Extended Hydrologic Outlook
September 6, 2022

- The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is forecasting above normal rainfall for September through November.
- La Niña is expected to continue, with chances for La Niña gradually decreasing from 86% in the coming season to 60% during December-February 2022-23.
- Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) is currently in the warm phase:
  - Average annual inflow to Lake Okeechobee is nearly 50% greater during the warm phase compared to the cold phase.
U. S. Seasonal Outlooks
September - November 2022

The seasonal outlooks combine the effects of long-term trends, soil moisture, and, when appropriate, ENSO.
Florida Drought Update
For the assessment period ending August 30, 2022

This Week’s Drought Monitor of Florida Map

From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Deborah Bathke (National Drought Mitigation Center), with input from the Florida Drought Monitoring Group. URL: https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap.aspx

Statewide Condition Summary

What’s Changed? Abnormally dry (D0) has been extended westward to cover all inland Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties. Below normal rainfall since the first of the year leading to low inflows into Lake Okeechobee and falling water levels.

Current Pattern – Stalled front brought wet to very wet conditions over north central Florida, seasonal scattered rainfall elsewhere. Southeast Florida continues to fall behind with accumulating deficits. Still no rainfall from tropical storm systems.

What’s Next? Seasonal return flow from the southeast and our usual scattered thunderstorms remain in the forecast. No tropical systems are expected to impact Florida in the next week.

Statewide Coverage By Category

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Boll rot in cotton and disease, pest problems seen in western Panhandle row crops from excessive rain

Locally heavy rain of 2-5” inches in the past week

Lake Okeechobee levels not rising as expected during the summer rainy season, approaching water shortage management thresholds.

Little to no releases from Lake Okeechobee combined with reduced runoff, nutrients have benefited water clarity and ecosystem health in estuaries and coastal waters of Southeast FL

Record warm August temperatures for West Palm Beach, Miami, and other locations, combined with increasing rainfall deficits

Low streamflows no longer a concern in west central Florida with plentiful rain the last two weeks
Teleconnections to South Florida

Climate anomalies being related to each other at large distances:

El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

- El Niño increases the chances of a wetter-than-normal dry season and decreased tropical activity, La Niña increases the chances of a drier-than-normal dry season and increased tropical activity (both have most influence in south Florida from November through March)

Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)

- Increases variations in south Florida dry season rainfall, positive leads to more El Niño events, negative leads to more La Niña events

Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO)

- Average annual inflow to Lake Okeechobee is nearly 50% greater during the warm phase compared to the cold phase of the AMO, easterly flow toward south Florida affected by phase
Niño Region SST Departures (°C) Recent Evolution

The latest weekly SST departures are:

- Niño 4: -1.1°C
- Niño 3.4: -0.8°C
- Niño 3: -0.4°C
- Niño 1+2: -0.4°C

This weekly sea surface temperature data is based on OISSTv2.1 (Huang et al., 2021).
Warm Water Volume (5°N–5°S, 120°E–80°W) and NINO 3.4 SST Anomaly

Global Tropical Moored Buoy Array Program Office, NOAA/PMEL
2022 Tropical Outlook
## 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

**AUGUST 4 UPDATE**

**Season probability**

- **Above-normal**: 60%
- **Near-normal**: 30%
- **Below-normal season**: 10%

**Forecasted Counts**

- **Named storms**: 14-20
- **Hurricanes**: 6-10
- **Major hurricanes**: 3-5

Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on Twitter.

August 2022
Anticipate above-average activity
- La Niña to persist throughout the remainder of the hurricane season
- Sea surface temperatures across most of the tropical Atlantic are slightly warmer than normal

**ATLANTIC BASIN SEASONAL HURRICANE FORECAST FOR 2022**

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*Total forecast includes Alex, Bonnie and Colin which have formed in the Atlantic as of August 3rd.
September DPA Assumptions

• The September 1, 2022 Dynamic Position Analysis (DPA) simulation is based on historical climatic conditions spanning the period 1965-2005. This DPA posting is made with the South Florida Water Management Model (SFWMM) v6.7.4 (Tamiami Trail) which includes the following improvement(s):
  – Improvements to include the Combined Operational Plan (COP)

• The September 1, 2022 DPA resets the initial stages for Lake Okeechobee (LOK) and the Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) on August 1st of each year of the DPA simulation and conditions the simulation to real time data during August to achieve real time stages on September 1st for LOK and WCAs.

• The Lake Okeechobee operations follow the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS2008). Modeling assumptions are consistent with modeling performed for LORS2008 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

• LOK Temporary Forward Pump operations will be in place, whenever necessary, to improve water supply deliveries from LOK under low LOK stages.

• STA surface area values are modified to reflect current flowways under operation. STA depths are maintained to a minimum of 6 inches using Lake Okeechobee releases.
Lake Okeechobee SFWMM September 2022 Position Analysis

Percentiles PA

High Lake Management Band

Water Shortage Management Band

(See assumptions on the Position Analysis Results website)
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Lake Okeechobee SFWMM September 2022 Position Analysis

Percentiles PA_DPA7

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Lake Okeechobee SFWMM September 2022 Position Analysis

All La Nina Years Plot PA

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Water Shortage Management Band

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WCA1 SFWMM September 2022 Position Analysis

Percentiles PA

Stage (feet, NGVD)

Zone A-1
Zone A-2
Zone B
Zone C

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WCA2A SFWMM September 2022 Position Analysis

Percentiles PA

Stage (feet, NGVD)

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WCA3A SFWMM September 2022 Position Analysis

(See assumptions on the Position Analysis Results website)