

National Weather Service - Raleigh, NC



# **Tropical Storm Debby Briefing**

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- The primary threat from Tropical Storm Debby will be prolonged heavy rain that will potentially result in flash flooding and river flooding.
- Rain bands associated with Debby will begin to spread into southern portions of central NC Tuesday night.
- The storm center is expected to drift northeast across North Carolina late Thursday through Friday night.
- Storm total rainfall amounts will range from 8 to 12 inches across the Sandhills and southern Coastal Plain, with 6 to 9 inches in the Triangle to 4 to 6 inches in Triad.



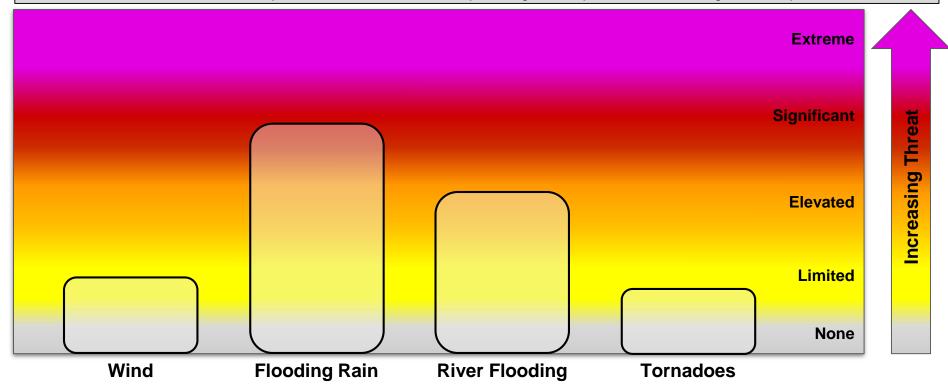
## Situation Overview

### **Tropical Storm Debby**

Hazard		Impacts	Location	Timing
Wind		Wind gusts of 25 to 40 mph.	Based on current track, mainly in the Sandhills and Coastal Plain.	Late Thursday through Friday night.
Flooding Rain		Flash flooding and eventual river flooding is possible.	All of central NC, with the greatest threat in the Sandhills and Coastal Plain.	Rainfall beginning Tues night continuing through most of Saturday
Tornado		Isolated Tornadoes	Primarily near and east of the track, for now threat focused on the Coastal Plain and Sandhills.	Late Thursday and especially Friday.



For information on specific hazards in this area, please go to: https://www.weather.gov/rah/tropical





## Key Messages

### **Tropical Storm Debby**



**NOTE:** Do not focus on the exact track. <u>Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.</u>

- Potentially historic heavy rainfall across southeast Georgia and the coastal plain of South Carolina through Saturday morning will likely result in areas of catastrophic flooding. Heavy rainfall will likely result in considerable flooding impacts from portions of central and northern Florida and across portions of central and northeast North Carolina through Saturday morning.
- 2. Dangerous storm surge inundation will continue in the Storm Surge warning area along the Gulf Coast of Florida, including the Tampa Bay area, through this afternoon.
- 3. Tropical storm conditions will continue along portions of the Gulf Coast of Florida today within the Tropical Storm warning area.
- 4. Dangerous storm surge and tropical storm conditions will spread northward along the southeast U.S. coast from northeastern Florida to North Carolina through the middle of the week. Storm Surge and Tropical Storm warnings have been issued for portions of these areas, and additional watches and warnings will likely be issued later today. Residents in the Storm Surge Warning area should follow any advice given by local officials.

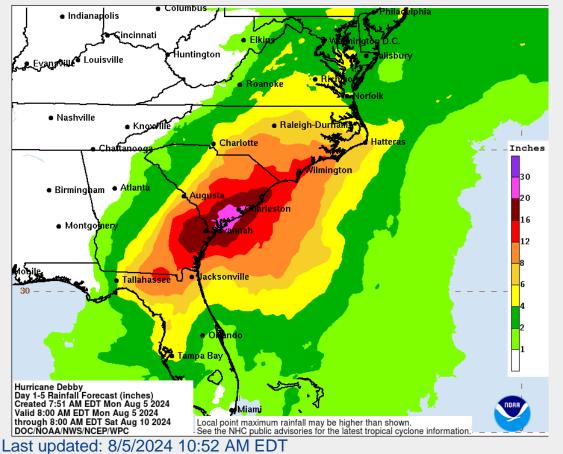
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## **Expected Storm Total Rainfall**

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Storm total rainfall amounts will range from 8 to 12 inches across the Sandhills and southern Coastal Plain, with 6 to 9 inches in the Triangle to 4 to 6 inches in Triad and Virginia border counties.

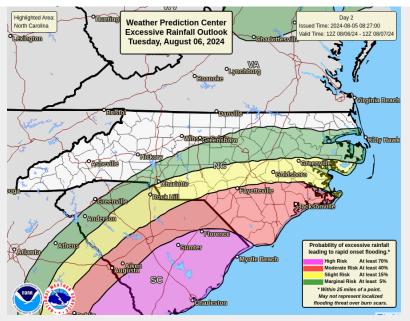
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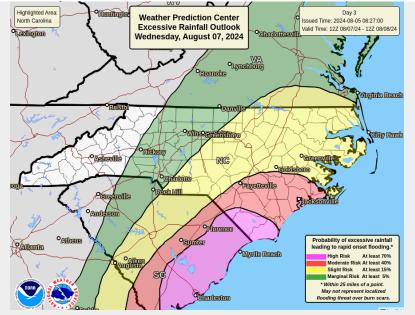


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

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- Areas outlined in yellow and red have the greatest potential for flash flooding on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Areas outlined in green have a marginal risk for excessive rainfall and flash flooding.





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## Flood Hazard Outlook

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#### **Flood Hazard Messages**

#### Southeast

- Catastrophic flooding impacts are likely beginning later today across southeast Georgia and the South Carolina Lowcountry (including Savannah and Charleston) in response to historical rainfall
- · Considerable flash, urban, and small stream flooding, along with significant river flooding, is expected from the Florida Big Bend Region through the coastal plains of Georgia and South Carolina into southeast North Carolina
- · Elsewhere, flash flooding impacts will continue, with significant riverine flooding impacts continuing through the end of the week.

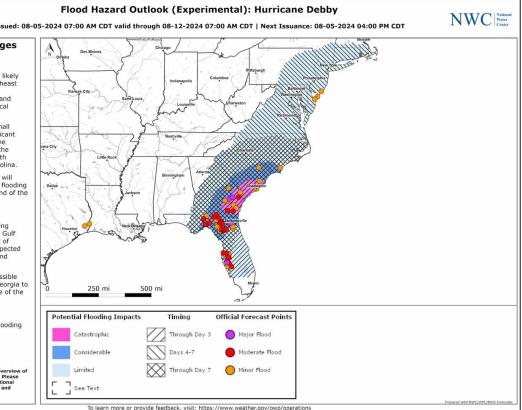
#### Storm Surge

- There is a danger of life-threatening storm surge along portions of the Gulf Coast of Florida, with 6 to 10 feet of inundation above ground level expected between the Ochlockonee River and Suwannee River on Monday.
- Impacts from storm surge are possible along the southeast coast from Georgia to North Carolina through the middle of the week.

#### Mid-Atlantic and Northeast

 There is increasing potential for flooding impacts mid to late week.

Disclaimer: This 7-day outlook provides an overview of potential flash, river and tidal flood hazards. Please refer to detailed products issued by local National Weather Service offices for official forecasts and warnings, (www.weather.gov)



River flooding is possible beginning mid week and possibly lasting through next week.

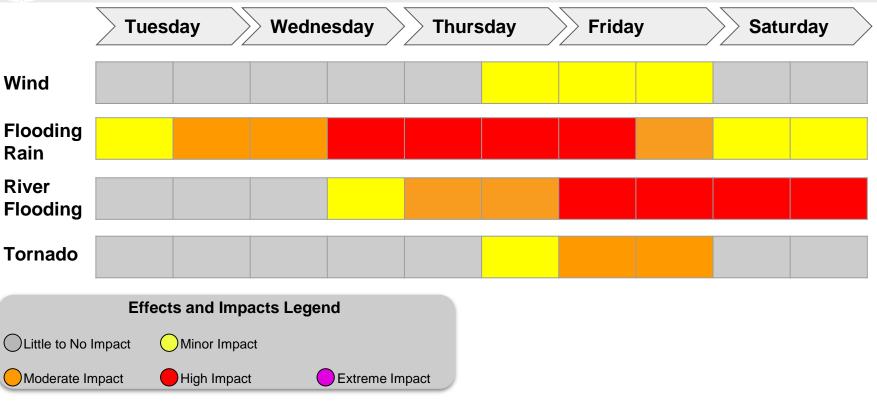
River flooding possible across all of central NC. but most likely along the Cape Fear, Upper Neuse, and Tar River Basins.

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## Threat Levels

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Confidence is MODERATE that the event will occur Confidence is MODERATE regarding impacts



This will be prolonged heavy rain event that will potentially result in flash flooding and river flooding. The greatest risk of flooding will be across the Sandhills and southern Coastal Plain as early as Tuesday night, but most likely on Wednesday and potentially continuing into the weekend.



Wind gusts of 25 to 40 mph are possible across the Sandhills and Coastal Plain but the wind will be a lesser threat than floodings.



Isolated weak tornadoes possible with the threat focused on the Coastal Plain and Sandhills.



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