



**AVMA 2023 Disaster Situational Awareness Report #6 Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Multiple Events**

Hurricane Idalia

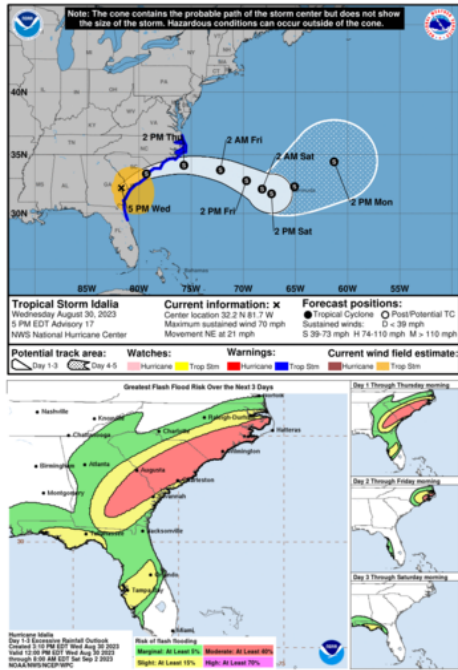


Key Messages for Tropical Storm Idalia

Advisory 17: 5:00 PM EDT Wed Aug 30, 2023



1. Storm surge is expected along the southeastern U.S. coast within the Storm Surge Warning area through tonight. Coastal flooding is also expected within the Storm Surge Watch area in North Carolina on Thursday. Residents in these areas should follow any advice given by local officials.
2. Tropical-storm-force winds will affect portions of the southeastern U.S. coast through Thursday.
3. Areas of flash, urban, and moderate river flooding, with considerable impacts, are expected from east central Georgia, through eastern South Carolina and eastern North Carolina into Thursday.

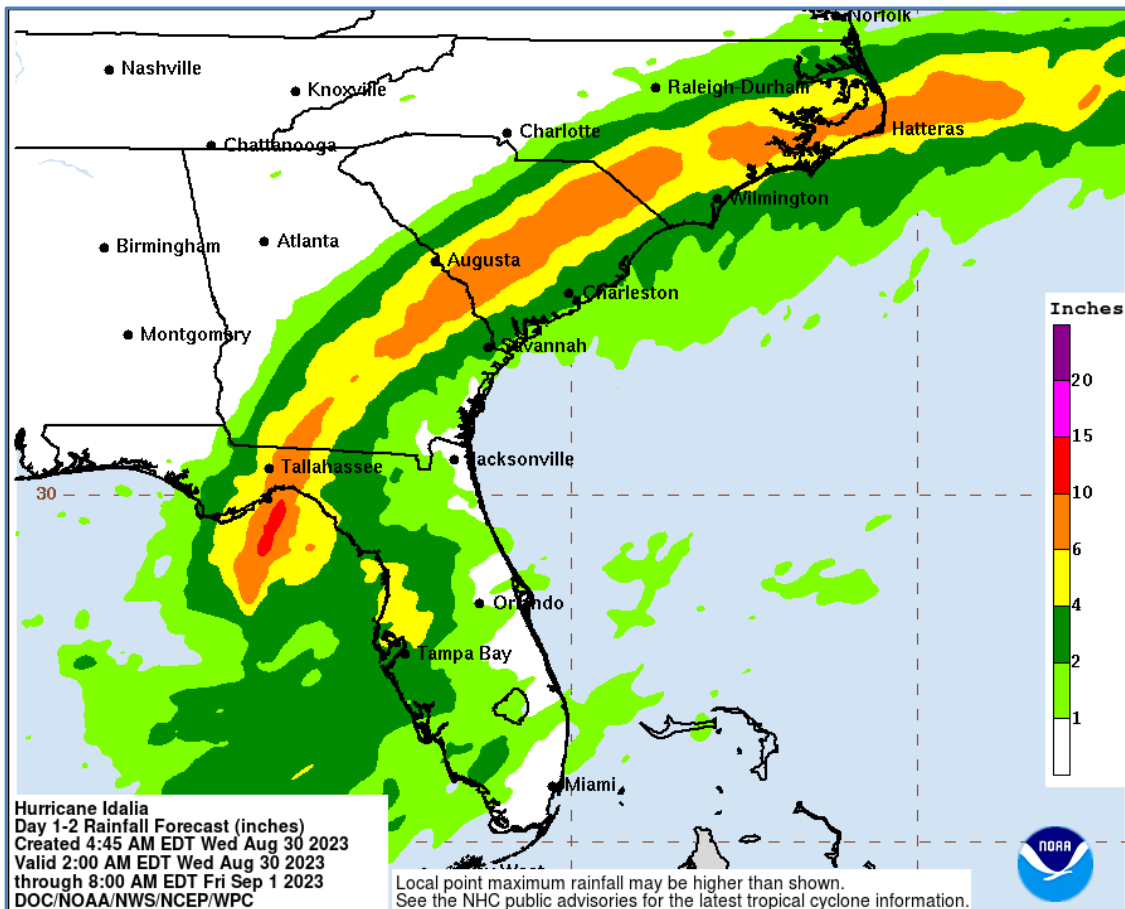
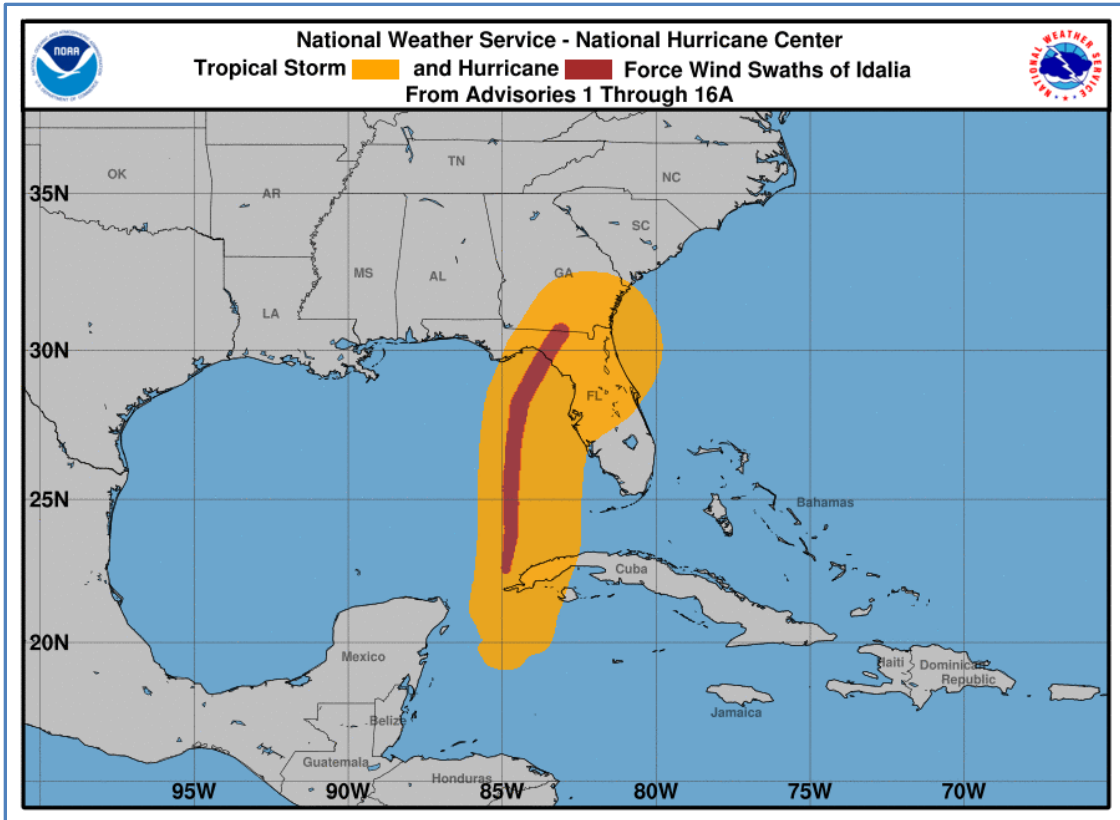


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- Idalia made landfall in Florida's Big Bend near Keaton Beach just before 8 a.m. ET., with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph.
- Storm surge damage may stretch about 200 miles along Florida's west coast, past the Tampa Bay area, and the state's Big Bend area could get up to 12-16 feet of storm surge.
- The National Weather Service office in Tallahassee said "locations may be uninhabitable for several weeks or months" because of wind damage.
- AVMA has been in contact with the Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina Veterinary Medical Associations to provide messages of support, preparedness information, and information about AVMF disaster grants.
- AVMA Trust has sent messages to policy holders in the anticipated impact areas.

Animal Response

- 25 Pet Friendly Shelters have been set up in Florida
- A number of national response organizations are staged in the southeast available for activation



Lahaina Wildfire

- The human death toll has remained at 115 for a number of days
- 45 of the 115 human remains have been identified
- Maui police still have over 100 missing person reports filed
- Animal response teams have just barely been provided access to the town of Lahaina
- They have trapped about 50 live cats so far (about 10 with some degree of burns)
- Live dogs have been sighted but not captured yet
- Less than 100 deceased animals have been located so far and some have successfully had microchips read

AVMA provides disaster preparedness, response, and recovery information at <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/disaster-preparedness> including information on grants available from AVMF for veterinarians who are either directly impacted by a disaster or who provide care to animals impacted by disasters.

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