

Flood Forecast

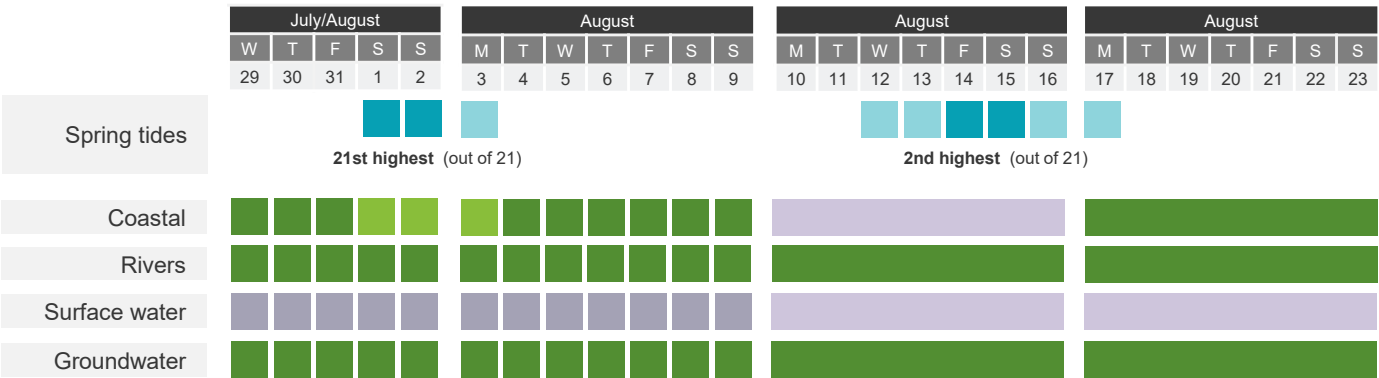
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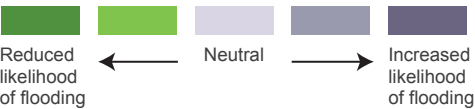
Flood Forecast for England and Wales

Significant or severe flooding is unlikely. There is potential for localised flooding from surface water.

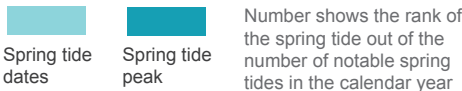


The forecast is made at a national scale to provide an overview for England and Wales.

Key



The key shows likelihood of flooding compared to a neutral situation, (which is when there is no indication of increased or reduced likelihood of flooding in the forecast)



Headlines

- Surface water flooding remains the main watch point
- There is no strong evidence for an increase in the likelihood of significant or severe surface water flooding above that which is normal for the time of year
- Other types of flooding are unlikely

Coastal

- Spring Tides at the start of August are modest but coincide with an increased signal for unsettled weather
- Spring tides later in August are the second highest of the year but coincide with a signal for more settled weather.
- Localised impacts are possible in both periods

Rivers and Surface Water

- Surface water impacts are the most likely form of flooding at this time of year, there is a signal for more unsettled weather at the start of the outlook period
- Rivers are expected to remain at levels which are mostly below normal throughout the period

Groundwater

- Groundwater levels are expected to continue to steadily fall in most areas
- Groundwater flooding impacts are not expected

Weather and Hydrological Assessment

- A more unsettled signal at the start of this period means wetter weather is possible, however with underlying conditions rivers are expected to be very resilient
- A more typical summer weather situation is signaled later in the month, with some warm and dry spells, occasional rain or showers, and thunderstorms at times

Flood Outlook

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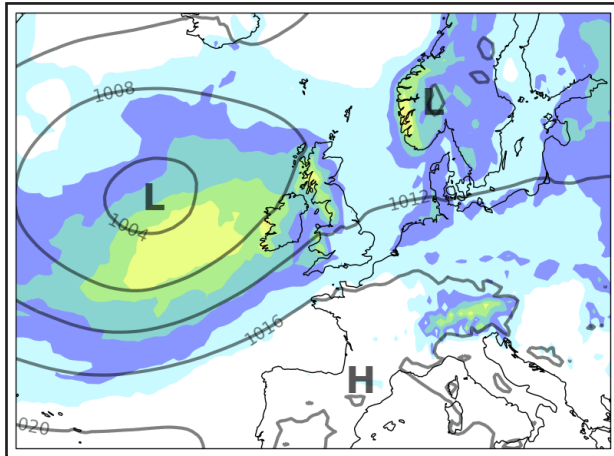
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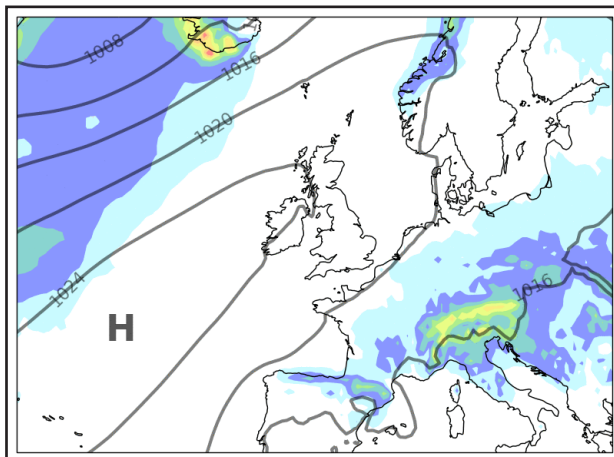
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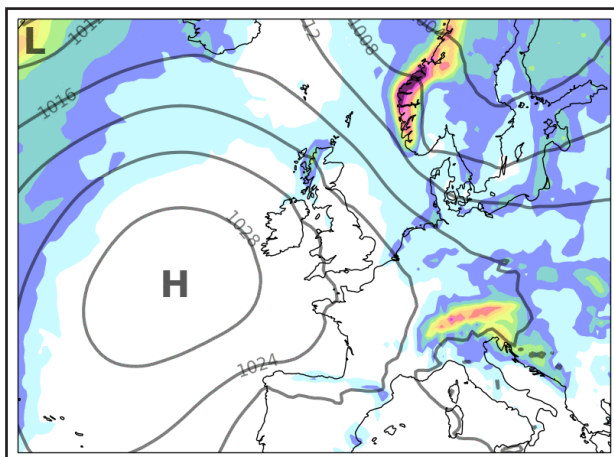
End of July/Early August

- Frontal systems or low pressure moving across the UK at times, bringing showers or longer spells of rain and potential for strong winds
- Rainfall could be heavy in places with potential for wetter weather but where in the UK is uncertain
- Drier and more settled intervals possible between systems, but unlikely to be long-lasting



Mid August

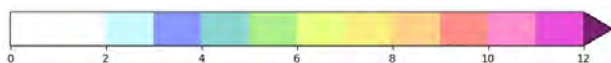
- A signal for conditions which are more settled with greater incidence of dry weather and high pressure patterns
- This may be interrupted by wetter weather, most likely further north, or showery and thundery outbreaks at times



Late August

- Signal for more settled weather continues, overall precipitation amounts are more likely to be below average than above
- Still a risk this could be interrupted by Atlantic frontal systems, or thundery outbreaks, the latter most likely further south

Key



- Dominant pressure pattern shown by isolines
- Filled, coloured contours show typical daily precipitation distribution (mm/day)

Met Office 3-month outlook August to October

- There is an increase in the chance of a dry 3-month period overall
- 30% chance the season will be dry. This is x1.5 the normal chance
- 55% chance the season will be near average. This is x0.9 the normal chance
- 15% chance the season will be wet. This is x0.8 the normal chance

[View and download the full Met Office 3-month Outlook](#)



Who is the Flood Outlook for?

The Flood Outlook is for planners who need to make decisions at a timescale of 6 to 30 days. These users are aware of the complexities of this type of outlook and will include those factors in the decision-making process.

What does the Flood Outlook show?

The Flood Outlook provides decision-makers with an overview of when an increased or reduced likelihood of flooding is forecast. The assessment is made at a national scale to provide an overview for England and Wales.

What is the difference between the Flood Outlook and the Flood Guidance Statement?

The assessments in the Flood Outlook and Flood Guidance Statement (FGS) are different. This is because at different lead times different information is available at different scales.

The Flood Outlook is a national overview product showing likelihood of flooding. It:

- gives a broad indication of coastal and inland flooding in the next 4 weeks over England and Wales, excluding the first 5 days
- uses a simpler likely/unlikely scale rather than the detailed FGS levels of likelihood
- gives an indication of possible flood impacts in the headline and summary text

The Flood Guidance Statement (FGS) is a five-day county risk-based product. It:

- shows the forecast level of flood risk for the coming 5 days for surface water, river, groundwater, and coastal flooding
- uses a detailed risk matrix approach, based on a combination of both likelihoods and impacts
- forecasts at a county and local authority scale

When is the Flood Outlook issued?

The Flood Outlook is issued twice a month, on a Friday.

What information is the Flood Outlook based on?

The Flood Outlook is based on a combination of weather and tidal forecasts, hydrological conditions and professional judgement. The confidence of the forecast is reflected in the flood likelihood given. For current river flow information please refer to the [Environment Agency](#) and [Natural Resources Wales](#)

We classify notable spring tides as when the astronomical tide level is predicted to reach 2.4m OD(N) or higher at North Shields.

Does the Flood Outlook cover the whole of the UK?

The Flood Outlook covers England and Wales. It assesses the overall conditions over England and Wales as a whole.

Can I access training on the Flood Outlook?

There are short [Flood Outlook training videos](#) available online. We can also provide webinar training to organisations on request.

Can I ask for more information on the Flood Outlook?

Yes. Contact the Flood Forecasting Centre via ffcenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or **0330 135 4400**

How can I receive the Flood Outlook?

You can sign up to access the latest outlook by subscribing through your [Flood Forecasting Centre user profile](#), or by visiting the Met Office's [Hazard Manager tool](#).

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