wimauma</u>, and <u>Horse</u> <u>Creek near Arcadia</u> are forecast to reach minor flood stage early next week.

Current low river levels across North Florida will help to minimize river impacts.





## Manatee River at Myakka Head

#### <u>Hydrograph Link</u>



- 22 Water reaches the roadbed level of the State Road 64 bridge.
- 15 Low sections of State Road 64 start to flood.
- 11 Private road and bridge 1 mile downstream flood. Agricultural, rural Kibler area begins to flood.



### Little Manatee River at Wimauma

#### Hydrograph Link



14.5Flooding of several houses beginsnear 32nd and 33rd streets in Ruskin.

13 The canoe rental area floods.

11 The river overflows its banks.



## Horse Creek at Arcadia

#### <u>Hydrograph Link</u>



- 15 Royal Park Estates are affected near State Road 72.
- 14 Buildings in Hidden Acres flood.
- 12 The access road to Hidden Acres is impassable.
- 11 Secondary roads in hidden acres and royal palm begin to flood.
- 10.5 Two homes become isolated.

## Tornado Risk



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As the outer bands from Cristobal move along the Gulf Coast today and additional thunderstorms develop across the Peninsula, isolated tornadoes are possible. There is a **Marginal to Slight Risk** (level 1 of 5) of Severe Weather. On Sunday, the isolated tornado risk will be confined to the Panhandle.



# Tornado Risk

Severe Weather Outlook Key

#### Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

#### Thunderstorms No severe' thunderstorms expected Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories Lightning/flooding threat exists with all thunderstorms (no label) Winds to 40 mph and small hail possible THUNDERSTORMS 2 - SLIGHT - MARGINAL 3 - ENHANCED 4 - MODERATE 5 - HIGH (no label) Marginal Risk (MRGL) (MRGL) (SLGT) (ENH) (MDT) (HIGH) Isolated severe thunderstorms possible Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity Wind to 40-60 mph, hail up to 1", and low tornado risk Scattered Widespread No severe\* **Isolated** severe Numerous Widespread Scattered severe storms possible severe storms thunderstorms thunderstorms severe storms severe storms severe storms Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated Slight Risk (SLGT) 2 intense storms possible possible likely expected possible expected One or two tornadoes Reports of strong winds and wind damage Hail ~1", isolated 2" Lightning/flooding Short-lived and/or Limited in duration More persistent Long-lived. Long-lived, very threats exist with all not widespread, widespread and and/or coverage and/or widespread widespread and **Enhanced Risk** Numerous severe storms possible thunderstorms isolated intense More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense and/or intensity a few intense particularly intense (ENH) A few tornadoes storms possible Several wind damage reports Damaging hail, 1"-2" **Moderate Risk** 4 (MDT) \* NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location. **High Risk** Widespread severe storms expected Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense (HĬGH)



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### Storm Surge Flooding This Weekend

Onshore winds ahead of Cristobal will result in some minor coastal flooding along the Gulf Coast. Tides are already running 1-1.5' above normal in the Panhandle and will run 1-3' above normal along the entire Gulf Coast through Sunday night.

Storm Surge Watches have been cancelled and replaced with Coastal Flood Advisories.

\*Includes Pensacola Bay and Tampa Bay\*





# Forecast Wave Heights



Ocala

Orlando

(Mon Jun 08 2020 00Z)





High surf of 8-11 feet is expected at Panhandle Beaches with 4-8 feet along the rest of the Gulf Coast. This will result in dangerous rip currents along all Gulf beaches. Minor beach erosion is also likely with a few spots of more significant erosion possible in the western Panhandle.



## **Tropical Weather Outlook**

#### **Development Areas Next 5 Days**

**Bermuda Low:** An area of low pressure is expected to develop along a cold front a few hundred miles east or northeast of Bermuda by the middle of next week. Some development of this system is possible while it meanders near Bermuda for the next several days. This system is not expected to pose a direct threat to the United States.

\*Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.

\*Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent.



### Summary

#### **Tropical Storm Cristobal**

- As of 5 PM ET, the center of Cristobal was located about 280 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River, or about 375 miles southwest of Pensacola, Florida, moving north at 12 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph. Some gradual strengthening is possible through landfall.
- Cristobal is expected to make landfall in Louisiana Sunday afternoon, but the system will be asymmetrical with much of the heavy rainfall well to the east of the center and where landfall occurs.

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- This system is not expected to pose a direct threat to the United States at this time.
- The odds of development over the next 48 hours is near 0%, but 20% (low chance) over the next 5 days.

#### Florida Outlook:

- A **Tropical Storm Warning** is in effect from the AL/FL border (Escambia County) to the Okaloosa/Walton County Line. While sustained tropical storm force winds are not expected elsewhere, gust up to 50 mph are possible in heavier showers/thunderstorms.
  - Tropical Storm Warning: Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties
- Tides will be running 1-3' above normal along the Gulf Coast. Coastal Flood Advisories/Statements are in effect through Sunday evening for the entire Gulf Coast.
- An Areal Flood Watch is in effect for much of the Peninsula.
  - <u>Flood Watch</u>: Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Sumter, Seminole, Orange, Brevard, Osceola, Polk, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Glades, Hendry, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Mainland Monroe.
- A **Flash Flood Watch** is in effect for much of the Panhandle, Big Bend, and interior Northeast Florida.
  - Flash Flood Watch: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Washington, Holmes, Calhoun, Jackson, Franklin, Calhoun, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Lafayette, Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia, Gilchrist, Alachua, and Marion.
- A widespread 2-5" of rain is forecast to fall across North and Central Florida. This will come from multiple rounds of rainfall over the next 48 hours. Rain bands and training thunderstorms will result locally higher amounts, perhaps up to 12". This is most likely to occur in the Big Bend and Nature Coast, from Panama City to Tampa.
- This will result in a flash flood threat that will develop tonight and continue through the day on Sunday.
- Minor river flooding is forecast along parts of Horse Creek, the Manatee River, and the Little Manatee River over the next few days. Additional rivers are likely to see rises as well.
- Isolated tornadoes will be possible in some of the outer bands, and the Storm Prediction Center has outlined West Central Florida in a Slight Risk for severe weather (level 2 of 5) tonight, and a Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) in the Panhandle on Sunday.
- Dangerous rip currents and beach erosion are expected at Gulf Coast beaches. Breaking waves of 8-11' are forecast in the western Panhandle and 4-8' across the rest of the Gulf Coast.

The next briefing packet will be sent out Sunday morning with the 11 AM ET advisory. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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