



Severe Weather Briefing #3

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For Northern Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania

Decision Support Briefing #3

→ As of 3:00 PM Friday, July 17, 2026

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Important Updates

- There is an Enhanced Risk of severe thunderstorms generally north and east of a Port Clinton to Canton line for Saturday.
- Strong to severe thunderstorms are likely Saturday late afternoon into early Saturday night. The best chances are from portions of North Central Ohio, across Northeast Ohio and into Northwest Pennsylvania.
 - ◆ All severe weather hazards possible with damaging winds most likely.
 - ◆ Storms may produce heavy rainfall and localized flash flooding.



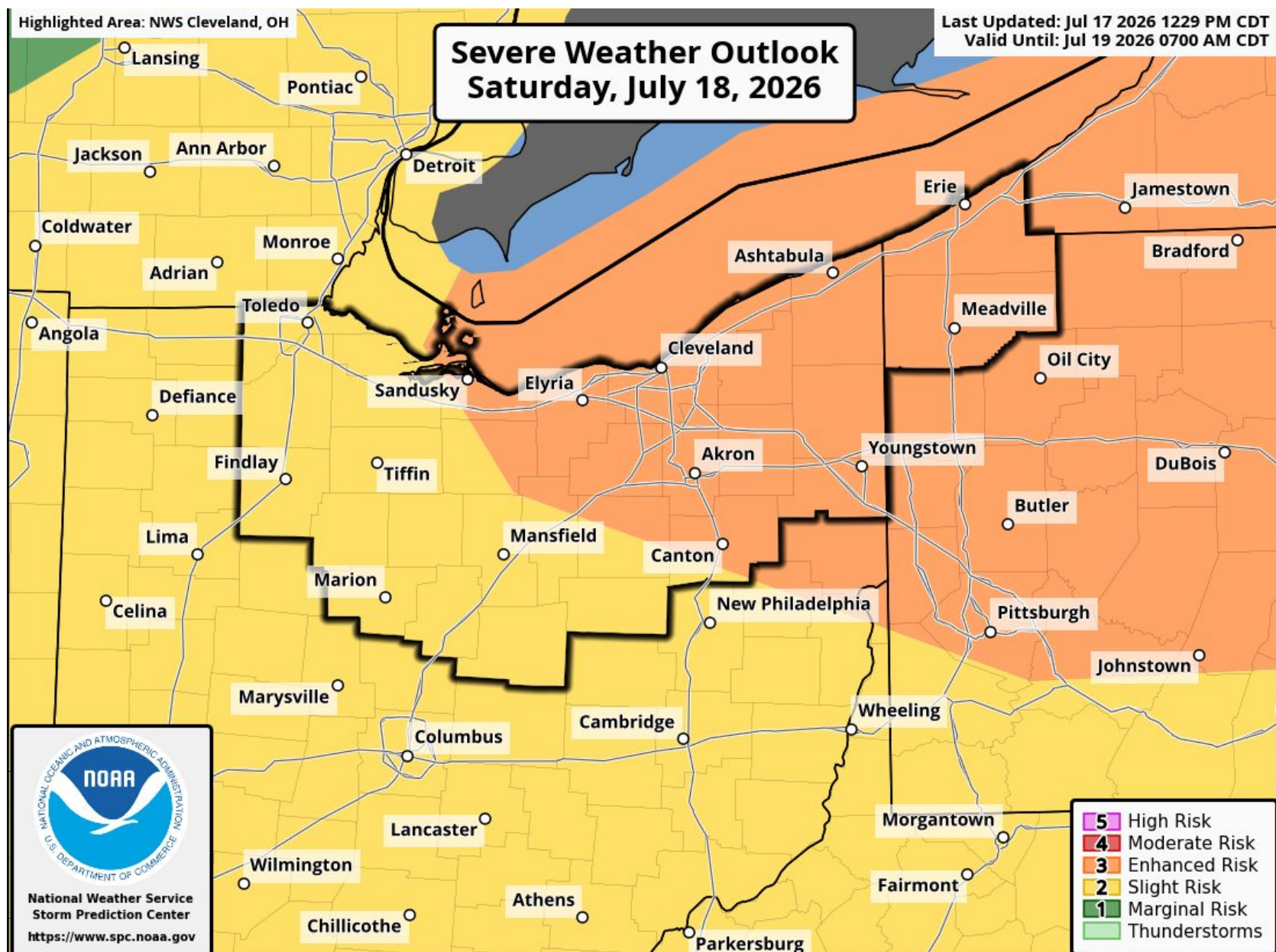
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Severe Weather Outlook Saturday

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Timing



Saturday late afternoon into Saturday evening, primarily in the 3pm to 9pm time frame.

Actions

- Be weather aware and ready to act.
- Have multiple ways to receive warning information!

Severe Threats



Damaging Wind

Scattered 70+ mph gusts possible. Highest confidence from the central lakeshore, across NE Ohio and into NW Pennsylvania



Large Hail

Hail at least 1" in diameter possible.



Couple Tornadoes

Highest risk across the enhanced area.



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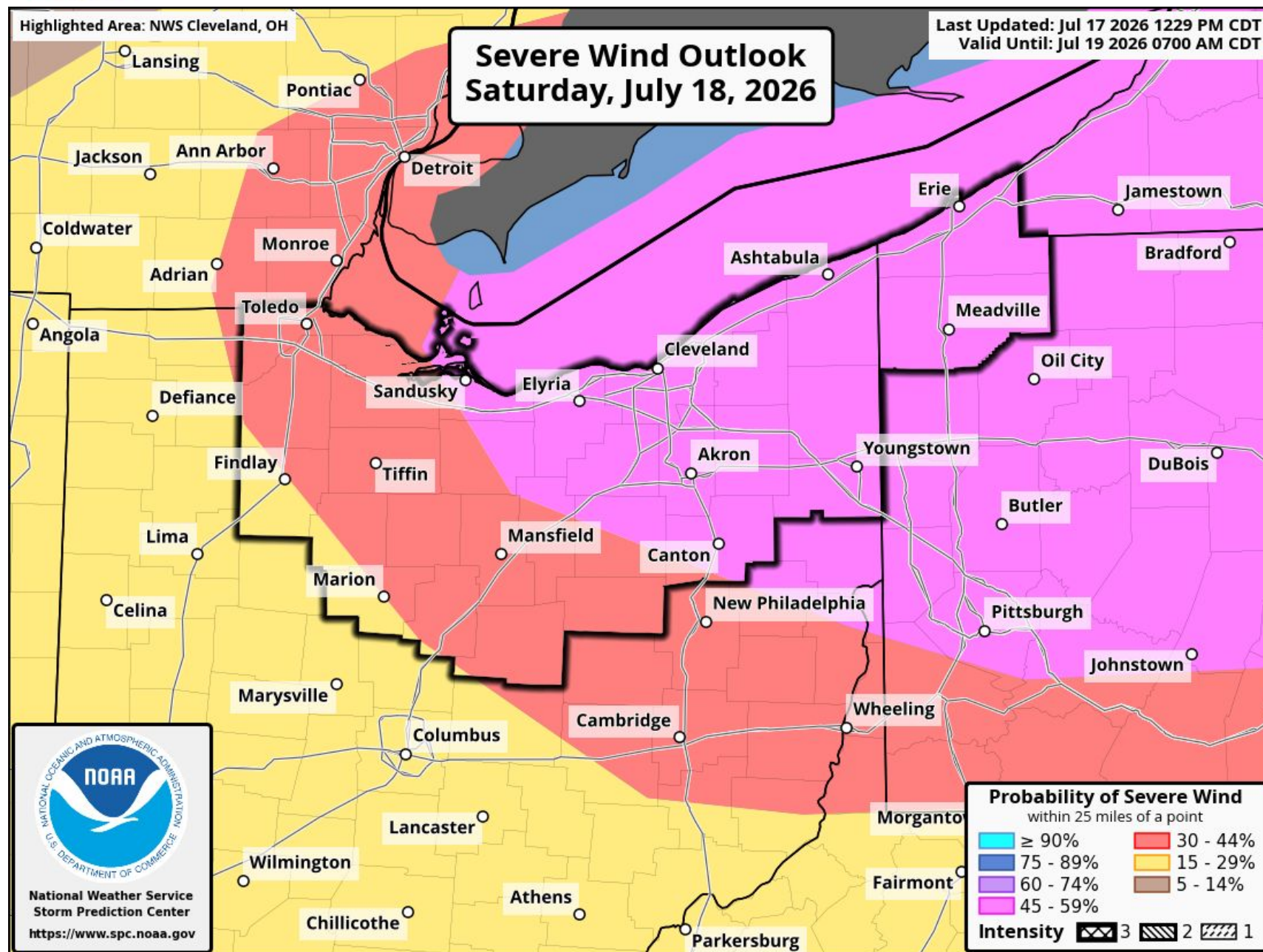


Severe Wind Threat Saturday

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Severe Winds Possible



Timing



Late Saturday afternoon into the evening mainly in the 3pm to 9pm time frame.

Actions

- Seek shelter immediately if a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued!
- Have multiple ways to receive weather warnings.

Severe Wind Threat



Conditions will be favorable for severe thunderstorms but exact timing and placement is unknown at this time.

The graphic shows the probability of severe wind gusts (at least 58 MPH) within 25 miles of your location.



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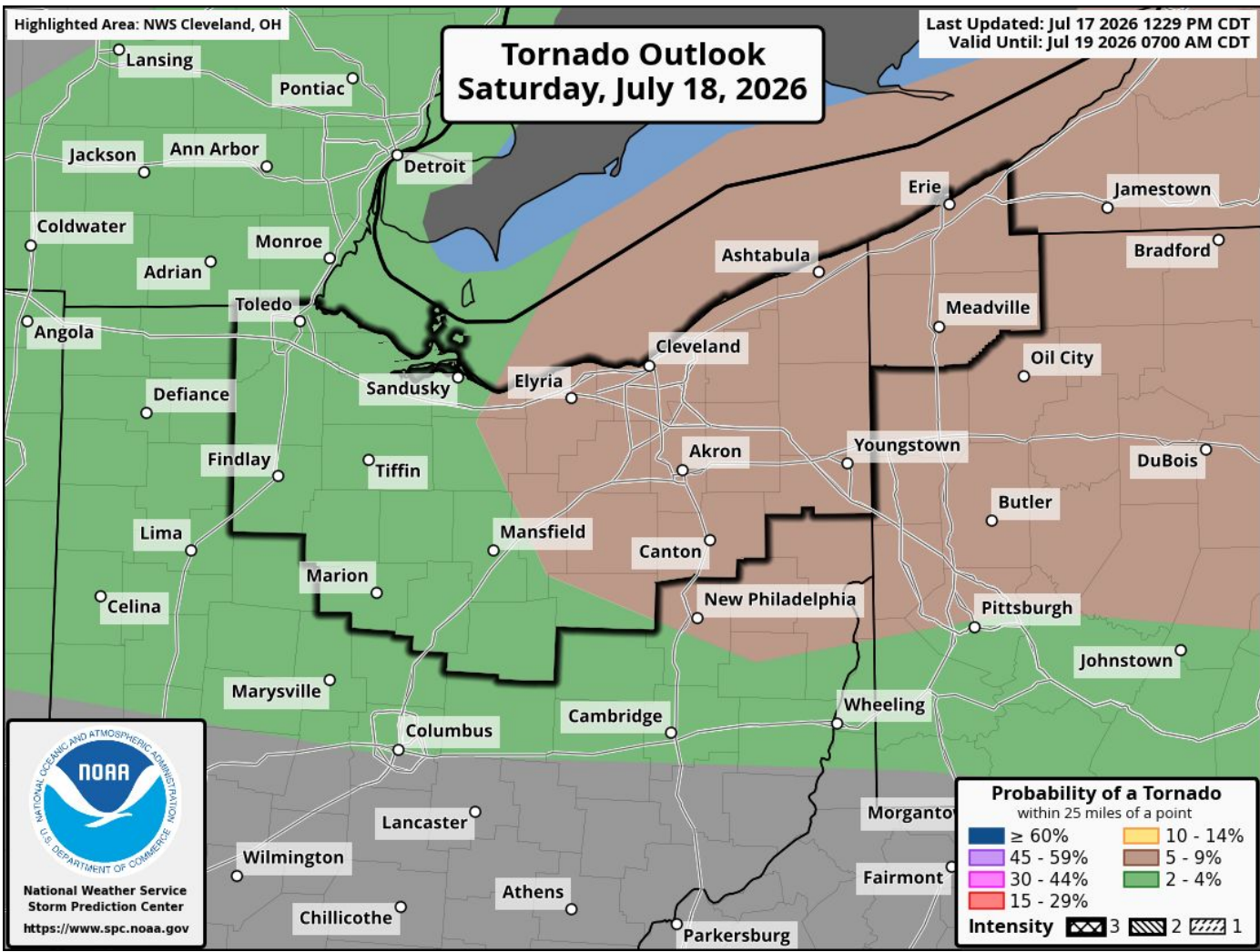
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Tornado and Hail Probabilities Saturday

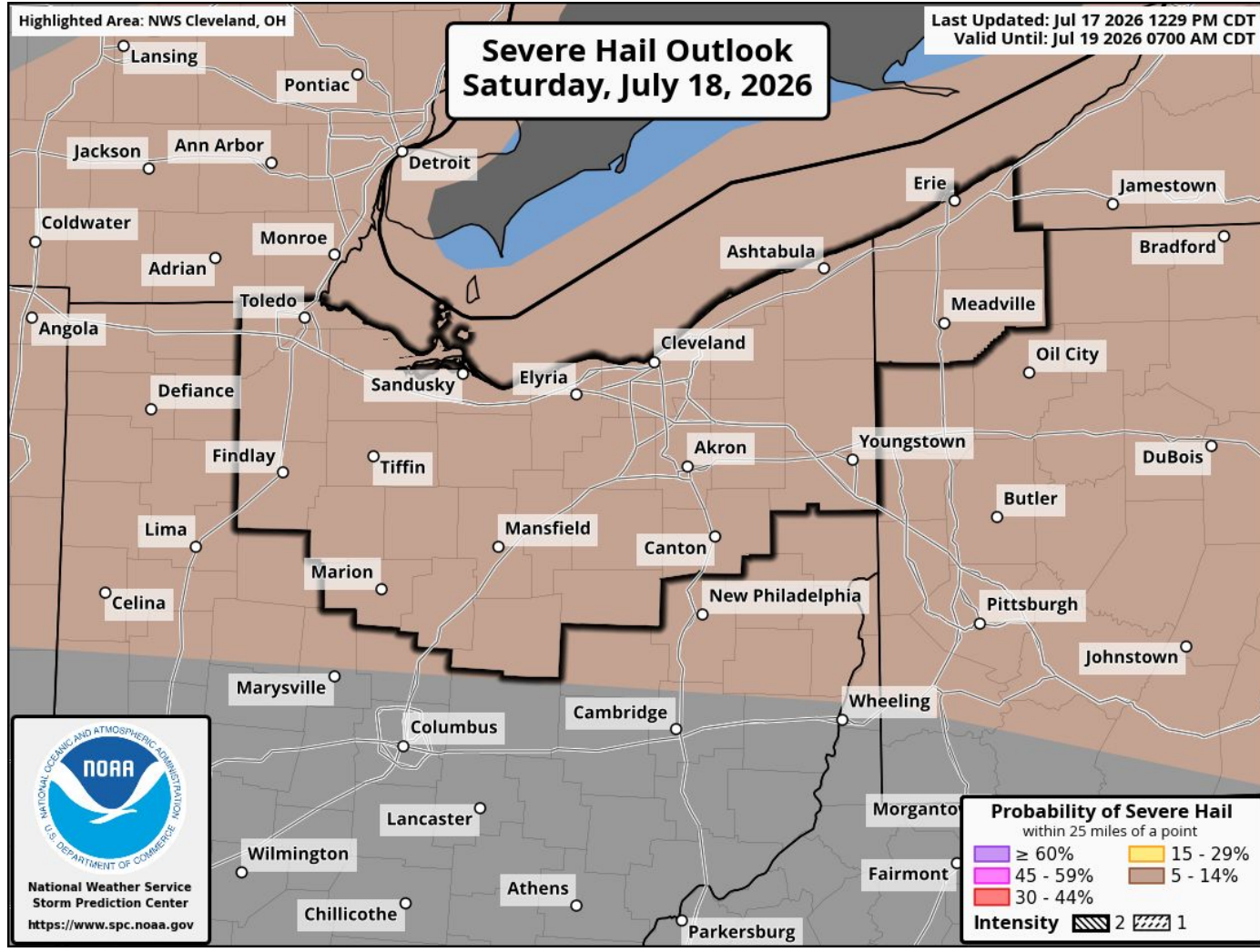
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Tornado Probability Tomorrow



The graphic shows the probability of a tornado within 25 miles of your location.

Hail Probability Tomorrow



The graphic shows the probability of severe hail (one inch diameter or larger) within 25 miles of your location.



Thunderstorm Risk Categories

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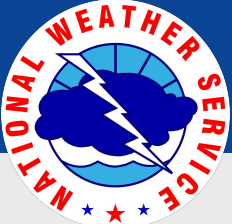
Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Outlook Categories



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		Similar to storms your area experiences many times per year	Severe Storm Any storm that contains at least one of the following: Wind gusts of at least 58 mph . Hail at least one inch in diameter . Tornado
1	Marginal (MRGL)	Some storms could be capable of damaging winds and severe hail. Localized tornado threat could develop.	Isolated severe storms possible		Similar to storms your area may experience several times per year	
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		Similar to storms your area may experience a few times per year	
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		Similar to intense storms your area may only experience once or twice per year	Significant Severe Any of the following hazards: Wind gusts of at least 75 mph . Hail at least two inches in diameter . Tornado of at least EF-2 rating
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		Similar to intense storms your area may only experience once per year or less	
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		Very intense storms your area may only experience once or twice in a lifetime	

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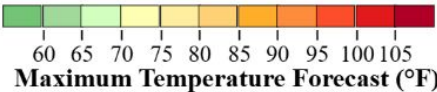


Max Temperature & Heat Index Forecast

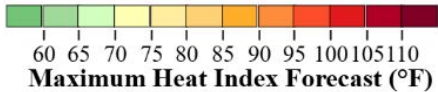
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		7/17	7/18				7/19				Temp Max
		Fri	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	HeatIndex Max
Akron-Canton	Max Temp	84	73	81	85	81	70	72	79	78	85
	HeatIndex	85	73	85	91	85	70	72	80	78	91
Ashtabula	Max Temp	82	73	82	85	80	70	72	75	76	85
	HeatIndex	82	73	87	91	84	70	72	75	75	91
Bowling Green	Max Temp	85	75	84	90	86	73	74	80	80	90
	HeatIndex	89	75	91	97	92	73	74	81	81	97
Cleveland	Max Temp	84	75	85	90	84	72	74	77	77	90
	HeatIndex	85	75	92	97	90	72	74	77	77	97
Elyria	Max Temp	85	74	85	89	84	71	75	78	77	89
	HeatIndex	86	74	92	97	90	71	75	78	77	97
Erie, PA	Max Temp	82	74	82	86	81	71	71	75	75	86
	HeatIndex	81	74	87	91	84	71	71	75	75	91
Findlay	Max Temp	84	76	83	89	84	74	74	80	80	89
	HeatIndex	89	76	90	97	90	74	74	81	81	97
Fremont	Max Temp	86	76	85	90	86	74	75	79	78	90
	HeatIndex	89	76	92	98	92	74	75	80	79	98
Mansfield	Max Temp	87	75	82	87	83	72	72	79	78	87
	HeatIndex	88	75	87	93	88	72	72	79	78	93
Marion	Max Temp	86	76	83	88	85	74	74	80	79	88
	HeatIndex	90	76	89	95	90	74	74	81	79	95
Meadville	Max Temp	84	69	79	84	81	68	71	76	75	84
	HeatIndex	83	69	79	91	84	68	71	76	75	91



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Medina	Max Temp	85	73	82	87	82	70	73	78	76	87
	HeatIndex	85	73	88	93	87	70	73	78	77	93
Mentor	Max Temp	83	74	83	87	83	71	74	77	77	87
	HeatIndex	83	75	90	94	87	71	74	77	77	94
Mount Vernon	Max Temp	87	74	82	87	84	72	74	80	79	87
	HeatIndex	90	74	89	95	90	72	74	81	80	95
Norwalk	Max Temp	86	75	84	89	84	72	74	78	77	89
	HeatIndex	88	75	91	97	90	72	74	78	77	97
Ravenna	Max Temp	84	71	81	85	81	68	72	78	77	85
	HeatIndex	83	71	85	91	85	68	72	78	77	91
Sandusky	Max Temp	84	77	85	89	86	75	75	78	77	89
	HeatIndex	87	77	93	98	93	75	75	78	77	98
Tiffin	Max Temp	86	76	83	89	84	73	74	79	78	89
	HeatIndex	89	76	90	96	91	73	74	80	79	96
Toledo	Max Temp	85	76	85	91	88	74	74	80	80	91
	HeatIndex	88	76	91	97	92	74	74	81	80	97
Warren	Max Temp	84	71	81	86	82	69	73	79	78	86
	HeatIndex	84	71	85	92	85	69	73	79	78	92
Wooster	Max Temp	85	74	81	86	82	71	72	78	78	86
	HeatIndex	86	74	86	92	87	71	72	78	78	92
Youngstown	Max Temp	84	71	80	85	81	69	73	79	78	85
	HeatIndex	84	71	85	92	85	69	73	80	78	92





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