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NWS Partners and Users Heat Webinar

April 20, 2023

NWS Public Weather Services Program

















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Opening Remarks













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Today's Speakers

















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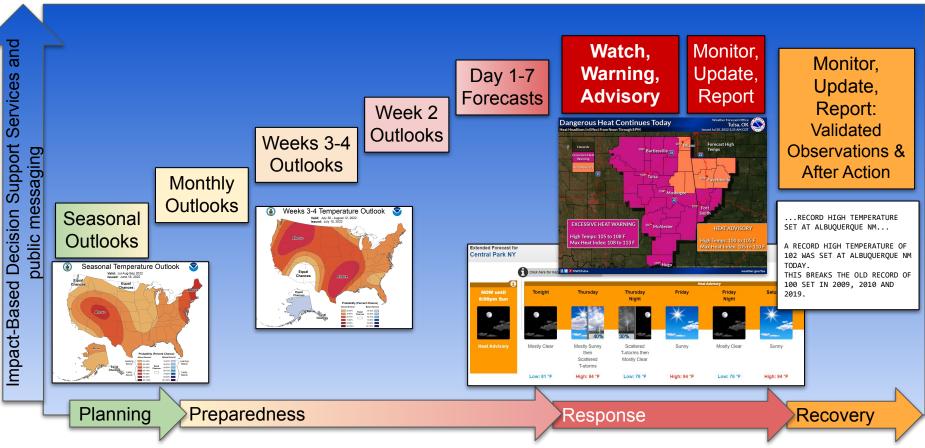








National Weather Service







CPC = Climate Prediction Center

Mission: CPC delivers real-time products and information that predict and describe climate variations on timescales from weeks to years thereby promoting effective management of climate risk and a climate-resilient society.

WPC = Weather Prediction Center

Mission: To synthesize the nation's daily weather story and champion the operational prediction of rain storms, winter storms, and extreme temperature events for the protection of life and property.

WFO = local Weather Forecast Office

122 local offices across the country providing local forecasts, impact-based decision support, watch, warning, and advisories for the protection of life and property.







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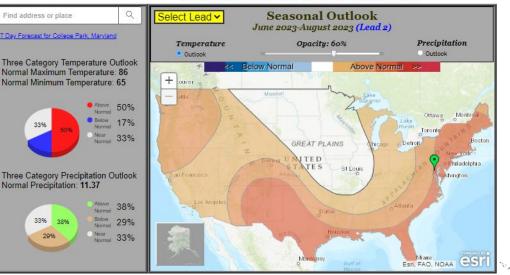


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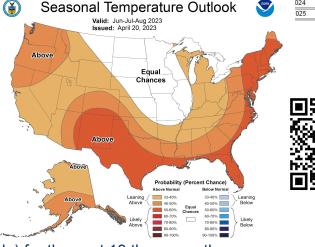
Seasonal Outlook

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/ https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/interactive/index.php

INTERACTIVE DISPLAY - UPDATED: 20 APR 2023









- Outlooks released every 3rd Thursday of the month (top right table) for the next 13 three-month seasons
- Forecasts available in interactive GIS tool (left figure) or static graphics (right figure)
- Forecasts can only **loosely** be interpreted as increased/decreased likelihood of hot days relative to normal

These forecasts show the probability of seasonal average temperatures being above, near, or below normal!

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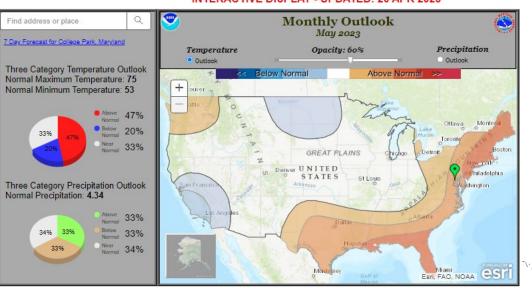
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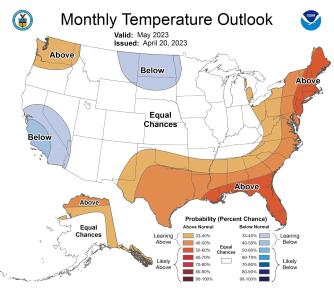
Monthly Outlook

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/ https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/lead14/interactive/index.php









- Outlooks for next month are released **twice** a month (third Thursday and last day)
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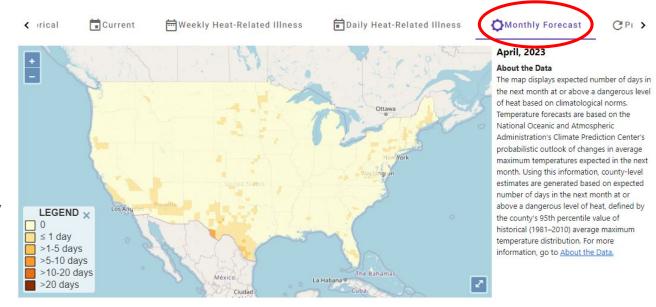


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CDC Heat and Health Tracker

- Monthly Outlook of dangerous heat days (defined as county's 95% percentile value)
- Uses CPC Monthly **Temperature** Outlook



- Updates twice per month (third Thursday, and last day) with an outlook for the following month
- Available at https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/heatTracker/







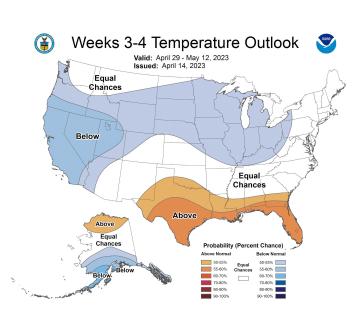
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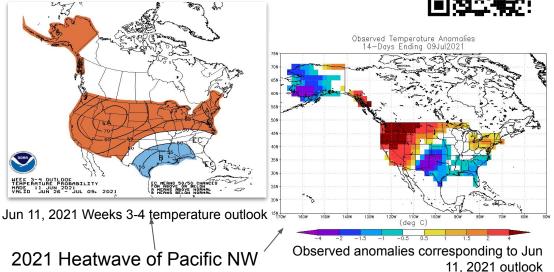
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Weeks 3-4 Outlook

Front page: "Week 3-4 Outlooks"; https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/WK34/









• The maps can more confidently be interpreted as increased/decreased likelihood of hot days relative to normal

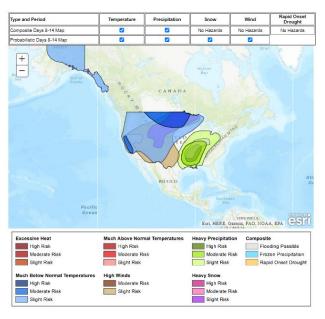
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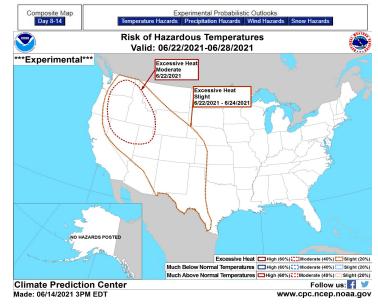




Week 2 US Hazards outlook

Front page: "8-14 Day U.S. Hazards Outlook"; https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/threats.php





- Download Day 8-14 KML Temperature Precipitation Snow Wind Rapid Onset Drought Probabilistic Temperature Probabilistic Excessive Heat Probabilistic Precipitation Probabilistic Snow Probabilistic Wind Hazards Forecast Archives Model Guidance Tools Probabilistic Extremes Tool
- Issued weekdays (M-F) at 3 PM in both interactive GIS interface (left) and as static graphics (middle)
- The temperature related hazards are 'Excessive Heat' and 'Much Above Normal Temperatures'
- Probabilities in three levels: high, moderate, slight
- The associated forecast discussion provides additional information on context and impacts

These forecasts show the probability of extreme temperatures in Week 2!

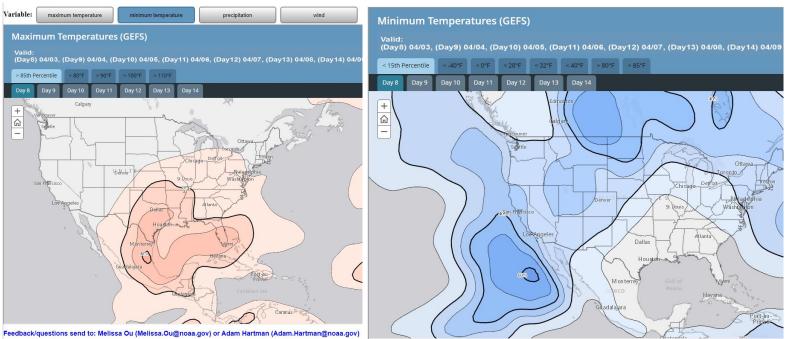






Week-2 Probabilistic Extremes tool

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/extremesTool.php





This is an interactive tool based on post-processed ensemble model output (GEFS). Probabilities are available by target date, maximum vs minimum temperatures and various thresholds. Thresholds both relative and absolute in nature.

These forecasts show the probability of individual days with extreme temperatures in Week-2!







Climate Key Messages

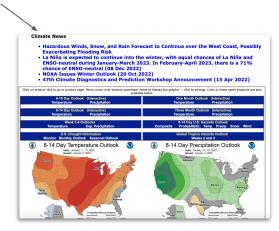
Key Messages are provided on the CPC Home Page under "Climate News" (when active)

Extreme Heat to Continue to Impact the Central U.S. Next Week

Drought to Rapidly Develop in Some Areas

| Upper-level high pressure is forecast to expand over the central U.S. during week-2 resulting in hot and humid conditions coinciding with the hottest time of year climatologically (a).

| Temperatures are favored to range from the mid-90s to the mid-100s with heat index values ranging from 100 – 110 degrees.
| Greatest odds for the highest temperatures and impacts are for the central and southern Great Plains and Mississippi Valley (c).
| Timing: July 22 – July 28, but may persist through the remainder of July (into Week-3 time period).





July (into Week-3 time period).

The excessive heat combined with current antecedent conditions.





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and little rainfall forecast **(b)** is likely to lead to rapid development of drought conditions in the Central and Southern Plains and the

Impacts to human health may be widespread and substantial agricultural impacts on crops and livestock are likely.

Middle and Lower Mississippi Valley (d).



Key Messages - Future Evolution

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- CPC and WPC are working together to define procedures for issuing joint CPC/WPC key messages for impactful extreme heat events that span the Week-1 and Week-2 interface



 This will ensure that our public, impact-based messaging is event driven, and that the NWS is providing our users with a unified, actionable message



We plan to seek public comment on the current iteration of our Key Messages product;
 stay tuned for this opportunity to provide your feedback!





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WPC Temp Forecasts & Resources



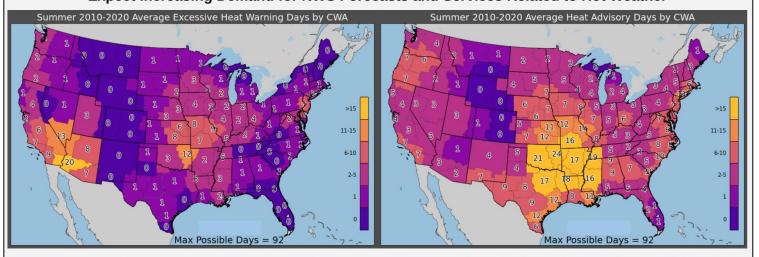
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Heat is a Big Deal! Expect Increasing Demand for NWS Forecasts and Services Related to Hot Weather



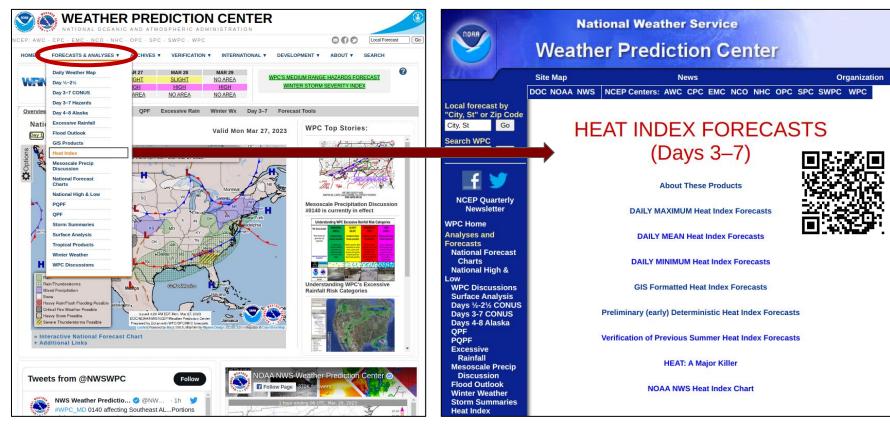
How does NWS consistently deliver expertise to inform the public about the hazards associated with heat? What can WPC do to better position the NWS in this important endeavour?







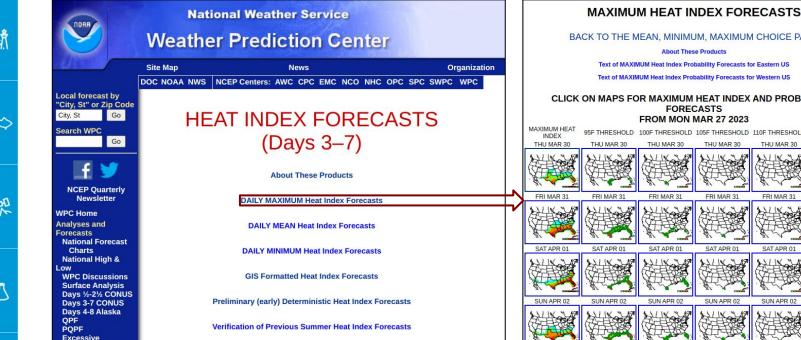
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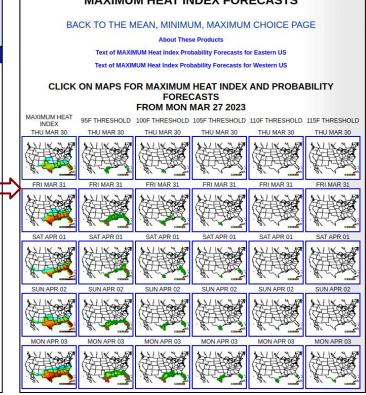






HEAT: A Major Killer

NOAA NWS Heat Index Chart







Rainfall

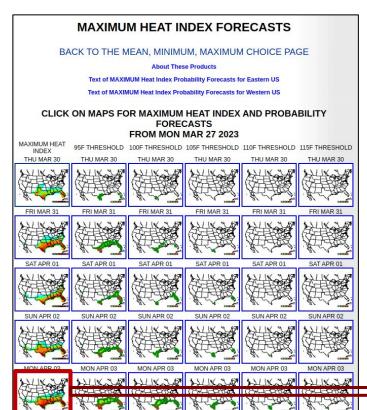
Mesoscale Precip Discussion Flood Outlook

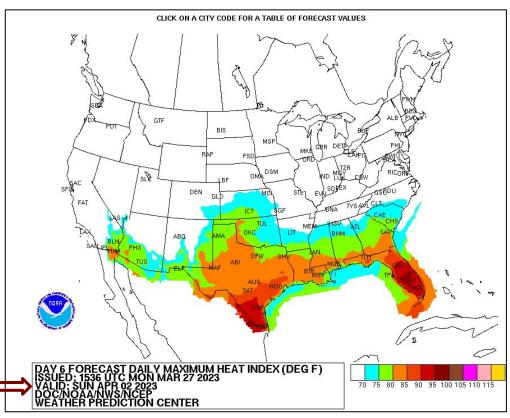
Winter Weather **Storm Summaries Heat Index**



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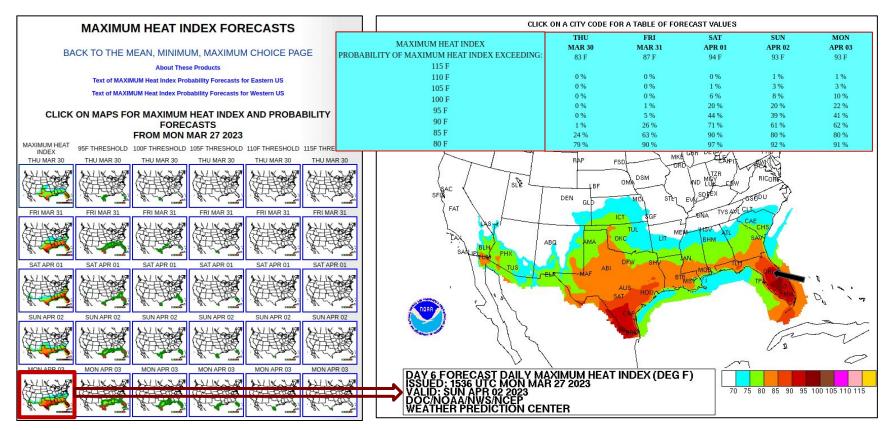
WPC Temp Forecasts & Resources













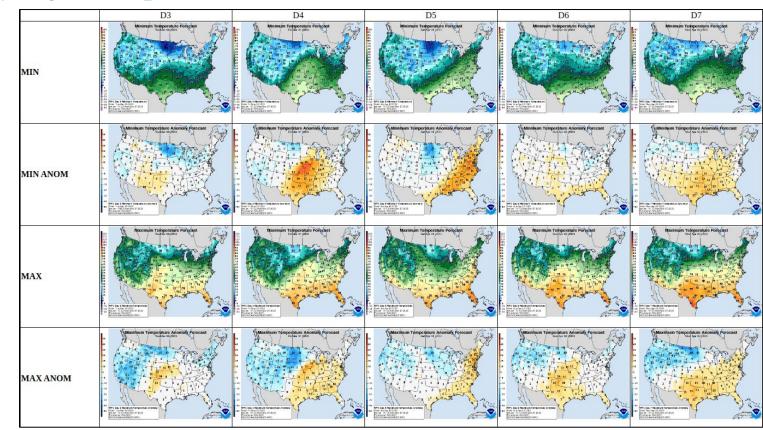


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Medium Range Temp Forecasts (Days 3-7)





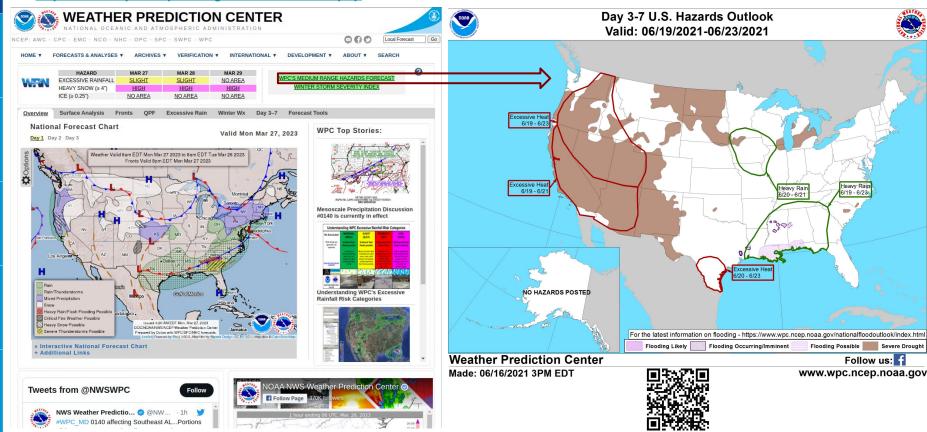




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WPC Temp Forecasts & Resources

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php







https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/#page=tls





Change in weather parameters (temperature, dewpoint, surface pressure, etc) over the last 1/3/6/24 hours. Data is provided from the Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA) or the Rapid Refresh (RAP).

GEFS Probabilities



Plots of GEFS probabilistic forecast of precipitation, temperature, and sea-level pressure exceeding various thresholds.

Local Storm Reports



Custom plots of Local Storm Reports across the Contiguous United States. Reports include rain, snow, ice, and severe weather, as well as other significant information from storm

Experimental Extreme Precipitation Monitor



Displays the climatological significance of precipitation forecast by WPC. The climatological significance is represented by Average Recurrence Intervals (ARIs) of precipitation estimates from NOAA Atlas-14 and

Ensemble Situational Awareness Table



An interactive situational awareness table that displays anomalies. percentiles, and return intervals from the GEFS, NAEFS, and ECMWF Ensembles (login required to view ECMWF data).

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Interactive display of where

NDFD Forecast Temperature Records



temperatures could approach or exceed records within the contiguous U.S. (based on NDFD temperature forecasts)

NWS NDFD Max/Min Temperatures and Departure from Normal



Displays Days 1-7 NDFD maximum and minimum temperatures, along with their respective departures from climatology.

Prototype Snowband Probability Forecasts



An interactive tool that depicts areas of heavy snowfall from individual members of high-resolution short range ensemble forecasts.

Weather in Context Prototype



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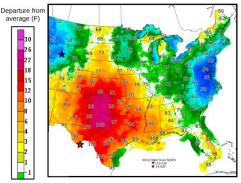
Early-Season Heat Wave Forecast Through Next Week

Heat Wave will expand from the Plains into the Mississippi Valley, Midwest, and Northeast. Highs are forecast to break daily records for some locations.

NWS NDFD MAX High Temperature (F) and Departure from Average (Fill)

Forecast Record or Near-Record MAX High Temperatures (F)

Sunday May 8th





Atmospheric Administration

For more information go to: www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov and www.weather.gov Weather Prediction Center College Park, MD









1/3/6/24-hr Changes

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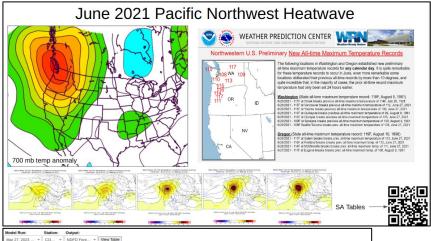
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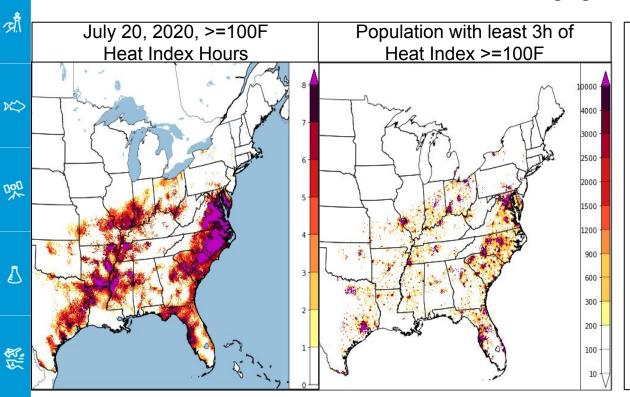








Future Heat Wave Visualization, Messaging, & Talking Points



WPC developed **talking points** and social media **key messages** during some of the more significant heat outbreaks of 2021.

Information included:

- Pop. Statistics in WWA
- Temp Records and Context
- Heat and its Impacts FAQ
- NWS Safety Messaging

WPC resources for the field (Forecast Tools Page):

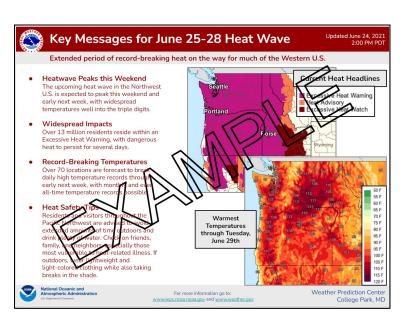
- Situational Awareness Tables
- NDFD Max/Min Records Page
- Weather in Context Viewer

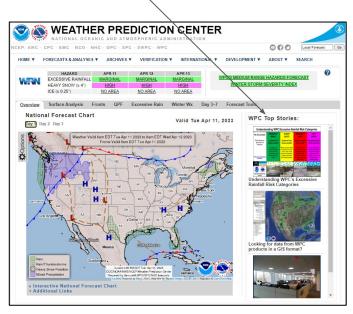




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WFO Routine Forecast Products

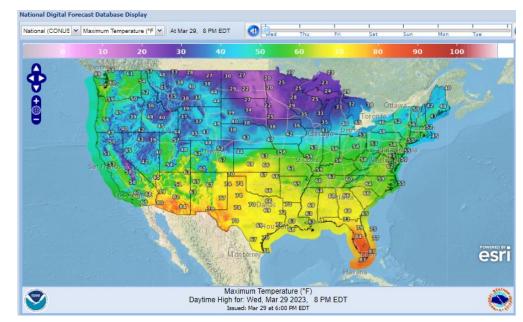






- Graphical forecasts of 2.5km x 2.5km resolution
- Forecast out to 7 days:
 - Max and Min Temperatures
 - Hourly Temperatures, Dewpoints, and Relative Humidity
 - Sustained Wind Speed/Direction, and Gusts
 - Sky Cover (clouds)
 - Probability of Precipitation (%)
 - Amount of Precipitation (QPF)
 - Apparent Temperature (Heat Index or Wind Chill)
 - Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)
 - Other elements as appropriate e.g. Snowfall Amount, Wave Height, etc.

https://digital.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/







Weather.gov



WFO pages











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WFO Routine Forecast Products



Zone Forecast Product for Southern New England National Weather Service Boston/Norton MA 700 AM EDT Mon Jul 18 2022

MAZ015-182000-Suffolk MA-Including the city of Boston 700 AM EDT Mon Jul 18 2022

- .TODAY...Cloudy with a chance of showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.
- .TONIGHT...Cloudy. A chance of showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening, then a chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds and heavy rainfall in the evening. Humid with lows in the lower 70s. South winds around 15 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.
- .TUESDAY...Partly sunny in the morning, then clearing. Warmer with highs in the lower 90s. West winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.
- .TUESDAY NIGHT...Mostly clear. Humid with lows in the lower 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Gusts up to 20 mph in the evening.
- .WEDNESDAY...Sunny, hot with highs in the mid 90s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.
- .WEDNESDAY NIGHT...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s.
- .THURSDAY...Partly sunny with a chance of showers. Hot with highs in the lower 90s. Chance of rain 40 percent. Heat index values up to 100.
- .THURSDAY NIGHT...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.
- .FRIDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT...Clear, hot. Highs around 90. Lows in the lower 70s.
- .SATURDAY...Sunny, hot with highs in the lower 90s.
- .SATURDAY NIGHT...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.
- .SUNDAY...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers. Hot with highs around 90.







Outlooks: Days 1-7

Text based HWO

Hazardous Weather Outlook National Weather Service Wilmington NC 1889 PM EDT Wed Jul 27 2822

NCZ110-290215-Coastal Brunswick-

1009 PM EDT Wed Jul 27 2022

...MODERATE RISK OF RIP CURRENTS IN EFFECT FROM 6 AM EDT THURSDAY THROUGH THURSDAY EVENING...

...HEAT ADVISORY IN EFFECT FROM NOON TO 7 PM EDT THURSDAY...

This Hazardous Weather Outlook is for southeast North Carolina.

.DAY ONE...Tonight.

No hazardous weather is expected at this time.

.DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...Thursday through Tuesday.

Please listen to NOAA Weather Radio or go to weather.gov on the Internet for more information about the following hazards.

Moderate Risk of Rip Currents. Heat Advisory.

Heat indices of 105F to 109F are likely Thursday through Saturday.

Experimental Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook (gHWO)

Example: https://www.weather.gov/erh/ghwo?wfo=psr



Risk Level	Category	Definition
	None	No Excessive Heat Risk.
	Limited	Heat exhaustion possible with prolonged exposure.
	Elevated	Heat exhaustion likely with prolonged exposure. Heat stroke possible.
	Significant	Heat exhaustion or heat stroke likely with prolonged exposure.
	Extreme	$\label{thm:conditions} \mbox{Dangerously hot conditions could quickly result in heat exhaustion or heat stroke.}$









WFO Watch, Warning, Advisory

https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat-ww



औ	Excessive Heat

Conditions favorable for an excessive heat event to meet/exceed local heat warning criteria in the next 24 to 72 hrs



Advisory

Watch

Heat

days. Generally **North**: HI>100 **South**: HI>105, and Min nighttime lows >/=75



Excessive Heat Warning

Heat Index values forecast to meet or exceed locally defined warning criteria for at

Heat Index values forecast to meet/exceed local heat advisory criteria for 1 to 2

least 2 days.

Generally **North**: HI>105 **South**: HI >110

Min nighttime lows >/=75



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Strongly encourage local forecast offices to work with local partners, especially public health partners, to adjust criteria to reflect local impacts







Successful Collaboration Adjusting Criteria

Post Hurricane Laura 2020

With nearly 100% of customers without power NWS offices reached out to the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to validate the need for lowered criteria



New England / Northeast 2016-2017

Multi-year effort to set Heat Advisory criteria that better reflect health impacts



NWS Offices serving New England worked with Northeast Health Departments and NE Heat Consortium 2016-2017











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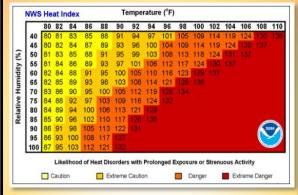






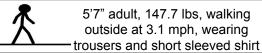
NWS Forecast Tools used to assess Heat

Heat Index

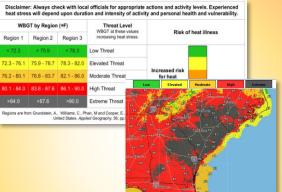


Heat stress in context for general public.

- Relatively simple: T + RH
- Light physical activity in shade



Wet Bulb Globe Temperature



Heat stress in context for healthy, active outdoor communities.

- More Complex: T + RH + wind + solar radiation
- High levels of physical activity

Western Region HeatRisk Prototype

Category	Level	Meaning	Williams .
Green	0	No Elevated Risk	
Yellow	1	Low Risk for those extremely sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration	1
Orange	2	Moderate Risk for those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration	
Red	3	High Risk for much of the population, especially those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration	
Magenta		Very High Risk for entire population due to long duration heat, with little to no relief overnight	

Heat forecasts in climatological context with CDC-based health impact messaging.

- How significantly above normal the temperatures are
- Messaging can target more sensitive/vulnerable groups





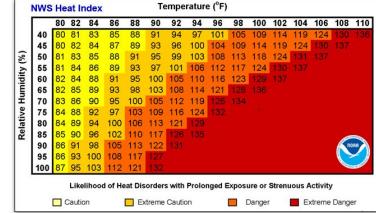


Heat Index

- Derived from Steadman's work and simplified by Lans Rothfusz
- Traditional measurement of Heat stress due to high temperatures and high humidity. Includes several (21) parameters and assumptions such as:
 - body mass & height
 - clothing
 - physical activity
- heat tolerance
- sunlight and UV exposure
- wind speed

5'7" adult, 147.7 lbs, walking outside at 3.1 mph, wearing trousers and short sleeved shirt













What is it?

- Estimates the effect of temperature, humidity, wind, and solar radiation on the human body
- Effective indicator of heat stress for active populations

	WBGT	HEAT INDEX
Measured in the sun	•	•
Measured in the shade	0	•
Uses temperature		•
Uses relative humidity	•	•
Uses wind	•	0
Uses cloud cover	•	•
Uses sun angle		











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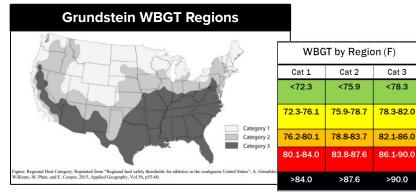
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What are the benefits?

- Particularly useful for outdoor workers, athletes, people exercising or active outdoors, etc.
- Can help establish guidelines for activity modifications during exercise or outdoor work







Experimental Heat Tools

Meaning

especially those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or

adequate hydration

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What does it take into account?

- How above normal temps are for a location
- Time of the year
- Duration of unusual heat
- Overnight temps
- Difference between lows and highs

What are the benefits?

- Helps people understand what forecasted heat means to them
- Provides heat risk guidance for decision makers and heat sensitive populations who may need to take action below NWS heat product levels





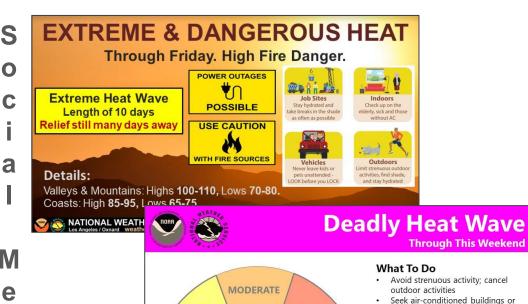


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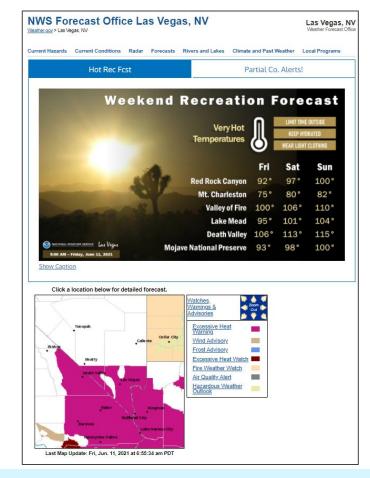


Event Messaging



HeatRisk

Weather Stories







NONE

LOW

operate air-conditioning, despite

financial costs Check-in on family/friends Prepare for hot overnight

temperatures
Drink before you're thirsty

In an emergency, call 911

VERY

HIGH

Interact With Us NWSPhoenix Weather.Gov/PSR @NWSPhoenix You Tipp NWSPhoenix



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Outreach & Engagement Materials



Seasonal Safety Campaigns

https://www.weather.gov/safetycampaign



Agency collaborations: OSHA messaging in NWS heat products

Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safetv and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 9 1 1.

Heat Safety Website

https://www.weather.gov/heat





Heat Safety Resources

Heat Safety

Children, Pets and Vehicles Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Games and Activities for Kids Education and Outreach

Links and Partners





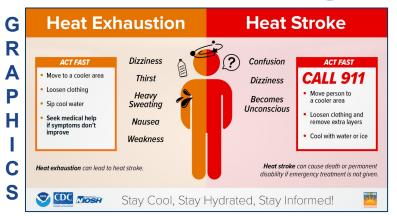






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Links:

Climate Prediction Center Homepage https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/

Weather Prediction Center Homepage https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/

National Weather Service https://www.weather.gov/

NWS Heat Safety https://www.weather.gov/heat

Federal Heat Health Information Hub https://www.heat.gov/

CDC Heat & Health Tracker https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/heatTracker/

