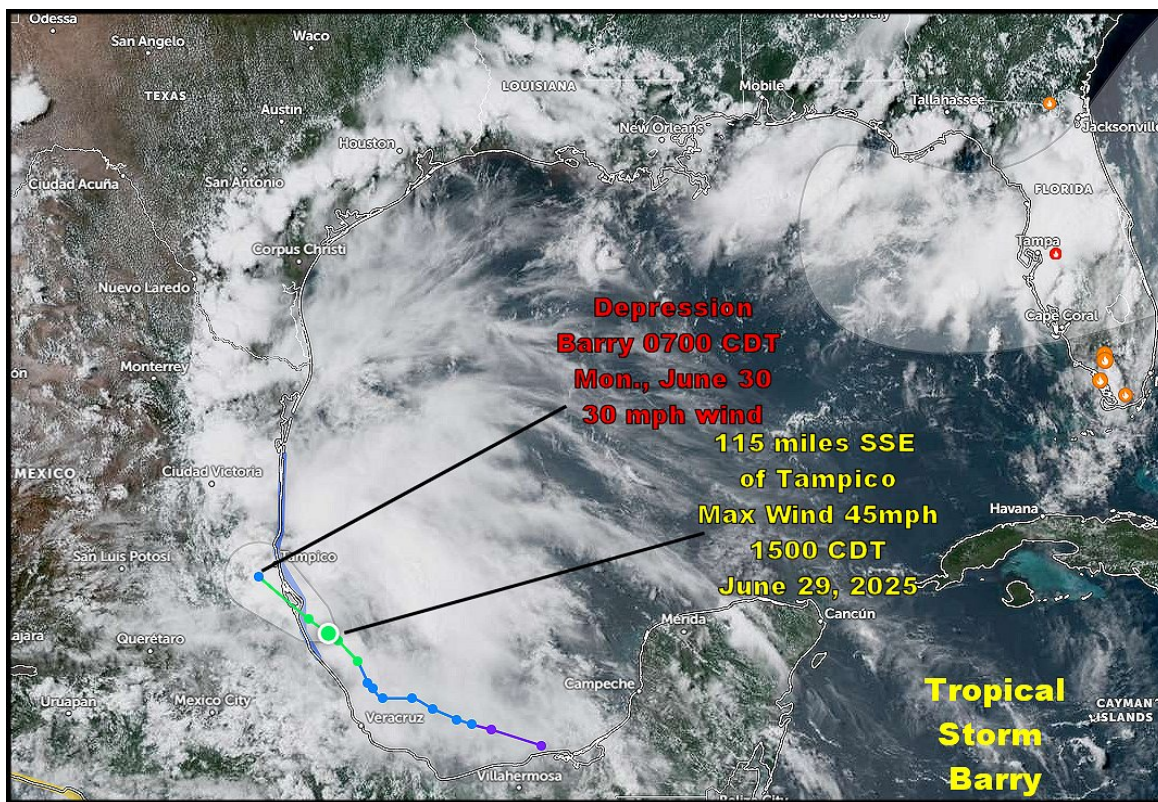


Tropical Storm To Reach Mexico South of Tampico Sunday Night

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Kansas City, June 29 (World Weather Inc.) – *Tropical Storm Barry formed over the far western part of the Gulf of Mexico during the weekend and was expected to move inland over east-central Mexico south of Tampico tonight. The storm has likely peaked in intensity with 45 mph sustained wind speeds near its center; however, gale force wind was occurring quite some distance to the east of the storm center in the western Gulf of Mexico along with considerable rain, strong thunderstorms and rough seas. The system will dissipate over northeastern Mexico early this week* and the moisture from the system will get pulled into the southwestern United States where it will supplement rain in portions of the Plains and Midwest later this week. In the meantime, *Tropical Storm Flossie will become a hurricane off the southwestern coast of Mexico this week.*



A broad region of unsettled tropical weather over the western Gulf of Mexico during the weekend generated a weak low pressure center off the southeast coast of Mexico in the Gulf of Campeche Saturday. The low pressure center became Tropical Storm Barry earlier today and was expected to move inland tonight south of Tampico.

At 1600 CDT, Sunday, the center of the storm was located 95 miles southeast of Tampico near 21.2 north latitude and 96.9 west longitude moving northwesterly at 9 mph and producing a maximum sustained wind speed of 45 mph. Tropical storm force wind was occurring out 45 miles from the center of the storm.

Barry will reach the coast of east-central Mexico in Veracruz this evening and should be located immediately southwest of Tampico over land by 0700 CDT Monday. The

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depression will quickly dissipate during the day Monday. Rain associated with the disturbance will stream inland throughout the day Monday producing some moderate to heavy rain through Wednesday from Veracruz to southern Sierra Leon and Tamaulipas. Rainfall of 3.00 to 6.00 inches is most likely with a few amounts of 6.00 to 10.00 inches possible.

Little to no damage to crops and property is expected because of tropical storm Barry, although some flooding is expected. The moisture may prove to be beneficial for corn, sorghum, cotton, rice, sugarcane and citrus grown in or near the region

In the meantime, **Tropical Storm Flossie** was located off the southwest coast of Mexico and was expected to become hurricane Monday while to moves toward open water west of Baja California late this week. *Flossie is big enough that heavy rain, rough seas and some strong wind from the system will impact the Jalisco and Michoacan coasts. Some significant rain is also expected over Baja California late this week, but the storm center will stay off the coast keeping the impact on crops and property relatively low.*

Flossie was located 235 miles south of Acapulco, Mexico near 13.5 north latitude and 100.4 west longitude moving west northwesterly at 8 mph and producing maximum sustained wind speeds of 40 mph near its center. Tropical Storm force wind was occurring out 105 miles from the storm center.

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