

Thunderstorm Types



Thunderstorm Type	Other Names	Wind Threat	Hail Threat	Tornado Threat	Heavy Rain Threat
Single Cell	Simple Pulse Garden Variety	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate
Pulse Severe Single Cell	Pulse Isolated	Minimal to Moderate	Minimal to Moderate	Minimal	Moderate
Linear	Squall Line Bow Echo LEWP	Moderate to High	Moderate	Moderate	Minimal to Moderate
Supercell	Mesocyclone HP or LP Low Top	High	High	High to Extreme	High
Hybrid	Derecho MCS, MCC	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	Moderate to High

This table is only an approximation of the threat level for each parameter.

The condition of the atmosphere will determine what type of weather actually occurs.



Convective Outlooks (http://www.spc.noaa.gov)



Day 1 This is the risk of severe weather today through early morning of the following day. Day 1 forecasts are issued five times daily; 0600z (around midnight), 1300z (around sunrise), 1630z (mid-morning), 2000z (mid-afternoon), and 0100z (early evening).

Day 1 Probability to Categorical Outlook Conversion

⁽SIGNIFICANT SEVERE area needed where denoted by hatching otherwise default to next lower category)

Outlook Probability	TORN	WIND	HAIL
2%	SEE TEXT	NOT USED	NOT USED
5%	SLGT	SEE TEXT	SEE TEXT
10%	SLGT	NOT USED	NOT USED
15%	MDT	SLGT	SLGT
30%	HIGH	SLGT	SLGT
45%	HIGH	MDT	MDT
60%	HIGH	HIGH	MDT

Day 2 Probability to Categorical Outlook Conversion

⁽SIGNIFICANT SEVERE area needed where denoted by hatching otherwise default to next lower category)

Outlook Probability	Combined TORN, WIND, and HAIL	
5%	SEE TEXT	
15%	SLGT	
30%	SLGT	
45%	MDT	
60%	HIGH	

Day 3 Probability to Categorical Outlook Conversion

(SIGNIFICANT SEVERE area needed where denoted by hatching otherwise default to next lower category)

Outlook Probability	Combined TORN, WIND, and HAIL
5%	SEE TEXT
15%	SLGT
30%	SLGT
45%	MDT

Days 4-8 A severe weather area depicted in the Day 4-8 period indicates a 30% or higher probability for severe thunderstorms (e.g. a 30% chance that a severe thunderstorm will occur within 25 miles of any point).

Day 2 Day 2 continues from the ending of Day 1 (tomorrow morning) for the next 24 hours. These are issued twice daily; 1:00 a.m. (both CST/CDT) and 1730z (around noon).

Day 3 This is the forecast for the subsequent 24 hours. Day 3 forecasts are issued daily by 2:30 a.m. central time (0830z on standard time and 0730z on daylight time).