

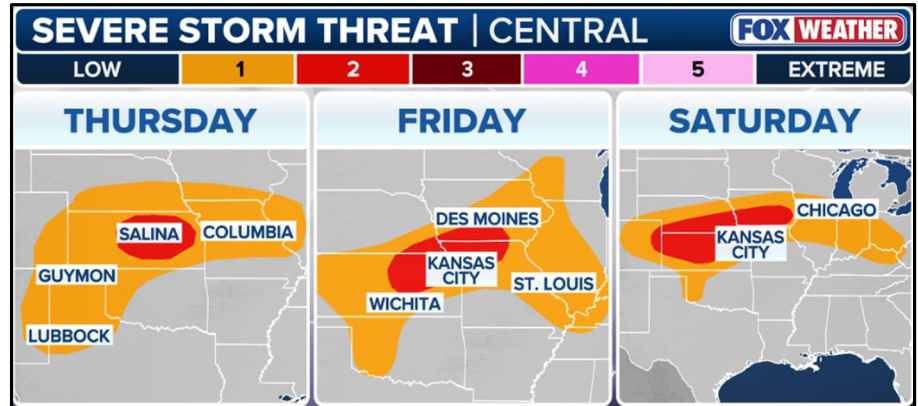
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## Severe Storm Threat Central U.S.

- The chance for new severe storm development is taking shape across the Great Plains and Midwestern U.S. through the weekend.
- Regions such as central Kansas, including Wichita, are under a Level 2 out of 5 risk of severe thunderstorms, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- The first round of storms will begin Thursday afternoon as waves of weaker storms move out of the Rockies and into the Central Plains.
- An area of high pressure will assist with pumping increasing amounts of Gulf moisture northward.
- Friday will be similar to Thursday, with a threat in place for the same areas, and hail and strong winds being the primary threats.
- The multi-day event will continue through Saturday as the system moves out of the Rockies and towards the Great Plains.
- Supercells are expected to consolidate by Saturday evening, with all hazards remaining on the table, including hail up to 3 inches, damaging wind gusts and the chance of a tornado or two.
- With heavier rain moving into portions of northern Missouri and Iowa, a low-end flash flooding risk will develop into Saturday.



## Preliminary Damage Assessments

### Michigan

- State and federal officials began a preliminary assessment Tuesday to evaluate damage from last month's extreme weather and flooding.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Michigan State Police were going door to door around half a dozen counties, the first step in potentially unlocking federal assistance for Northern Michigan homeowners.
- "We are visiting the hardest hit areas that have already been assessed by locals," said Lauren Thompson with MSP's Emergency Management Division. "We are going back in and validating damages that have been reported."
- The damage and impact data will be used to determine whether specific disasters meet criteria to warrant a governor's request for a federal disaster declaration and FEMA individual assistance.

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- The state is asking for an extension until June 26 for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to send her request. This is the largest joint preliminary damage assessment in state history, Thompson said.
- It could still be weeks or months before a final determination is made, and state officials say they plan to submit their determination by late June.
- Crews will be verifying damage reports starting from April 10 when the State of Emergency was activated for rising water on the Mullet Lake watershed and Cheboygan Lock and Dam Complex in Northern Michigan.
- This time period also includes nine tornadoes that touched down April 15-16. That storm left clusters of damage behind in Montcalm and Allegan counties as well as Saginaw and Ann Arbor.

## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
MI	Severe Storms / Tornadoes / Flooding Apr 10	44	0	5/11 - TBD
MO	Severe Storms Apr 23-28	6	0	5/12 - TBD

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Requests

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MI	Severe Storm & Tornadoes March 6, 2026	4/1/2026	Pending	3 Counties

\*Award of task order to contractor pending

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4899 - MS	Severe Winter Storm	36 Counties	26	6/10/2026
4909 - HI	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides/Mud-slides	3 Counties	22	6/14/2026

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