

TROPICAL UPDATE

10 AM EDT

Friday, September 1, 2017

Major Hurricane Irma & African Tropical Wave (50%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image



Observed Rainfall – Past 24 Hours





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



River Flood Outlook





No Flood Action Stage Minor Flood Moderate Flood Major Flood





Hurricane Irma 5 AM EDT Fri Sep.01 2017 Position 18.2 N 36.5 W Maximum Winds 115 mph Gusts 140 mph Movement WNW at 11 mph Minimum Pressure 967 mb (28.55 inches)

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 12:57 PM UTC 8:57 AM EDT

wunderground.com

Steering Currents

KTS 100 Fq. arve 50 Irma 20 15 10 Irma will be steered generally west over the next 2 days, then move more in a southwest direction over the weekend as pressure over the Bahamas moves towards the central Atlantic. The African Tropical Wave (ATW) will be steered generally westward and then west-northwest.

CIMSS ENV STEERING PRODUCT: 500-850 HPA LAYER (FOR TC MSLP RANGE: 990-999 HPA) 1200 UTC 01SEP17





For full info, see http://my.sfwmd.gov/sfwmd/common/images/weather/plots.html



Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





Current Wind Shear (shaded) and Shear Tendency (lines)

Current

Shear

A relatively low shear environment in the path of Irma and the African Tropical wave will promote intensification through the next 5 days.



Hurricane IRMA Model Intensity Guidance





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida







Summary

- Tropical Depression Harvey is losing tropical characteristics over the Tennessee Valley but is still bringing heavy rains to the region. Harvey is expected to become extratropical as it continues to move northeast toward the Ohio Valley and New England over the weekend.
- At 5am EDT Friday, Hurricane Irma was located in the eastern Atlantic Ocean about 1,860 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, which is also just over 3,000 miles east-southeast of Miami, FL.
- Irma became a major hurricane Thursday evening. Maximum sustained winds remain near 115 mph, making Irma a Category 3 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale and environmental conditions will continue to promote strengthening.
- Irma is currently moving west-northwest near 12mph. This motion is expected to continue today, followed by a westward turn on Saturday, and a west-southwestward motion by Sunday. A west-northwest movement is forecast to resume early next week as it approaches the northern Windward Islands
- Beyond this point, track uncertainty greatly increases and it is too early to tell if this system will eventually become a U.S. threat.
- Elsewhere, computer models are still predicting that an area of low pressure could form in the southwestern Gulf of Mexico week and move northeast, but tropical development is no longer expected.
- To the west of Hurricane Irma, a new tropical wave has emerged from the western coast of Africa.
- While there is currently a near 0% chance of tropical development within the next 48 hours, environmental conditions will be favorable for development by Sunday and there is a 50% chance of this wave becoming a tropical depression within the next 3-5 days as it moves westward around 15mph.

Florida Outlook:

- An increased risk for **rip currents** in the wake of Harvey is expected to continue along the Panhandle coast today.
- Hurricane Irma does not pose a threat to Florida within the next 5 days, but should be closely monitored.

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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