

the Outlook

A broad area of low pressure that has developed over the southeastern Gulf of Mexico will slowly drift northward and stall off the coast of the Florida Panhandle on Tuesday. Although the Atlantic hurricane season officially begins on June 1, this system has the potential of becoming a tropical or subtropical depression. The low is expected to be absorbed by a trough passing to the north moving ashore along the Panhandle mid-week. The National Hurricane Center gave the system 30-40% chance of development. Regardless of development, this system will funnel large amounts of tropical moisture over Florida. Key West has already set a new rainfall record for May 13. After moving ashore, the system will slowly move northward over the weekend. Longer range forecasts keep a very wet pattern in place across Florida with a possibility of another tropical system developing late next week. This heavy rainfall will affect the a vegetable crops (squash, beans, peppers, eggplant, etc.) in the line of fire.

Out west a fairly typical weather pattern has taken shape allowing crops to return to normal growth patterns as we move into spring acreage.

As always upcoming weather patterns will play a crucial role in supplies a quality going forward.

