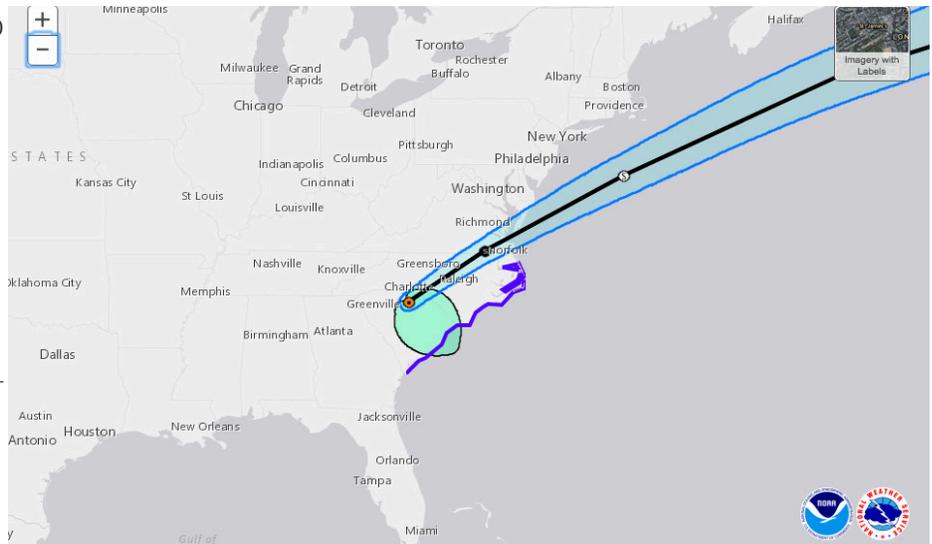


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Hurricane Michael rolled into the Panhandle of Florida as a high Category 4 hurricane midday Wednesday with devastating results. Michael was by far the most intense hurricane to landfall in the Florida Panhandle in NOAA's history. Michael is now pushing into North Carolina moving east-northeast towards southeast Virginia heading out to sea by Friday. There



are many fall crops grown in the line of fire as growers throughout the vast region begin assessing crops and damage in Michael's wake. This region provides tomatoes, beans bell peppers, corn, eggplant, cucumber and greens with North Carolina a major supplier of sweet potatoes. Much of this region is still recovering from heavy summer rains and Hurricane Florence last month.

Out west Baja and Northern Mexico are preparing for the arrival of tropical storm Sergio. Sergio is expected to make landfall near Central Baja early Friday moving into northern Sinaloa and Sonora by the evening. While weakening Sergio, the primary threat will be from the heavy rainfall with 3-8 inches expected across the region. Sergio then moves into southwestern Texas over the weekend. Sergio is forecast to be just south of the track Tropical Storm Rosa took in early October. This will likely bring additional rainfall to the Southwestern desert regions as





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cut-off low-pressure system offshore adds moistures over the weekend.

There are numerous crops in the line of fire with this system from tomatoes, green onions, beans, bell peppers, and squash as well as the upcoming melon crop. At this time we will have to wait and see how the various regions and crops come through the storms and keep you up to date as we gather more information. Stay tuned.

