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WSP USA FIELD SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 21, 2026

2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season - Update

- El Niño is poised to become one of the strongest in history, a major factor expected to limit tropical activity through the rest of the Atlantic hurricane season.
- AccuWeather now forecasts eight to 11 named storms, three to four hurricanes and one to two major hurricanes during the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season. This is lower than the initial forecast issued in March, which called for 11-16 named storms. Despite the lower seasonal forecast, the expected number of direct U.S. impacts remains unchanged at three to five.
- So far in 2026, three tropical storms have formed in the Atlantic basin. Arthur and Bertha both made landfall along the Gulf Coast, while Cristobal was short-lived over the open Atlantic.
- The season is running behind several historical benchmarks. On average, the first Atlantic hurricane develops by Aug. 11, and the fourth named storm forms by Aug. 15. The average date for the season's first major hurricane is Sept. 1.
- AccuWeather hurricane experts have very high confidence that Super El Niño conditions will develop during the second half of the hurricane season. It is becoming increasingly likely to be the strongest El Niño on record since at least 1950.
- "While those atmospheric conditions can reduce the overall number of tropical storms and hurricanes, they do not eliminate the threat to the United States," DaSilva added. "Exceptionally warm waters near part of the U.S. coastline can provide fuel for tropical systems that develop close to land, raising concerns about rapid intensification and leaving people and businesses with less time to prepare."
- Residents along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts should remain vigilant because more storms could still directly impact the United States this season.
- The northern and eastern Gulf Coast and the Carolinas are areas at higher-than-historical-average risk of direct impacts this season. The northeastern Caribbean is also at increased risk.



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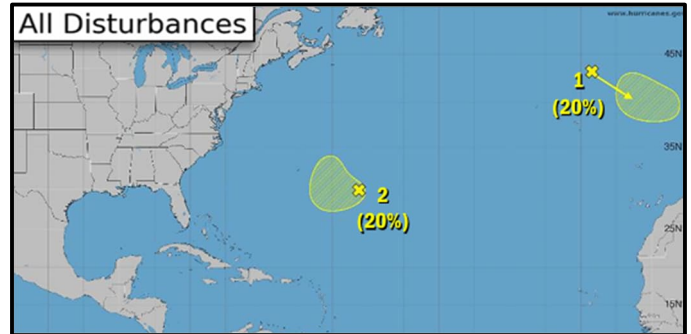
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Tropical Activity – Atlantic

Disturbance 1

- Located over northeastern Atlantic.
- Could acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics on Saturday or early Sunday.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Low (20%)



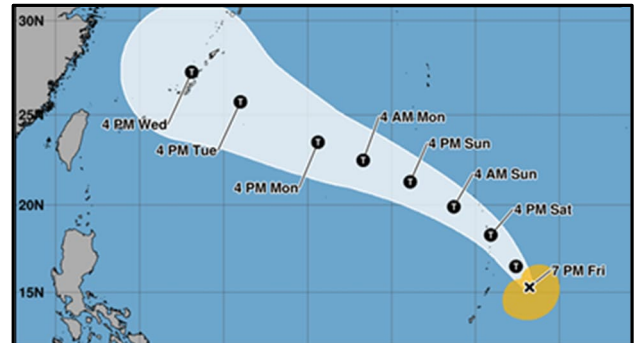
Disturbance 2

- Located over the central subtropical Atlantic a few hundred miles ESE of Bermuda.
- Development of this system, if any, is expected to be slow to occur while it drifts WSW through Sunday and then turns northward early next week.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (20%)

Tropical Activity – Western Pacific

Tropical Storm Saudel

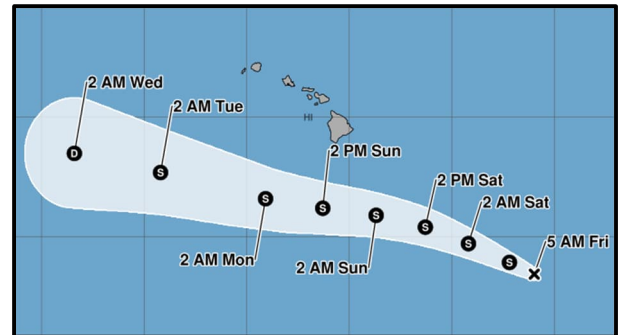
- Located 165 miles East of Saipan moving NW at 9 mph.
- Maximum sustained surface winds of 70 mph.
- Saudel is forecast to intensify through tonight possibly becoming typhoon.
- Will pass through far Northern Mariana Islands tomorrow as a CAT-3 typhoon.
- Early model guidance estimates suggest 4-8" of rainfall falling Sunday night through Thursday across Guam and Rota, and 3-7" across Saipan and Tinian. Locally higher amounts will be possible.



Tropical Activity – Central Pacific

Tropical Depression Two-C

- Located 780 miles SE of Hilo Hawaii moving WNW at 10 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds of 35 mph.
- The center of the system is expected to pass south of the Big Island of Hawaii this weekend, then the smaller main Hawaiian Islands by early next week.
- Gradual strengthening is forecast over the couple of days, and the depression is forecast to become a tropical storm on Friday.

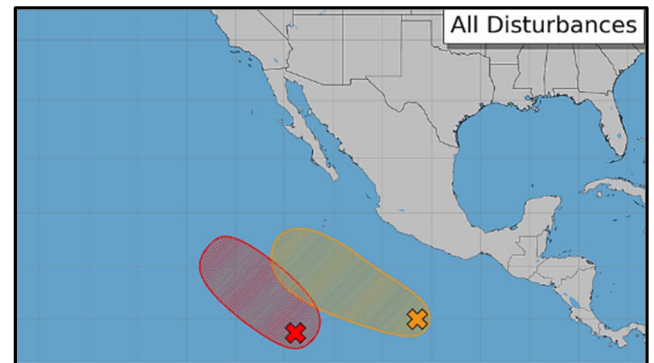


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Tropical Activity – Eastern Pacific Disturbance 1

- Located a few hundred miles south of the coast of SW Mexico.
- Moving WNW and could become a tropical depression over the weekend or early next week.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Med (50%)



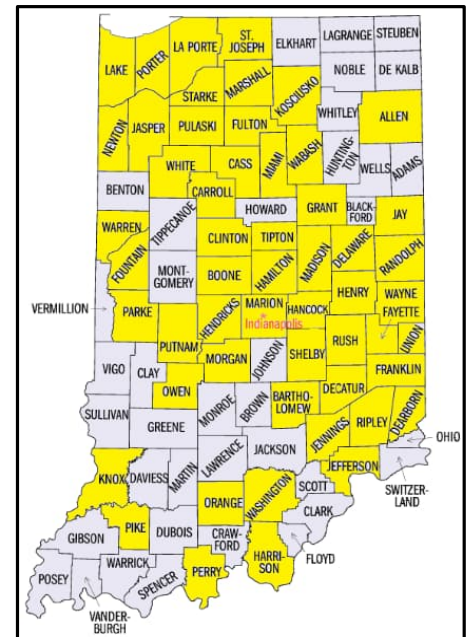
Disturbance 2

- Located several hundred miles south of the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula.
- A tropical depression is likely to form this weekend or early next week while the system moves WNW or NW at 5 to 10 mph.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Med (60%); 7-day: High (80%)

Disaster Declaration Request

Indiana

- Indiana has experienced a major, multi-day severe weather and flooding event beginning August 11, 2026, with the most serious impacts occurring across northern and central Indiana.
- Starting on August 11 a powerful severe thunderstorm complex moved across northern Indiana, producing damaging straight-line winds, widespread tree and power-line damage, and structural damage. Wind gusts reached approximately 99 mph in Gary.
- Between August 11–17 repeated thunderstorms moved over portions of central Indiana, producing more than 11 inches of rainfall in some locations
- The White River reached record levels at several locations. At Noblesville, the river crested at approximately 23.96 feet, exceeding the previous record of 23.8 feet set during the historic 1913 flood.
- Hamilton County: More than 30 roads were closed because of flooding, with significant impacts in Noblesville, Atlanta, Arcadia, Jackson Township and White River Township.
- Homes in low-lying areas were inundated, with some residences suffering extensive water and mud damage and some reportedly considered total losses.
- Power outages have fallen significantly from a peak of more than 300,000 following the storms, though approximately 65,000 customers remained without power Thursday afternoon.
- State officials have reported at least seven storm-related deaths associated with the event.



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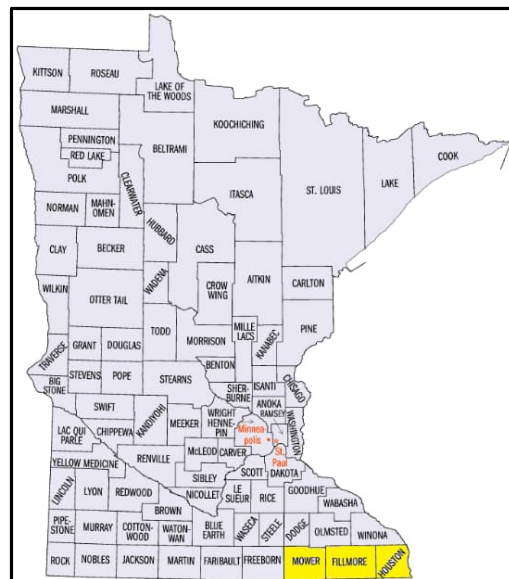
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- President Trump approved the emergency declaration on August 16.
- On August 20, Governor Mike Braun requested individual assistance for 53 counties in Indiana.

Minnesota

- Minnesota experienced two major rounds of severe weather during July 2–8, with the most significant impacts concentrated in southeastern Minnesota.
- Starting with extreme rainfall and flash flooding, followed by a July 6 severe-weather outbreak in northwestern/west-central Minnesota that included tornadoes, damaging winds and hail.
- Rainfall exceeded 6 inches across more than 1,000 square miles. Some locations received 8+ inches in roughly a 24-hour period.
- The flooding was particularly severe in Fillmore and Houston counties, where numerous streams rapidly overflowed. Mower County also experienced significant flash flooding, including water rescues at a campground.
- Spring Grove in Houston County reportedly received approximately 11 inches, overwhelming the storm sewer system. City officials estimated that 80–90% of Spring Grove experienced some type of damage.
- Fillmore County was one of the areas most heavily affected by the July 2 extreme rainfall. About 75% of the county's area received at least 6 inches of rain, with some locations receiving substantially more. Wykoff recorded about 5.7 inches, while Lanesboro and Harmony received nearly 5 inches during the initial event.
- On August 20, 2026, the Governor of Minnesota requested individual assistance for three counties (Fillmore, Houston and Mower).



Preliminary Damage Assessment Request

Ohio

- Gov. Mike DeWine is asking federal officials to begin storm-damage assessments in Ohio immediately, saying nearly two weeks of repeated storms in counties like Butler, Champaign and Clark and persistent rainfall have caused mounting damage across the state and could qualify communities for federal disaster assistance.
- The governor announced Thursday that he has requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration deploy joint assessment teams as soon as possible rather than waiting for the state's review process to conclude.
- According to the governor's office, Ohio has experienced repeated storm impacts since Aug. 10, with ongoing rainfall continuing to increase damage in affected areas.

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- If assessments determine damages meet federal thresholds, 18 counties would be eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program. Those counties are Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Darke, Franklin, Hamilton, Highland, Licking, Madison, Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, Preble and Washington.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
CO	Aspen Acres Fire June 19-TBD	2	0	7/28 - TBD
WI	Severe Weather and Tornadoes Jul 27	4	4	8/17 - 8/18
WA	Spokane Complex of Wildfires Aug 1 and continuing	2	0	8/21 - TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Requests

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
KY*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides June 17-30	7/23/26	Pending	14 Counties
TX*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding July 12 and continuing	7/24/26	Pending	30 Counties
IN*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding Jun 6-26	8/6/26	Pending	9 Counties
GU*	Super Typhoon Bavi Jul 2-12	8/11/26	Pending	Territory-wide
IN	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding Aug 11 and continuing	8/20/26	Pending	54 Counties
MN	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 2-8	8/20/26	Pending	3 Counties

*Award of task order to contractor pending

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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
4899 - MS	Severe Winter Storm	36 Counties	125	6/10/2026
4922 - MS	Severe Storm & Tornadoes	5 Counties	45	8/31/2026
4927 - LA	Tropical Storm Arthur	6 Parishes	42	10/1/2026
4930 - MS	Tropical Storm Arthur	4 Counties	15	10/3/2026

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

