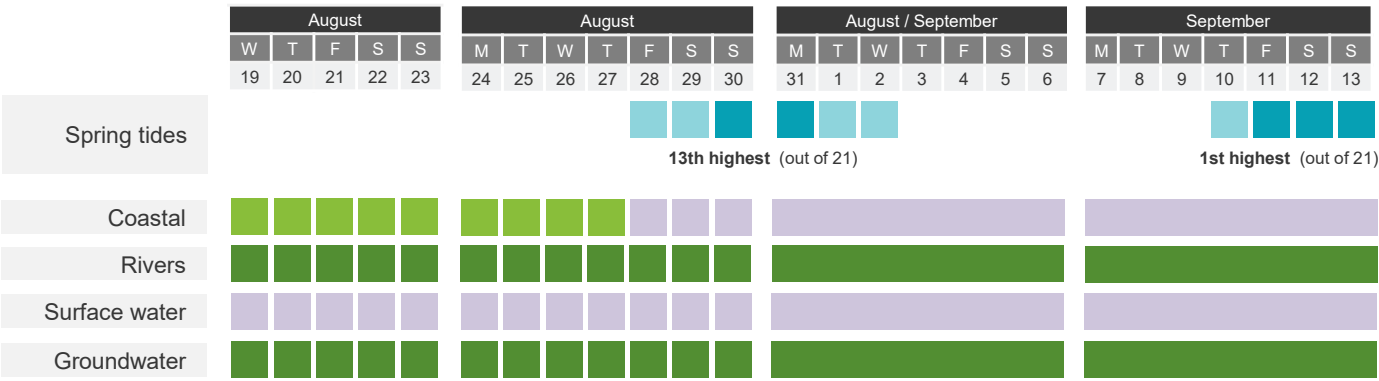


Flood Forecast for England and Wales

Significant or severe flooding is unlikely. Localised surface water or coastal flooding remains possible at times.



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

- No strong signals for an increase in the likelihood of significant or severe surface water flooding - localised surface water flooding is possible at times
- Localised coastal flooding may coincide with the spring tide periods, with the highest tides of the year in mid September
- Other types of flooding are unlikely

Weather and Hydrological Assessment

- Changeable through mid August with low pressure bringing some rain and showers at times from the north-west
- High pressure and more settled conditions then likely to develop from the end of August into September
- River flows and groundwater levels are mostly below normal and are expected to remain low with little widespread rain in the forecast

Coastal

- Modest spring tides at the end of August are most likely to coincide with a west or north-westerly flow with mainly settled conditions
- Spring tides in mid September are the highest of the year but are currently likely to coincide with high pressure and 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 with some heavy showers possible a times, however more settled weather is likely from September
- 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

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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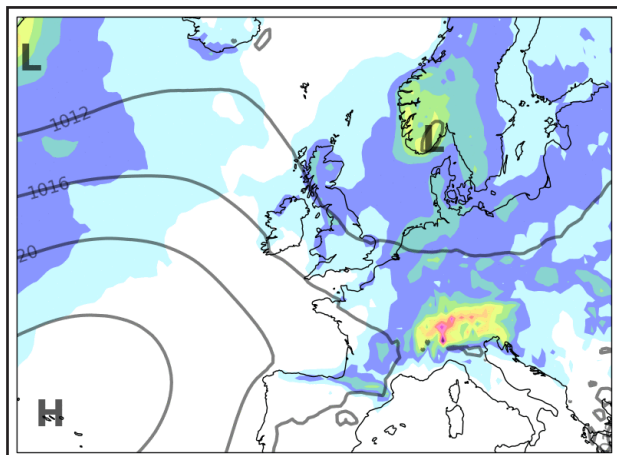


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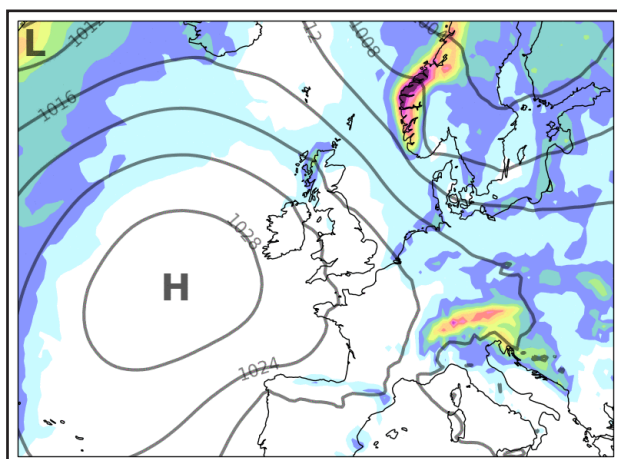
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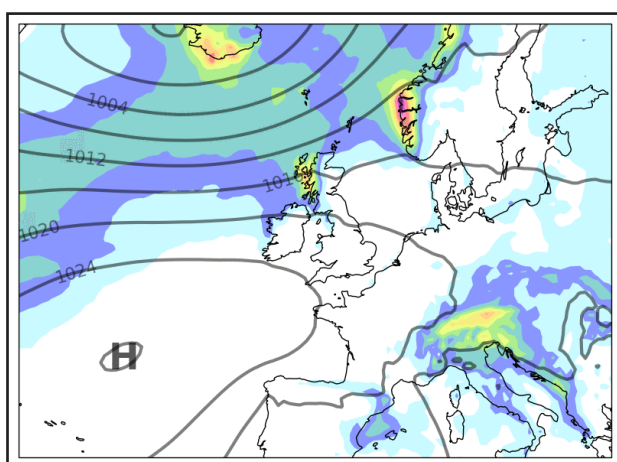
Mid August

- Changeable conditions with high pressure most likely to the south-west and low pressure likely to the north
- Chance of frontal rain and showers at times moving in from the north-west, driest in the south-east
- Low likelihood for more unsettled conditions to affect the south for a time



Late August

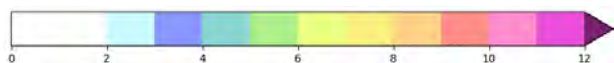
- High pressure likely centered to the west however there remains the potential for low pressure and frontal systems at times
- Some drier spells likely but with the risk of rain and showers possible in the north and west of England and Wales



Early September

- High pressure remains the most likely scenario
- Predominantly dry conditions are expected across England and Wales
- There remains a low chance of more unsettled conditions to bring some rain in from the north-west at times

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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