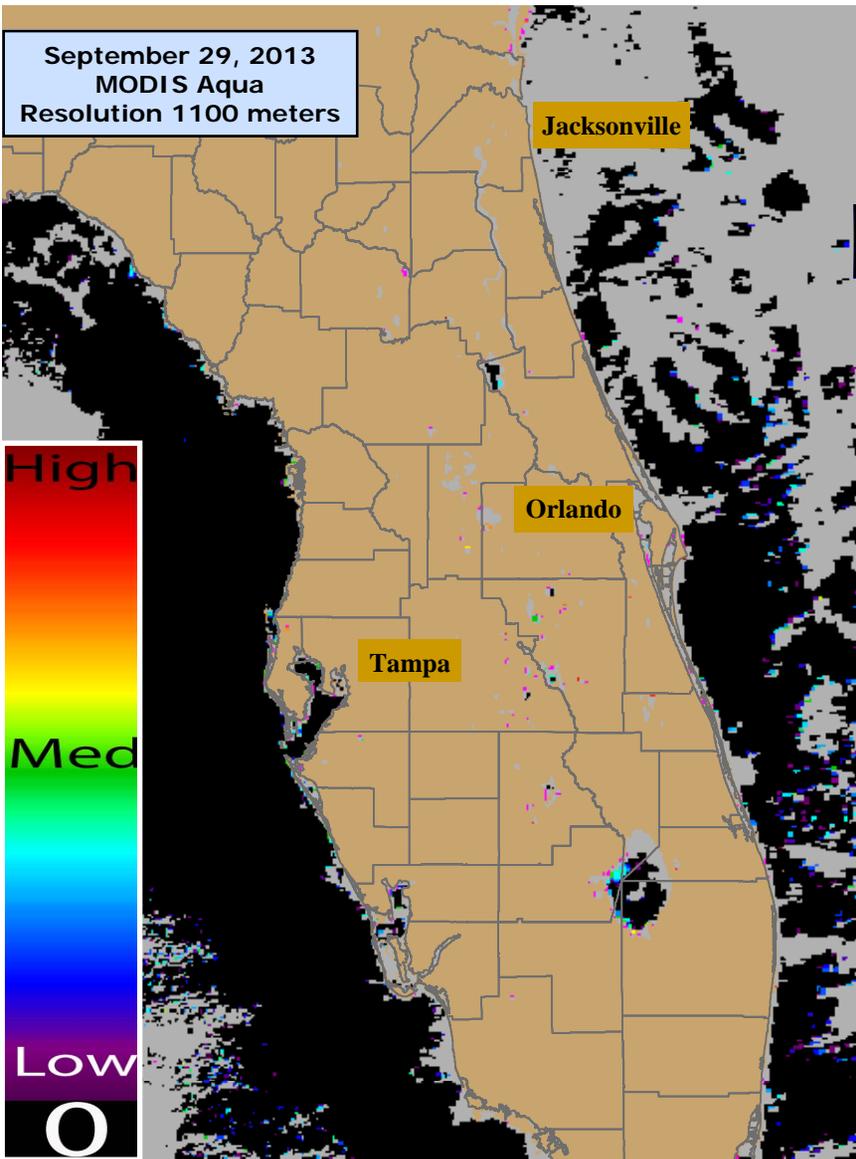


To report an illness related to a marine toxin or algal bloom contact the Florida Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.

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MODIS Images display a chlorophyll-a index generated with a Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

- Very low likelihood of a bloom
- May indicate clouds or missing data
- Low estimated chlorophyll-a concentrations
- Medium estimated chlorophyll-a concentrations
- Higher estimated chlorophyll-a concentrations

Inland CyanoHAB Conditions Report

- Large water features in Florida were unremarkable on the 1100 meter resolution MODIS image.

TOXIC ALGAE: COMING SOON TO A LAKE NEAR YOU?



Joint Report from Resource Media and National Wildlife Federation
September 2013



“Labor Day weekend: the last taste of summer. A time for fishing, boating and swimming with family on our nation’s lakes. Increasingly, also a time when the health threats posed by blue-green algae keep people out of the water. The green gunky stuff is strangling a growing number of inland US waterways and releasing toxins that threaten the health of people, pets and wildlife. A new online map is the first attempt to show the scale and scope of reported freshwater hazardous algal blooms (HABs). It is a resource for communities to both report and track freshwater toxic algae outbreaks.

A familiar issue to Midwesterners and Great Lakes-area residents, the problem is spreading across the US. The same pollutants that create the annual Gulf of Mexico Dead Zone and coastal hazardous algae spur freshwater toxic algae. Yet even though hazardous algal blooms strike every state in the US, the issue continues to fly beneath the radar of national attention ... ”

For the complete report please see <https://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/Reports/Archive/2013/09-24-13-Toxic-Algae-Coming-Soon-to-a-Lake-Near-You.aspx>

**** Due to background levels of *K. brevis* off Florida’s SW coast, status reports for Florida red tide will be suspended until bloom concentrations re-occur.**

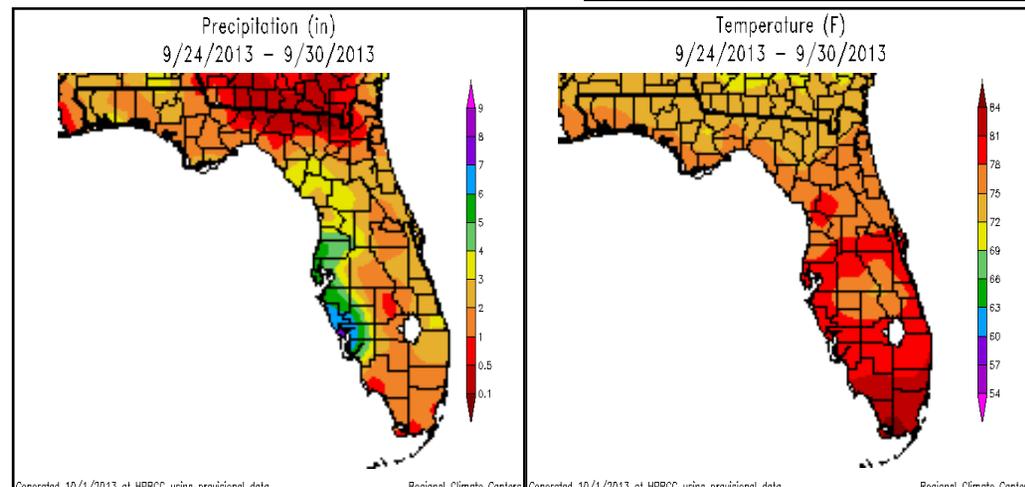
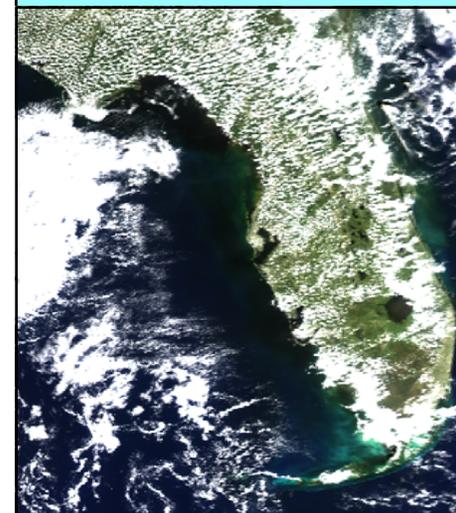
Interpreting Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer Data

- The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) is deployed by NASA onboard the Terra (EOS AM) and Aqua (EOS PM) satellite. It passes over the earth, collecting new imagery every 1-2 days.
- This imagery is used as a surveillance tool. Data collected by the MODIS sensor are used to generate a chlorophyll-a index which is used to forecast harmful algal blooms. The results are not specific to any one HABs species and should be followed-up with onsite field observations. Data is only suggestive of a potential HAB event.
- MODIS uses a spectral band which is much coarser than MERIS, therefore only select larger water bodies in FL are visible using this technology.
- MODIS is better at depicting low to medium chlorophyll-a concentrations so once a potential bloom is depicted, a switch in algorithms may be used to improve the visibility. MODIS has a few spectral bands which have higher resolution that are more comparable to MERIS although these bands do not cover all of FL.
- Several environmental factors may affect how results can be interpreted. For example, areas with abundant aquatic vegetation may present with a high Chl-a index resulting in a false positive bloom reading.
- The sensor identifies biomass near the surface (in the upper few feet of water). As a result, it may underestimate the total biomass for blooms that are mixed or dispersed through the water column.
- While patches of red or warm colors may indicate higher chlorophyll-a concentrations, these data have not been verified in most cases using ground-truth methods.

Weather Conditions: Temperature and Precipitation - 9/24/13 to 9/30/13

- Weather conditions can impact the duration and location of blooms and the satellite imagery shown in this report may no longer be relevant.
- Images represent the last image taken with a realization that blooms may have moved, dissipated or intensified.
- Cloud coverage can obscure imagery and create patches or gray areas on map and obscure bloom detection.

September 29, 2013
MODIS Aqua True Color Image



To review HABs satellite reports in the Gulf of Mexico and marine waters visit the NOAA Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecast System bulletin archive at: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/>



For Individual Weather Station Data-Visit:
<http://www.sercc.com/perspectives>

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