

TROPICAL UPDATE

5 PM EDT

Friday, October 6, 2017

Tropical Storm Nate &

Northeast Atlantic Low (50%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



45°N

35°N

-25°N

15°N

5°N

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20°W



Ø Post-Tropical Cyclone × Remnants

Nate Satellite



Forecast Weather Map – Saturday (left), Saturday night (center) and Sunday AM (right)

Nate is forecast to move in between high pressure off the New England coast and a cold front moving into the Ohio/Mississippi Valleys. The non-tropical low pressure system in the western Gulf will pull Nate north towards Louisiana before the front induces a northeast turn.







Tropical Storm NATE Model Track Guidance

Model guidance remained nearly the same today. The range of possibilities for landfall is between Mobile, AL and southeast Louisiana.

Tropical Storm NATE Model Intensity Guidance Initialized at 18z Oct 06 2017 Most models keep the









Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





Future Radar



Outer rain bands from Nate could reach Florida as early as Saturday afternoon, depending on the forward speed of the storm. Conditions will improve during the afternoon on Sunday.

Note: These are model simulations and subject to change.







Storm Surge Warning

Forecast Wave Heights Saturday Night & Sunday AM





Forecast Total Rainfall – Next 3 Days





Note: Does not account for locally higher amounts, which could be higher depending on exact track of Nate. Isolated totals could reach 4-8" in the western Panhandle.

Flash Flood Threat





Summary:

- At 5 PM EDT Friday, Tropical Storm Nate was located over the northwestern Caribbean Sea, or about 650 miles south of Apalachicola, Florida.
- Nate is now moving north-northwest near 21mph, and this motion is expected to continue during the next couple of days with a further increase in forward speed.
- The center of Nate is forecast to emerge into the southern Gulf of Mexico late tonight and make landfall along the U.S. Gulf Coast very early Sunday morning.
- Maximum sustained winds are currently near 60mph and Nate is expected to gradually strengthen, becoming a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico before landfall.
- Computer models are in good agreement on track and confidence is high on a landfall between far southeast Louisiana and Mobile, AL as a strong tropical storm or minimal hurricane.
- Elsewhere, an area of low pressure over the northeastern Atlantic could acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics early next week while it remains nearly stationary. Odds for development over the next five days are at 50% (medium).

Florida Outlook:

- The chances for tropical storm force winds have increased to 50-70% for much of the western Florida Panhandle and 30-50% for the eastern Panhandle, which could arrive in gusts in the outer bands of Nate as early as tomorrow afternoon.
- A Tropical Storm Warning and Hurricane Watch have been issued for Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties.
- A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for Walton, Bay, Holmes, Washington, and coastal Gulf Counties.
- **Storm Surge Warnings** are in effect from Escambia to Okaloosa, and Storm Surge Watches from Walton to Gulf. Storm surge heights may be as high as 4-6' in the western Panhandle and 1-3' through Apalachee Bay in the Big Bend.
- Rainfall amounts of 4-6" (with isolated amounts up to 8" possible) is forecast for portions of the western Panhandle on Saturday and Sunday. Flash Flood Watches are in effect for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Lesser amounts east.
- Isolated tornadoes will also be possible Saturday and Sunday in the Panhandle and western Big Bend.
- Breezy winds and increasing ocean swells will continue a high risk of rip currents along the entire Panhandle coast through this weekend. Wave heights may be as high as 10' along the coast tomorrow night.
- Breezy east winds combined with the lunar "King Tide" will continue to produce minor coastal flooding during high tide along the Florida East Coast. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect from Monroe to Volusia County, with a **Coastal Flood Warning** in effect for the St. Johns River and its tributaries through tomorrow.

Another briefing packet will be issued Saturday morning. For more information, visit the NHC website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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