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Severe Weather Outlook

- At least 15 states and over 65 million people in central US will be at risk of an outbreak of violent thunderstorms that will unleash everything from damaging winds to tornadoes on Friday, AccuWeather meteorologists warn.
- The area highlighted by forecasters is a massive swath of the country that extends from Texas to Alabama in the South to areas farther north such as Wisconsin and Michigan.
- The AccuWeather forecast team raised Friday's risk of severe weather from moderate to a high level prior to the middle of the week, a sign of growing concern for the potential damage the storms could cause.
- "While all modes of severe weather are likely during Friday's outbreak, there is a likelihood of
 widespread damaging winds from the storm with at least several tornadoes likely to be on the
 ground," AccuWeather Chief On-Air Meteorologist Bernie Rayno said. "The storms will move
 along at a fast pace."
- The forward speed of the storms may be between 40 and 60 mph, which means there may be little time to take shelter.
- The area forecasters say is under a high risk extends from parts of eastern Iowa and southwestern Wisconsin to portions of northern Arkansas and western Tennessee.
- Major cities that are likely to be hit with severe thunderstorms capable of generating a tornado include St. Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee.
- In addition to the likelihood of damaging wind and the possibility of a tornado in the strongest storms, there is the potential for large hail, frequent lightning strikes and brief torrential downpours as well.
- The severe storms will likely push through St. Louis on Friday afternoon but may not hit Memphis and Indianapolis until after dark. Potent thunderstorms are likely to swing through Detroit and Nashville late in the evening.
- For parts of Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan, this is likely to be the first round of severe weather of the season.





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Declaration Request Kentucky

- A powerful storm system swept across western Kentucky on March 3rd, leaving a trail of damage, reports of two tornadoes, five people dead and hundreds of thousands of people without power.
- McCracken County Judge-Executive Craig Clymer declared a State of Emergency for the county after the tornado touched down in the small community of Freemont, located south of Paducah near the Graves-McCracken County line.
- Clymer said approximately 100 homes were damaged, and as many as 15 homes were destroyed.
- Governor Beshear said that an EF-2 tornado touched down and stayed on the ground for about a mile and a half in this area, with winds of up to 125 mph and a width of about 175 yards.
- On March 29th, the Governor of Kentucky requested a major disaster declaration for severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred March 3-4, 2023.
- He is requesting individual assistance for 6 counties: Christian, Hart, Marion, McCracken, Simpson, and Trigg.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
СА	Severe Weather & Flooding March 9 & continuing	9	0	3/18-TBD			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
WV	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (Appeal)	1/27/2023	Pending	2 Counties			
CA	Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides/Mudslides	3/28/2023	Pending	7 Counties			
KY	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides/Mudslides	3/29/2023	Pending	6 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			
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	188	11/21/2022			
4673 FL	Hurricane lan	26 Counties	179	1/12/2023			

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