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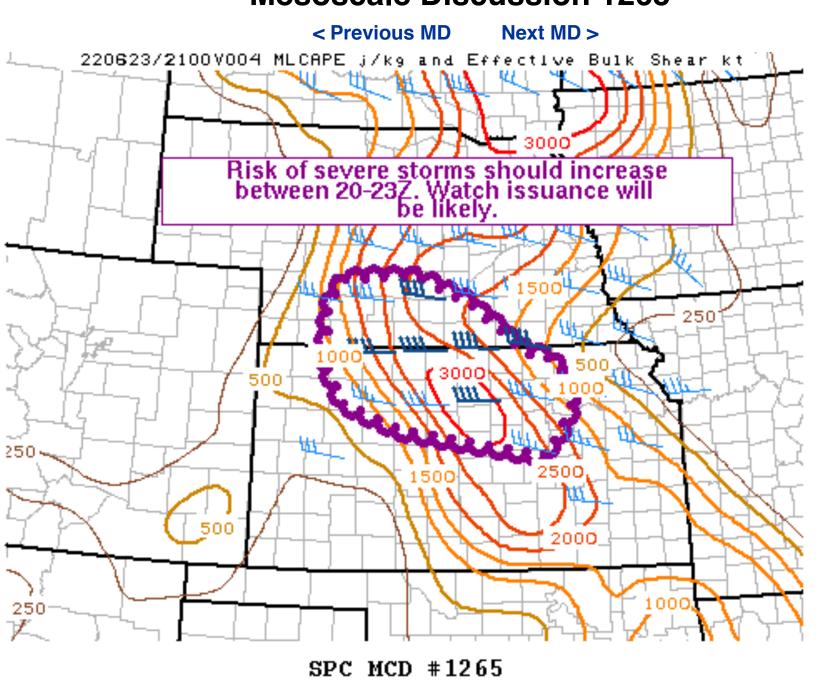


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Mesoscale Discussion 1265
NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK
0157 PM CDT Thu Jun 23 2022

Areas affected...Parts of north-central KS and south-central NE

Concerning...Severe potential...Watch likely

Valid 231857Z - 232130Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...80 percent

SUMMARY...The risk of widely scattered severe storms capable of large hail, severe gusts, and perhaps a tornado or two will increase between 20-23Z across parts of KS and NE. Watch issuance will be likely this afternoon.

DISCUSSION...In the wake of earlier elevated convection over north-central KS into southern NE, cloud clearing is allowing for boundary-layer heating/mixing amid upper 60s dewpoints. As a subtle midlevel impulse evident in water vapor imagery tracks eastward across parts of the area in conjunction with a deepening lee trough over the central High Plains, isolated high-based thunderstorm development may occur over parts of western KS/NE and track eastward into the increasingly moist/unstable airmass in the 20-23Z time frame. While less uncertain, additional convective development will be possible farther east in north-central KS into south-central NE -- where steep low-level lapse rates are developing along the western periphery of the recovering cold pool.

Current thinking is that a modest increase in midlevel west-southwesterly flow accompanying the subtle cyclonic impulse will result in 35-45 kt of effective bulk shear, which combined with the aforementioned destabilization should support organized convection including supercells. This activity should generally be focused from the eastern periphery of steep low-level lapse rates over northwest KS/southwest NE eastward along and north of a weak warm front lifting northward in central KS. Given modest midlevel lapse rates and an elongating mid/upper-level hodograph, large to very large hail will be possible with any semi-discrete supercell structures along with locally severe gusts. In addition, a gradual increase in the easterly low-level flow component amid a somewhat sheltered boundary layer is expected as the lee trough deepens. This would yield favorable clockwise-turning low-level hodographs supportive of a tornado or two with any longer-lived surface-based supercells. A watch will likely be needed for parts of the area this afternoon.

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