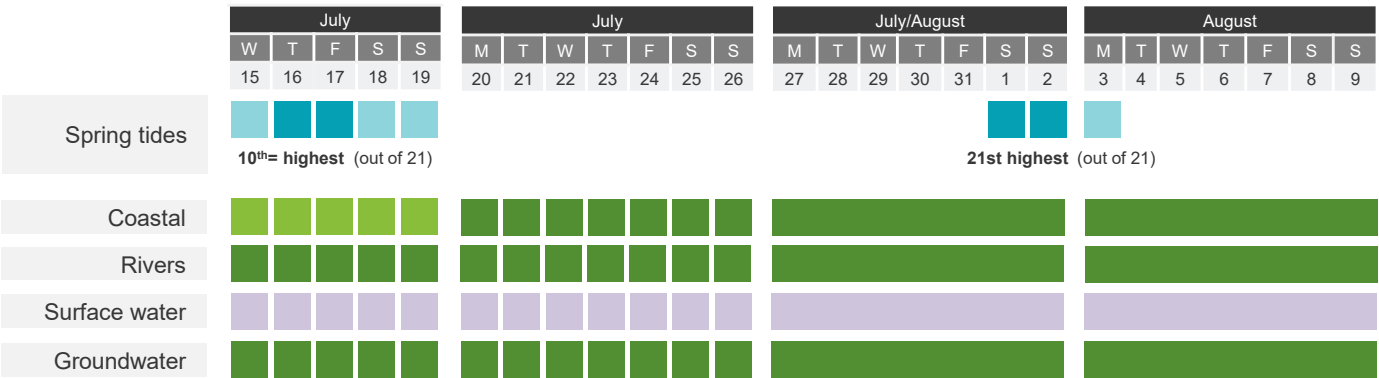


Flood Forecast for England and Wales

Significant or severe flooding is unlikely but can't be ruled out. 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

Reduced likelihood of flooding

Neutral

Increased likelihood of flooding

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)

Spring tide dates

Spring tide peak

Number shows the rank of the spring tide out of the number of notable spring tides in the calendar year

Headlines

- Surface water flooding remains the main watch-point but there is no strong evidence for an increase in the likelihood of significant or severe surface water flooding beyond normal for summertime
- River flooding is unlikely

Weather and Hydrological Assessment

- High pressure will likely influence the weather for the month ahead, with plenty of dry weather, though spells of rain or showers are likely at times. Thunderstorms with heavy rain, typical for summer, remain possible
- River catchments are dry with plenty of capacity for any rain. This strongly mitigates river flooding

Coastal

- The mid July and early August spring tides are very modest
- Localised impacts are possible, but are unlikely to elevate the flood risk

Rivers and Surface Water

- There is potential for localised thunderstorms. Despite the potential for spells of rain from mid July, river catchment capacity will likely remain good
- There is potential for localised surface water flooding from thunderstorms but confidence in timing and location is very low

Groundwater

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

The Flood Outlook provides a 4 week flood assessment for England and Wales. It is designed for planners in government and business who need to make decisions at a timescale of 6 to 30 days. For further information ffcenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or 0330 135 4400 (Duty Hydrometeorologist).

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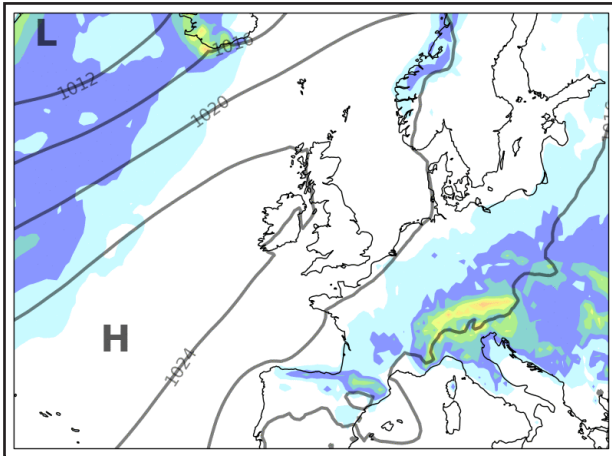


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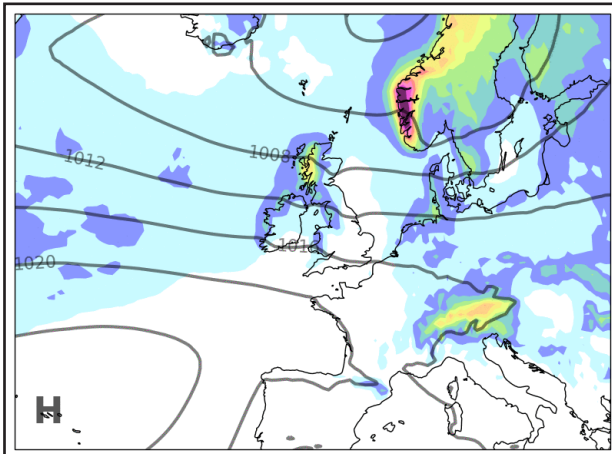
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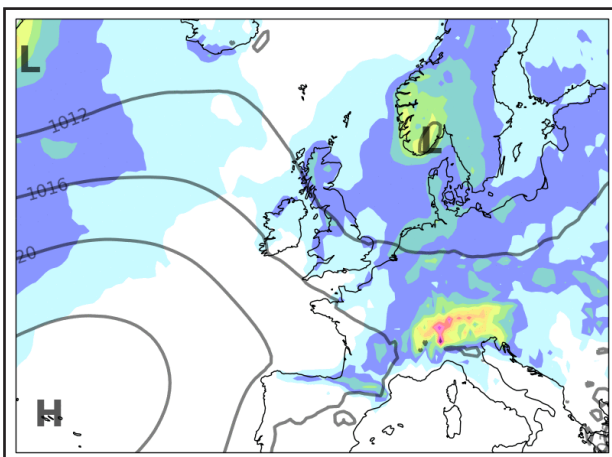
Mid July

- Azores high extends across the UK
- Predominately dry weather, though localised showers remain possible, potentially windy along coastal fringe in the south of the UK



Mid-late July

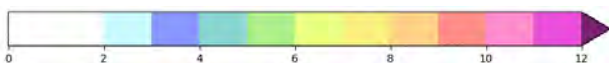
- Azores high recedes with low pressure to the north of the UK leads to a westerly airflow across England and Wales
- Spells of rain or showers, chiefly in the west, drier in the east, windy at times



Early August

- Azores high extends a ridge of high pressure to the west of the UK, leading to a north-westerly airflow across England and Wales
- Spells of rain or showers interspersed with drier weather, windy at times, particularly in the west

Key



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

Met Office 3-month outlook July to September

- The chances of this period being wet or dry are fairly balanced
- 15% chance the season will be dry. This is x0.8 the normal chance
- 60% chance the season will be near average. This is x1.0 the normal chance
- 25% chance the season will be wet. This is x1.3 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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