

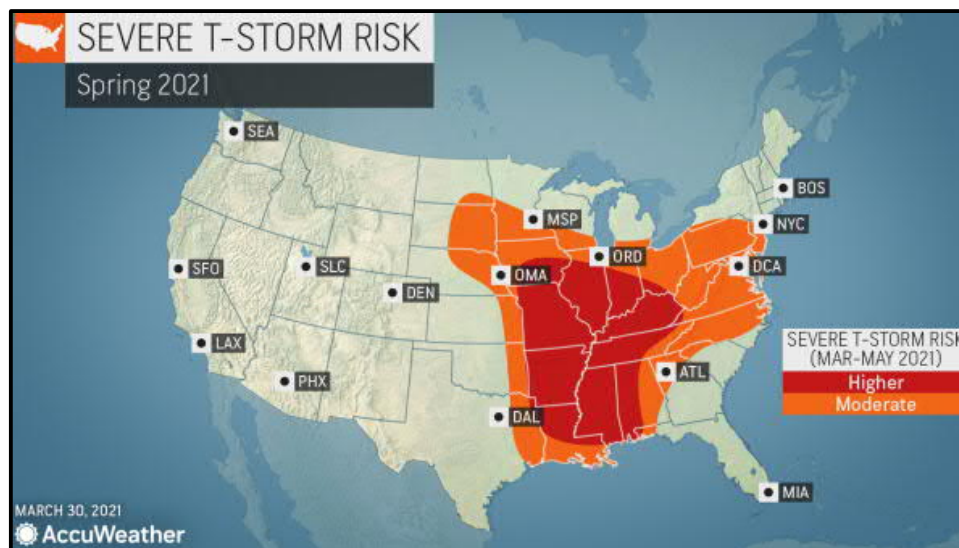
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April 6, 2021

2021 Tornado Season Outlook

- As the climatological peak of tornado season draws near in the United States, AccuWeather forecasters are warning that the season is just getting started.
- March, April and May are typically the most active in terms of tornadoes, but this year, April and May could be particularly dangerous as the ingredients come together for frequent outbreaks of severe weather.
- Many communities across the southeastern U.S. are still picking up the pieces from early-season storms, including in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, which were hit by back-to-back tornado outbreaks in March.
- This was only the second time that the National Weather Service (NWS) issued two 'high-risk' threats during the month of March, both of which were focused on the same region.
- The preliminary tornado count through March 31 stands at 207 across the U.S., according to the Storm Prediction Center (SPC), nearly half of which were reported during two outbreaks, one on March 17 and another on March 25.
- The 180 tornadoes in March easily eclipsed the three-year monthly average of 82 tornadoes, according to the SPC.
- AccuWeather forecasters are predicting 1,350 to 1,500 tornadoes to touch down across the country this year, which is slightly above the annual average of 1,383.
- That prediction is an increase from 2020 when a total of 1,245 tornadoes were observed, according to records kept by the SPC.
- With 207 tornado reports as of March 31, that number could easily triple or quadruple by the end of May, the month that typically features the highest number of tornadoes.
- Even though May is known for the number of twisters that touch down throughout the month, over the past three years, April has averaged more deadly tornadoes than any other month, according to the SPC. In April of 2020 alone, there were 13 tornadoes that turned deadly.



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Tornado Activity

Georgia

- Recovery efforts continue in Coweta County after last month's devastating EF-4 tornado tore through populated parts of Newnan. And a little over a week after the destructive storm, officials now have a better picture of the scope of the damage.
- On Monday, county and state emergency management agencies, along with Homeland Security, announced the findings of their initial damage assessment of the violent March 26 storm.
- Initial figures show the storm damaged more than 1,700 homes. Another 70 homes were completely destroyed; roughly 120 more had "major damage."
- This week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct its own damage assessments to determine if Newnan and the surrounding areas impacted by the tornado warrant a federal disaster declaration.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
GA	Severe Storms & Tornadoes March 25-26	1	0	4/6-TBD

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	126 Counties	43	4/20/2021

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