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## Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine Briefing

7 AM ET

Tuesday, Sep 24, 2024

Storm Surge, Hurricane, Tropical Storm, and Flood Watches out for most of the area.



#### Situation Overview

#### Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine

- PTC 9 is expected to undergo rapid strengthening as it races northwards into the Gulf of Mexico. The wind field will expand as the storm strengthens.
- The main time for impacts will begin late Wednesday night into early Thursday and last throughout much of the day on Thursday. The storm will quickly exit the region late Thursday.
- PTC 9 will bring life threatening storm surge to the area with the highest surge values forecast along the Nature Coast.

#### Storm Surge values

- 10-15 ft for Levy and Citrus,
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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Wind	Hurricane force wind along the coast and the Nature Coast Inland	Hurricane or Tropical Storm Watch entire area except for Highlands Co.	Thursday
Storm Surge & Inundation	Life-threatening storm surge along the coast	Storm Surge Watch for the entire coast.	Thursday into early Friday
Flooding Rain	Widespread rainfall of 3-6 inches isolated amounts up to 10 inches.	Flood Watch for the entire area. Highest confidence along the Nature Coast.	Late Wednesday into Thursday
Tornado	Potential for a few tornadoes.	Tampa Bay area northwards.	Thursday
Marine	Hazardous Marine Conditions.	Coastal Marine Waters	Late Wednesday into early Friday

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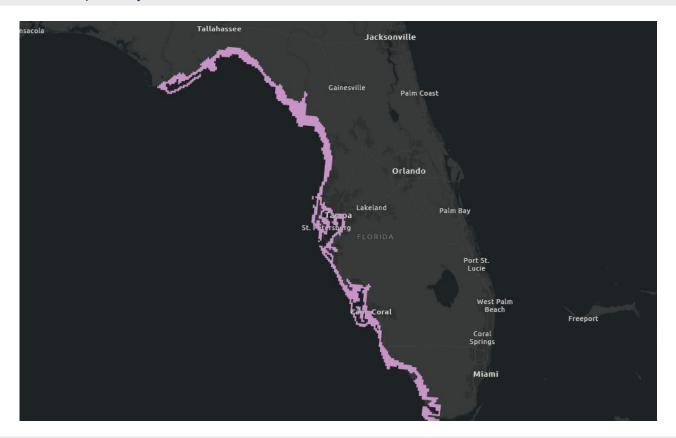


## Hurricane and Tropical Storm Watches



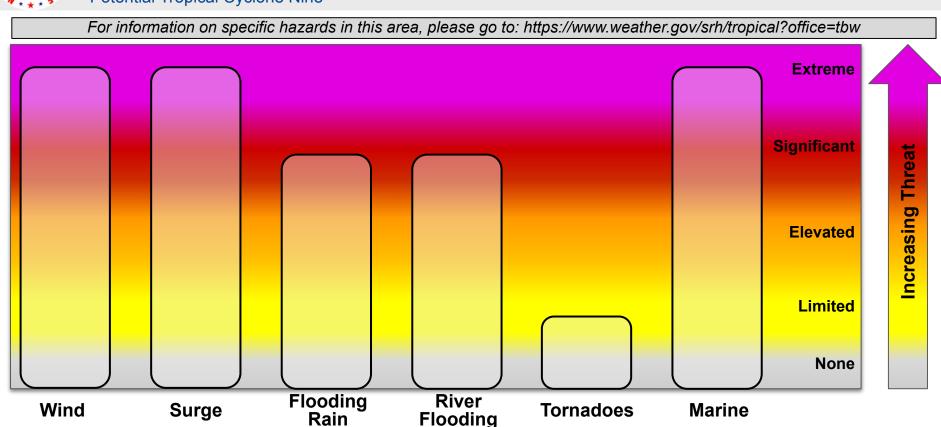


## Storm Surge Watches





#### Threat Levels





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**NOTE:** Do not focus on the exact track.

<u>Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.</u>

 The track continues to be consistent with the previous advisories with very little shift.

 The forecast now brings PTC 9 to a Major Hurricane (Cat 3) before landfall.

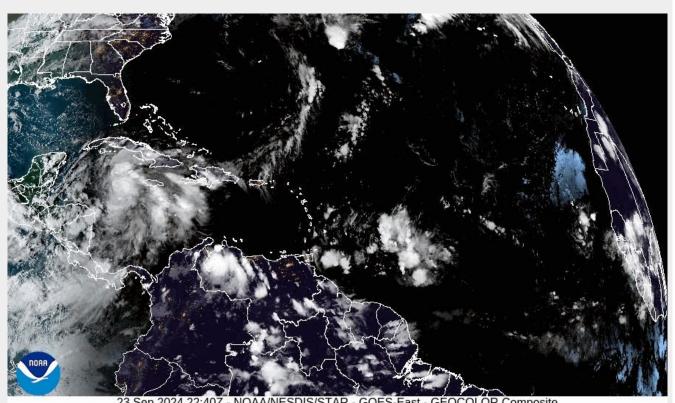
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## Current Satellite View

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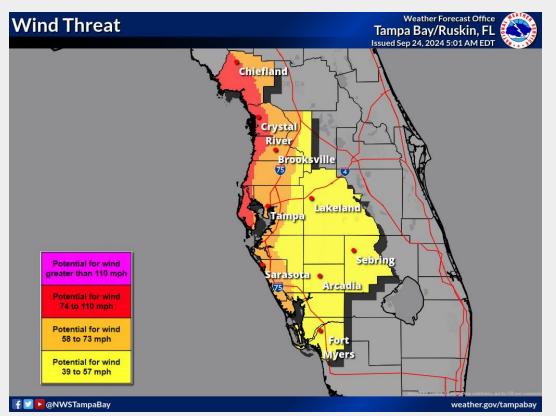
PTC9 still disorganized but forecast to become named later today.

NOAA/NESDIS/STAR - GOES-East - GEOCOLOR Composite



## Wind Threat / Potential Impact

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#### There is a potential for:

 Hurricane winds along the coast from Sarasota area northwards.

 Tropical Storm force winds possible inland. Watches out for entire area except for Highlands County.



## Tropical Storm Wind Speed Probabilities

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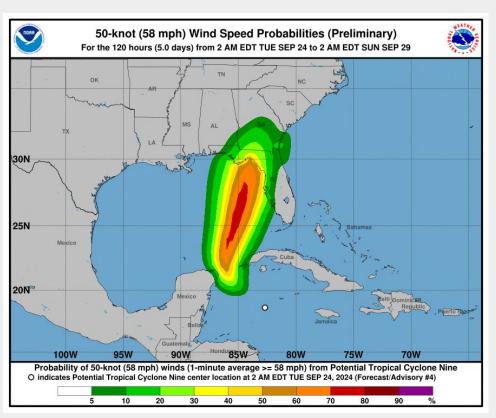


 Tropical Storm force wind probabilities over 80% along the coast from Tampa Bay area northwards.



## 50 kt (58 mph) Wind Speed Probabilities

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50 kt probabilities around 70-80% offshore.

 Probabilities of 40-50% moving into Levy County.



## Hurricane Wind Speed Probabilities

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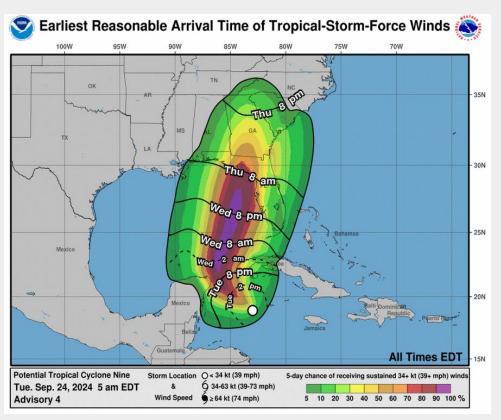


 Probabilities of 50-60% offshore for Hurricane Force winds.

 Probabilities of 20-30% moving into Levy County.



#### **Earliest Reasonable Time of Arrival**

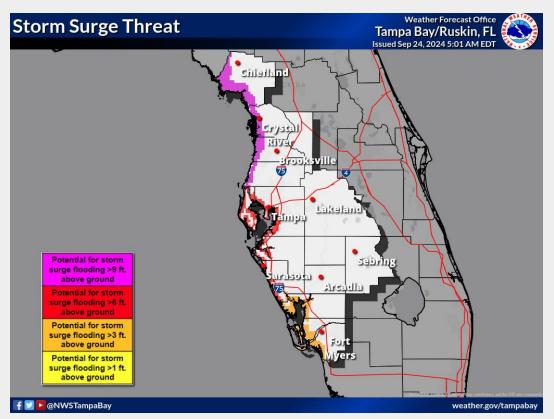


		Earliest	Most Likely
County	Chance	Arrival Time	Arrival Time
Lee	61%	10 pm Wed	6 am Thu
Charlotte	65%	10 pm Wed	6 am Thu
Sarasota	65%	1 am Thu	8 am Thu
DeSoto	29%	1 am Thu	10 am Thu
Hardee	29%	1 am Thu	10 am Thu
Highlands	19%	1 am Thu	10 am Thu
Manatee	60%	1 am Thu	8 am Thu
Pinellas	81%	2 am Thu	8 am Thu
Pasco	82%	4 am Thu	10 am Thu
Hillsborough	60%	6 am Thu	9 am Thu
Polk	34%	6 am Thu	11 am Thu
Sumter	51%	7 am Thu	11 am Thu
Hernando	82%	7 am Thu	11 am Thu
Citrus	82%	7 am Thu	11 am Thu
Levy	82%	7 am Thu	12 pm Thu



## Potential Storm Surge Impacts

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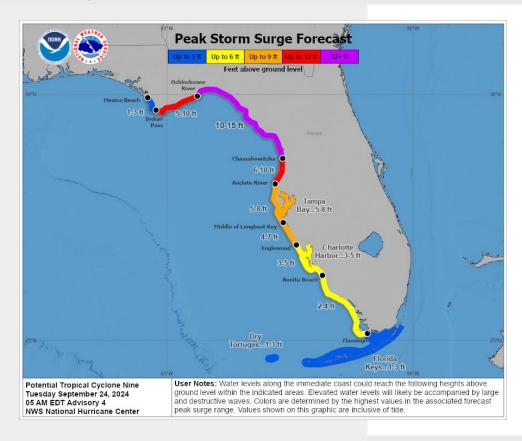
Life-Threatening Storm Surge Forecast:

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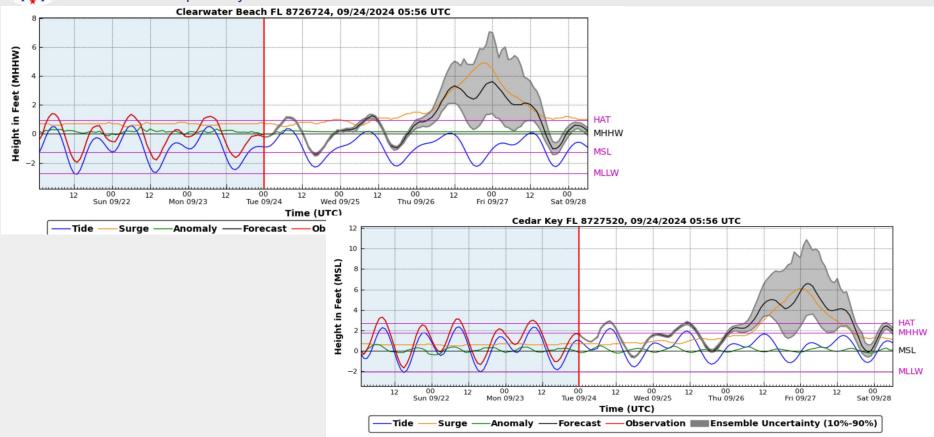


## Peak Storm Surge



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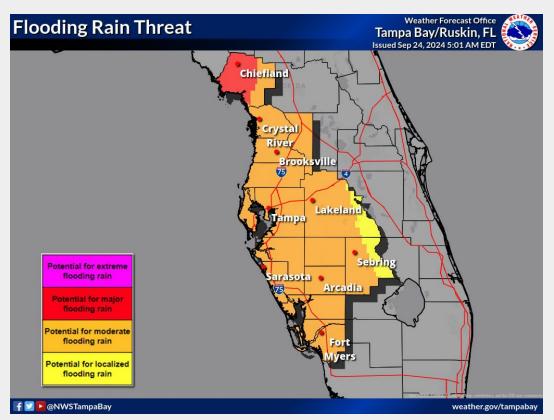
## Storm Surge Timing





### Inland Flooding Impacts

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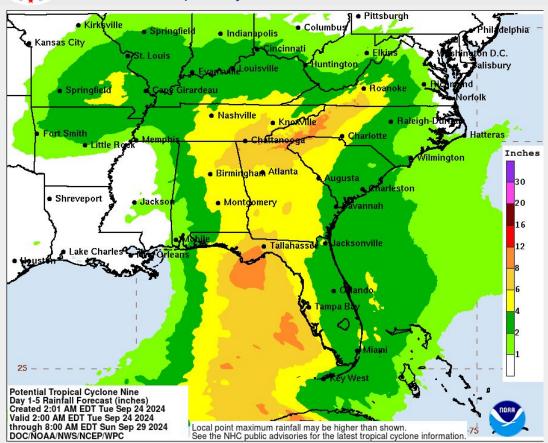
 Forecast rainfall amounts of 3 to 6 inches with locally higher amounts up to 10 inches.

 Highest confidence across Levy county.



#### Expected Storm Total Rainfall

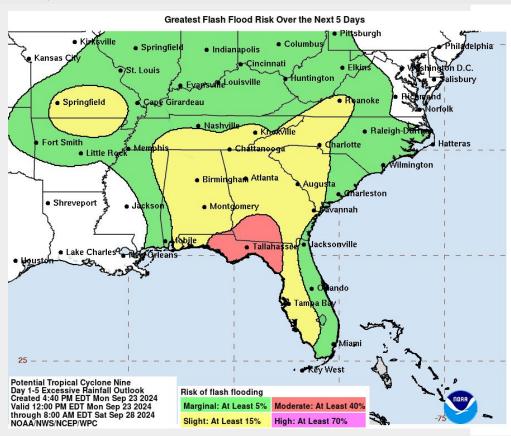
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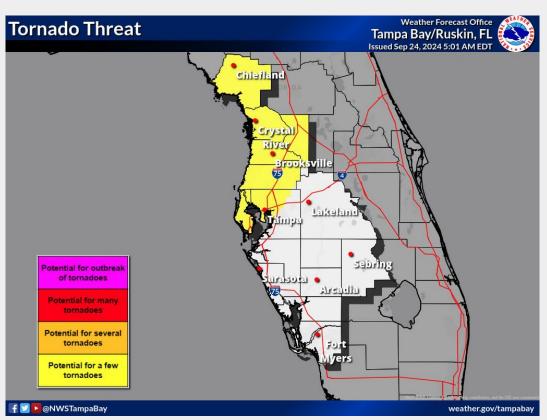
#### **Excessive Rainfall Outlook**





## Potential Tornado Impacts

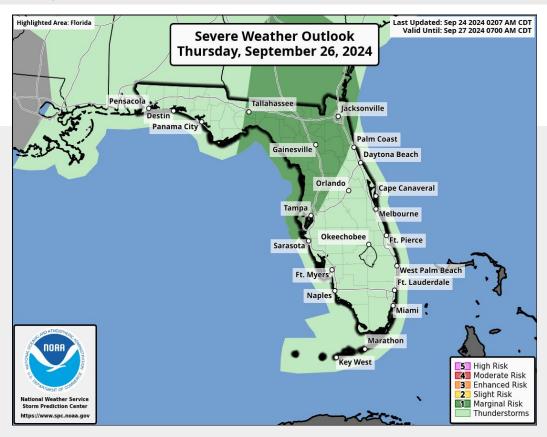
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 Potential for a few tornadoes mainly to the north of the Tampa Bay area on Thursday.



#### **Tornado Potential**

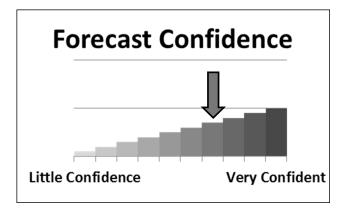




## Key Take-Aways

#### Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine

- PTC 9 is forecast to undergo rapid strengthening as it races northwards across the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Life threatening storm surge is forecast with the system with the highest values along the Nature Coast.
- Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Flood, and Storm Surge watches are now out. Upgrade to Hurricane, Tropical Storm, and Surge warnings possible later this afternoon.



Confidence continues to increase that PTC9 will strengthen into a Major Hurricane before making landfall along the Big Bend Region of Florida late Thursday.



## Talking Points and Best Messaging Tools

#### Talking Points:

- Storm Surge watch now in effect for the entire coast.
- Hurricane watch for the coast from Sarasota County northwards.
- Rainfall amounts of 3 to 6 inches with locally higher amounts of up to 10 inches.
- Impacts beginning across SW Florida as early as late Wednesday. Main impacts will be on Thursday.

Messaging Tools for Individual Threat Assessment Now Available:

P-Surge

River Flood Forecasts and Observations



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