

TROPICAL UPDATE

9 AM EDT

Friday, August 25, 2017

Hurricane Harvey &

Invest 92L (40%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





92L Satellite



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Showers and storms are expected to move inland and become more scattered to numerous this afternoon. 12

Forecast Future Radar – 1pm and 10pm EDT Friday





Observed Rainfall – Past 3 Days



Forecast Daily Rainfall



.88



Active Flood Advisories



Hurricane Harvey 5AMEDT FriAug 25 2017 Position 25.9N 95.4 W Maximum Winds 105 mph Gusts 125 mph Movement NW at 9 mph Minimum Pressure 967 mb (28.55 inches)

Blue Maralebasemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 12:37 PM UTC 8:37 AM EDT

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Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds







Storm Surge Warning Storm Surge Watch

7 Day Cumulative Forecast Rainfall (does not account for isolated higher totals)



Increased Wave Heights and Swells Expected to Today and Continue Through Next Week

Rip Current Outlook This Weekend



Summary

- At 1pm EDT Thursday, Harvey was upgraded to a hurricane.
- At 8am EDT Friday, the center of Hurricane Harvey was located 140 miles southeast Corpus Christi, Texas, or about 600 miles southwest of Pensacola, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to near 110 mph, making Harvey a Category 2 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- Additional strengthening is expected, and Harvey is forecast to be a major hurricane by landfall tonight.
- Thereafter, gradual weakening is forecast, but since a good portion of the circulation will remain over water, the weakening process could be slower than normal.
- Harvey is moving towards the northwest at 10 mph, but is forecast to slow down significantly once it moves inland, remain nearly stationary Saturday and Sunday, then move slowly northeast until a cold front finally lifts the remnants of the system northward later next week.
- The National Hurricane Center forecast depicts a slow moving tropical cyclone near or over Texas during the next five days, resulting in a historic multi-day heavy rain event for much of southeastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana.
- Tropical wave Invest Area 92L remains located near the West Coast of Florida, producing scattered showers and thunderstorms.
- Development is not expected through the next 48 hours as it affects Florida, but there is a small chance of development once it moves northeast and away from Florida Sunday or Monday before it merges with a cold front.
- As a result, the National Hurricane Center continues to give 92L a 20% (low) chance of development over the next 48 hours, and a 40% (medium) chance of development within the next five days.

Florida Outlook:

- Hurricane Harvey does not pose a direct threat to Florida over the next five days, but will result in a high risk for rip currents along the Florida Panhandle Coast is starting Friday and continuing through much of next week.
- In addition, tropical moisture from the system may also be pulled east and increase rain chances early next week in the Panhandle.
- Invest 92L will affect South Florida for the next few days in the form of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms.
- Rainfall amounts of 1-3" has already fallen across South Florida, and another 3-5" is possible during the next 3 days, especially south of the I-4 corridor.
- This may result in localized flooding of low lying and poor drainage areas as well as the ponding of water on roadways.
- There is a slight risk (level 2 of 5) for flash flooding for Southwest Florida today, with a marginal risk (level 1 or 5) for all of South Florida this weekend.
- A **Flood Watch** remains in effect for South Florida (Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Miami-Dade, mainland Monroe, Palm Beach counties) until 8am Saturday and could be extended further into the weekend.
- Rises on area rivers will be possible.

Another briefing packet will be issued on Saturday. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>



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