

Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Outlook Categories							
LEVEL	CATEGORY	DETAILS	SUMMARY	How many severe storms are possible?	How bad could the worst storms be?	DEFINITIONS	
	General Thunderstorm	Although severe weather is not expected, <i>all</i> thunderstorms can produce deadly lightning, gusty winds, and small hail.	No severe thunderstorms expected	<div></div>	Similar to storms your area experiences many times per year	Severe Storm	
				NoneNumerous		Any storm that contains at least one of the following:	
1	Marginal (MRGL)	Some storms could be capable of damaging winds and severe hail. Localized tornado threat could develop.	Isolated severe storms possible	<div></div>	Similar to storms your area may experience several times per year	Wind gusts of at least 58 mph	
				NoneNumerous		Hail at least one inch in diameter	
2	Slight (SLGT)	Increased confidence that some storms will contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornado potential. <i>A few severe storms could be significant</i>	Isolated to scattered severe storms expected	<div></div>	Similar to storms your area may experience a few times per year	Tornado	
				NoneNumerous			
3	Enhanced (ENH)	High confidence that several storms will contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornadoes. <i>Several severe storms could be significant</i>	Scattered to numerous severe storms expected	<div></div>	Similar to intense storms your area may only experience once or twice per year	Significant Severe	
				NoneNumerous		Any of the following hazards:	
4	Moderate (MDT)	High confidence that many storms will contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornadoes. <i>Several severe storms likely to be significant</i>	Scattered to numerous severe storms expected	<div></div>	Similar to intense storms your area may only experience once per year or less	Wind gusts of at least 75 mph	
				NoneNumerous		Hail at least two inches in diameter	
5	High (HIGH)	High confidence that an outbreak of storms will contain tornadoes, damaging winds, and/or severe hail. <i>Tornado outbreak and/or widespread damaging winds</i>	Numerous severe storms expected	<div></div>	Very intense storms your area may only experience once or twice in a lifetime	Tornado of at least EF-2 rating	
				NoneNumerous			

