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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 25, 2026

2026 Tornado Season Forecast

- The 2026 severe weather season is about to ramp up, and forecasters say that it may look different than last spring's headline-grabbing tornado outbreaks.
- Last spring delivered exceptional tornado activity, with nearly two-thirds of the year's tornadoes occurring from March through May.

AccuWeather Exclusive Forecast		TORNADO FORECAST			
2026		MARCH	APRIL	MAY	YEARLY TOTAL
2026 Forecast	75-150	150-225	200-275	1,050-1,250	
Historical Average 1991-2020	80	182	268	1,225	
2025 *Preliminary	300	352	332	1,544*	

- This year, long-range forecasters expect tornado counts to be around the historical average.
- A key factor is the expected quick exit of La Niña, which can reduce how often the atmosphere locks into classic tornado-producing setups.
- As La Niña conditions fade, weather patterns will be more conducive for thunderstorm development, raising the risks of large hail, winds over 60 mph and tornadoes.
- The most consistent corridor for severe weather episodes this spring is expected to set up in the typical areas from the eastern Plains into the mid-Mississippi Valley and western Ohio Valley, especially during March and April.
- Long-range forecasters predict 1,050 to 1,250 tornadoes across the United States this year.
- That compares to 1,544 preliminary tornado reports in 2025.
- The historical average for tornadoes in the U.S. is 1,225.

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
IL*	Severe Storms and Flooding July 25 - 28, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	3 Counties
WA	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides/Mudslides. Dec 5-22, 2025	1/21/2026	Pending	10 Counties
TN	Severe Winter Storm Jan 22 & continuing	1/28/2026	Pending	23 Counties

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MS	Severe Winter Storm Jan 23-27, 2026	2/3/2026	Pending	36 Counties

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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
	N/A			

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