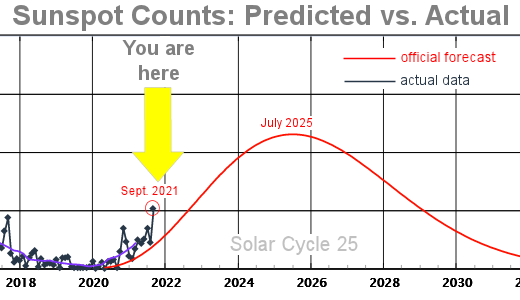
**SOLAR CYCLE UPDATE:** Solar Cycle 25 continues to overperform. Sunspot counts for Sept. 2021 were the highest in more than 5 years. And, for the 11th month in a row, the sunspot number has significantly exceeded [the official forecast](https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/news/solar-cycle-25-forecast-update).

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The plot above shows sunspot counts vs. time. The red curve traces the forecast issued by the NOAA/NASA Solar Cycle 25 Prediction Panel in 2019. It calls for a relatively weak solar cycle peaking in July 2025.

The sun has a mind of its own, though. Higher-than-expected sunspot counts suggest a stronger cycle, with a peak occurring in late 2024 instead of mid-2025. This is good news for [aurora watchers](https://lapplandmedia.se/photo-tours/?lang=en), but maybe not so good for [the Internet](https://www.wired.com/story/solar-storm-internet-apocalypse-undersea-cables/).

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