

# **Product Description Document: NCEP Model Analyses & Guidance March 2017**

## **Part I Mission Connection**

Product Description – The Model Analyses and Guidance (MAG) website showcases the National Weather Service’s observational database and graphical suite of numerical model analysis and guidance. The site is maintained by National Centers for Environmental Prediction Central Operations (NCEP/NCO). The NWS/NCEP Model Analysis and Forecast website has been updated to create a more professional and interactive interface. In an effort to respond to user needs to protect life and property and support the nation’s growing need for environmental information, a streamlined graphical approach in displaying products used by forecasters in making forecasts will serve not only NWS Offices but also the Private and Public Sectors.

The link to the new production model graphics web site is:

<http://mag.ncep.noaa.gov/>

The data sources covering various regions are described in this document. Links to descriptions of each data source are included in Part II. The data sources are grouped by the following three categories:

- **Model Guidance**

1. North American Mesoscale (NAM)
2. Global Forecast System (GFS)
3. Wave Watch III (WW3)
4. Short Range Ensemble Forecast (SREF)
5. Rapid Refresh Analysis & Forecast System (RAP)
6. High Resolution Rapid Refresh Analysis & Forecast System (HRRR)
7. High Resolution Window (HRW-NMMB)
8. High Resolution Window (HRW-ARW)
9. Polar Ice Drift (POLAR);
10. Global Ensemble Forecast System (GEFS)
11. North American Ensemble Forecast System (NAEFS)
12. Extratropical Surge and Tide Operational Forecast System (ESTOFS)

- **Observations and Analyses**

13. Real Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA)
14. Observed Upper Air Data
15. Skew-T Plots

- **Tropical Guidance**

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16. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) Hurricane Model (GHM);
17. Hurricane Weather Research and Forecasting (HWRF).

Two tables at the end of this document list all of the graphics created for each of the forecast models. The Observed Upper Air data is presented as station values on a map and as Skew-T graphs for individual reports.

Note: The website content will be updated as changes to the NCEP model suite are implemented. This document will be updated accordingly.

**Purpose** - The forecast graphics are available on the NCEP website at nearly the same time products from these models are available to National Weather Service and private users. The website is updated as each model forecast hour is completed.

**Audience** - The major users of the website are the general public as well as governmental organizations, universities, and businesses.

**Presentation Format** - The data is presented in standard Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) including static images and looping images. The processing, which creates these forecast graphics uses the General Meteorology PAcKage (GEMPAK) software to convert forecast model output into images to be transferred from the Weather and Climate Operational Supercomputing System (WCOSS) to the MAG website. The forecast graphics are available on the MAG website at nearly the same time products from the models are available to National Weather Service and private users. The graphical model guidance is updated as each model forecast hour becomes available.

**Feedback Method** - Comments regarding the products may be emailed to:

[Mag.helpdesk@noaa.gov](mailto:Mag.helpdesk@noaa.gov)

## **Part II Technical Section**

### **A. Format & Science Basis**

Graphics from thirteen Numerical Weather Prediction models are available. The models described in this document are: NAM, GFS, WW3, SREF, RAP, HRRR, HRW, POLAR, GEFS, NAEFS, RTMA, GHM and HWRF.

#### **1. North American Mesoscale (NAM)**

The NAM model is a regional mesoscale data assimilation and forecast model system based on the WRF common modeling infrastructure, currently running at 12 km resolution and 60 layers. NAM forecasts are produced every six hours at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC. The NAM graphics are available at three hour increments out to 84 hours. The

NAM has non-hydrostatic dynamics and a full suite of physical parameterizations and a land surface model.

Graphical model guidance for the NAM is available for the following regions:

- 1) North America
- 2) Western North Atlantic
- 3) North Pacific
- 4) Eastern North Pacific

High resolution nests from the NAM are also available with the following specifications:

- 1) 3 km resolution (NAM-HIRES) for the CONUS and Alaska, forecast intervals of three hours out to 60 hours.
- 2) 1.5 km resolution "fire weather" (FIREWX) nest with hourly forecast intervals out to 36 hours. The NAM fire weather nest is a small (roughly 500x500 km) nest that can be placed at any location in the CONUS or Alaska.

Information on the model is found at page:

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/nam/>

The link to the latest information about the NAM model is:

<http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/mmbpll/etapl/>

## **2. Global Forecast System (GFS)**

The **Global Forecast System (GFS)** is a global numerical weather prediction system containing a global computer model and variational analysis run by the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS).

The mathematical model is run four times a day; at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC; and produces forecasts for up to 16 days in advance, with decreased spatial resolution after 10 days. The model is a spectral model with a resolution of T1534 from 0 to 240 hours (0-10 days) and T574 from 240 to 384 hours (10-16 days). In the vertical, the model is divided into 64 layers and temporally, it produces forecast output every hour for the first 12 hours, every 3 hours out to 10 days, and every 12 hours after that.

The GFS horizontal resolution of the input gridded files was updated to 1/4-degree from previous 1-degree in MAG V3.8, however, vorticity at 850mb and 500mb is down-scaled from 1/4-degree to 1/2-degree to remove noise.

Information on the model products can be found at the production model web page

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/gfs/>.

Graphical model guidance for the GFS is available for the following regions:

- 1) North America
- 2) North Atlantic Ocean Basin
- 3) Western North Atlantic
- 4) South America
- 5) North Pacific
- 6) South Pacific
- 7) Eastern North Pacific
- 8) Alaska
- 9) Africa
- 10) Europe
- 11) Asia
- 12) Polar
- 13) Arctic
- 14) India

The link to the latest information about the GFS is:

<http://wwwt.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/?branch=GFS&tab=doc>

### **3. WAVEWATCH III (WW3)**

The MAG website presents the WW3 model as three separate model names:

- WAVEWATCH III (WW3) for the regions Atlantic, North Pacific, East Pacific, entire North Atlantic and North Pacific ocean and Western North Atlantic (Southeast US, Central America and Caribbean).
- WAVEWATCH III Eastern North Pacific (WW3-ENP) for the region of the Eastern North Pacific Ocean and Pacific Ocean
- WAVEWATCH III Western North Atlantic (WW3-WNA) for the region of Western North Atlantic Ocean.

WW3 is a third generation wave model developed at NCEP. WW3 forecasts are produced every six hours at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC. The WW3 graphics are based model fields of  $1.0^{\circ} \times 1.25^{\circ}$  to  $5^{\circ} \times 5^{\circ}$  and are available at six hour increments out to 87 hours. WW3 solves the spectral action density balance equation for wave number-direction spectra. Assumptions for the model equations imply that the model can generally be applied on spatial scales (grid increments) larger than 1 to 10 km, and outside the surf zone.

Information on the model products can be found at the production model web page

<http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/wave/>.

The link to the latest information about the WW3 is:

<http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/modelinfo>

#### **4. Short Range Ensemble Forecast (SREF)**

The SREF system is a set of model runs called ensemble members using either a single model with different initial conditions or different models with the same initial conditions. SREF forecasts are produced every six hours at 03, 09, 15 and 21 UTC. The SREF graphics are available at three hour increments out to 87 hours across both the North American region and the Alaska region. SREF forecasts are also updated from 40 km to 16 km in horizontal resolution. The evaluation of SREF has shown improvements in providing CONUS forecasts during the one to three day time range. The SREF runs operationally four times daily. SREF produces ensemble forecasts from 21 members: five ETA members, five ETA Kain-Fristch members, five Regional Spectral Model (RSM) members, and three members each with the WRF-NMMB and WRF-ARW. The current SREF aviation ensemble forecast has 11 primary ensemble products, including the probability, mean and spread of: icing, turbulence, cloud, ceiling, visibility, jet stream, lower level wind shear, and tropopause height.

Graphical model guidance for the SREF is available for the following regions:

- 1) North America
- 2) Alaska

Information on the model products can be found at <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/sref>.

The link to the latest information about the SREF model is <http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/modelinfo>

#### **5. Rapid Refresh Analysis & Forecast System (RAP)**

The RAP replaced the older RUC model at 12z on May 1, 2012. The RAP uses a RAP configuration of the WRF model with an ARW core. It has similar characteristics as the RUC model it replaced: It has a horizontal resolution of 13 km and 50 vertical layers. RAP utilizes an hourly data assimilation system. The RAP forecasts are produced every hour for the North American and Alaska regions. RAP graphics for the CONUS region are available for the most recent 4 hours at hourly increments out to 21 hours. Information on the model products can be found at the production model web page <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/rap/>.

The link to the latest information about the RAP model is <http://rapidrefresh.noaa.gov>

#### **6. High Resolution Rapid Refresh Analysis & Forecast System (HRRR)**

The HRRR was implemented into the NCEP production suite on or about September 23, 2014. It is a configuration of the WRF model similar to that used for the RAP model, but without any convective parameterization. The HRRR has a 3 km resolution updated hourly for the CONUS region. It provides forecast guidance at hourly intervals out to 18 hours; with a subset of data available at a 15 minute temporal resolution.

Graphical model guidance for the HRRR is available for the following regions:

- 1) Eastern United States
- 2) Central United States
- 3) Western United States
- 4) CONUS

Information on the model products can be found at the production model web page <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/hrrr/>.

The link to the latest information about the HRRR model is <http://rapidrefresh.noaa.gov/hrrr>

## **7. High Resolution Window (HRW-NMMB)**

The High Resolution Window (HRW) contains forecast images from both the Weather Research and Forecasting(WRF) Advanced Research WRF (ARW) model and the Nonhydrostatic Multiscale Model on B-grid (NMMB).

HRW forecasts are produced over five different domains twice daily on the following schedule:

- 00/12 UTC: CONUS, Hawaii, Guam
- 06/18 UTC: Alaska, Puerto Rico

The graphics are available at an hourly increment out to 48 hours

The NOAA Environmental Modeling System (NEMS)-NMMB model replaced the WRF-Nonhydrostatic Mesoscale Model (NMM) within the HRW system in 2014. It represents a continued development of the same general dynamical core in a different software framework.

More details are available at the NMMB Users' Page maintained by the Developmental Testbed Center (DTC) <http://www.dtcenter.org/nems-nmb/users/>

Within the HRW, the NMMB runs at 3.0-3.6 km horizontal spacing (varies with domain), and 40 levels in the vertical (50 levels planned in 2015 upgrade).

## **8. High Resolution Window (HRW-ARW)**

The High Resolution Window (HRW) contains forecast images from both the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Advanced Research WRF (ARW) model and the Nonhydrostatic Multiscale Model on B-grid (NMMB).

HRW forecasts are produced over five different domains twice daily on the following schedule:

- 00/12 UTC: CONUS, Hawaii, Guam
- 06/18 UTC: Alaska, Puerto Rico

The graphics are available at an hourly increment out to 48 hours

The WRF-ARW Model is a community-based next-generation mesoscale numerical weather prediction system designed for both atmospheric research and operational forecasting needs. It was originally developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), and NCAR continues to maintain and develop the system, and coordinate code contributions from the WRF user community.

The link to the latest information about the WRF-ARW modeling system is:

<http://wrf-model.org/index.php>

Within the HRW, the WRF-ARW runs at 3.5-4.2 km horizontal spacing (varies with domain), and 50 levels in the vertical (updated from 40 levels in May 2015).

## **9. Polar Ice Drift (POLAR)**

The Polar and Great Lakes Ice group works on sea ice analysis from satellite, sea ice modeling, and ice-atmosphere-ocean coupling. Automated analyses have been used by the NWS global atmospheric models for their sea ice conditions since February 1998. POLAR forecasts are produced once daily at 00 UTC. The POLAR graphics are available at 24 hour increments out to 384 hours. The analysis provides a daily, 0.5 degree resolution in latitude and longitude, condition for the models. During spring and fall, the sea ice edge can move by 200 km (2 degrees) in a week. Discussion of the use and representation of sea ice in the global weather models is available at <http://polar.ncep.noaa.gov/seaice/Models.html>.

The link to the latest information about the ice drift system is:

<http://polar.ncep.noaa.gov/seaice>

## **10. Global Ensemble Forecast System (GEFS)**

The GEFS is a GFS-based modeling system run with 20 ensemble members per cycle plus one control at T126. GEFS forecasts are produced up to 28 levels every six hours at 00Z, 06Z, 12Z, and 18Z. All runs are shown out to 384 hrs at 6-hour intervals. The horizontal resolution of the GEFS input gridded files are ½-degree.

Graphical model guidance for the GEFS is available for the following regions:

- 1) North America
- 2) North Atlantic Ocean Basin
- 3) Western North Atlantic
- 4) South America
- 5) Africa
- 6) North Pacific
- 7) South Pacific
- 8) East Pacific
- 9) Europe
- 10) Asia
- 11) India
- 12) North Pole

Information on the model products can be found at the production model web page <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/gens/>.

The link to the latest information about the GEFS model is <http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/modelinfo>

The MAG website presents the GEFS model as

- GEFS-SPAG: GEFS individual members that run every 6 hrs that creates spaghetti charts.
- GEFS-MEAN-SPRD: GEFS mean and spread that runs every 6 hrs.

## **11. North American Ensemble Forecast System (NAEFS):**

The North American Ensemble Forecast System is a global weather modeling system run jointly by the Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) and the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) to provide numerical weather prediction (NWP) probabilistic products to weather forecasters in both countries for a forecast period that runs out 16 days. The NAEFS combines the Canadian global forecast model ensemble and the NWS Global Ensemble Forecast System model (GEFS) into a joint ensemble that will create global weather forecasts which include all of North America. At present, all the national weather agencies in North America are participating in NAEFS - the Meteorological

Service of Canada, the National Meteorological Service of Mexico, and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NWS.

NAEFS forecasts are produced every six hours at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC.

(Note: For 06 and 18 UTC graphical products are produced by NWS GEFS input only). The NAEFS graphics are based on 70 km grid (T190) bias-corrected and are available at six hour increments out to 384 hours. The latest NAEFS and NWS GEFS major implementation was on Feb. 23rd 2010

(see: [http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gmb/ens/ens\\_imp\\_news.html](http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/gmb/ens/ens_imp_news.html) for more information).

Graphical model guidance for the NAEFS is available for the following regions:

1. North America
2. North Atlantic Ocean Basin
3. Western North Atlantic
4. South America
5. North Pacific
6. South Pacific
7. Eastern North Pacific
8. Africa
9. Europe
10. Asia
11. Arctic
12. North Pole
13. India

## **12. Extratropical Surge and Tide Operational Forecast System (ESTOFS):**

ESTOFS (Extratropical Surge and Tide Operational Forecast System) is a collaboration between the NOAA/NOS/Coast Survey Development Lab and NOAA/NCEP. ESTOFS provides a second operational set of forecast guidance in addition to the ET-SURGE (ETSS) model with an increased resolution (2.5 km vs. 5 km for ET\_SURGE) and uses the circulation model ADCIRC. Tides are included in ESTOFS and forced at its boundaries from the OSU TPXO v6.2 tides and refined further within ADCIRC.

The ESTOFS model is run on NCEP's central computing system four times daily out to 180 hours producing numerical storm surge guidance for extratropical systems. The model is forced by real time output of winds and pressures from the NCEP Global Forecast System (GFS). The current coverage of the operational ESTOFS forecast domains around the U.S. also includes the Caribbean area surrounding Puerto Rico.

The ready availability of numerical guidance from the operational ESTOFS will enhance the ability of NCEP (OPC and NHC/TAFB) to provide operational extratropical coastal storm surge guidance in the Marine Weather Discussion (MWD), also known as MIM.

Note: The Extra-Tropical Storm Surge information should not be used for tropical cyclone events. For official storm surge information associated with tropical cyclones, please consult advisories and warnings issued by the National Hurricane Center.

Graphical model guidance for the ESTOFS is available for the following regions:

1. West Gulf of Alaska
2. East Gulf of Alaska
3. Washington and Oregon
4. Northern California
5. Southern California
6. Hawaii
7. Northeast Coast
8. Middle Atlantic
9. Southeast Coast
10. East Gulf of Mexico
11. West Gulf of Mexico

### **13. Real Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA)**

The MAG website presents the RTMA model by two separate regions:

- RTMA : Offers products available for the Continental United States
- RTMA-GUAM : Offers products available for Guam

The RTMA is a “quick look” analysis designed to meet the immediate need of those requiring a real time gridded analysis. This is the first phase of the “Analysis of Record” (AOR) underway at NWS. The RTMA is produced by down-scaling the RUC forecast/analysis from its horizontal resolution of 13 km to a 5 km NDFD grid. This is then used as a first guess for a 2D-Variational analysis which a) uses a full complement of surface observations; b) uses anisotropic background error covariance mapped to local terrain, c) produces analyses of 2 m temperature, 2m dew-point and 10 m wind and d) produces estimates of analysis uncertainty as well. The RTMA provides hourly, near real time, mesoscale analyses of surface hydrometeorological variables in a grid format. These grid hydrometeorological products are used by field forecasters for various operational applications. RTMA product destinations include all CONUS and OCONUS sites, NWS special centers, and external partners and customers.

Graphical model output for the RTMA is available for the following regions:

- 1) Southwest U.S.
- 2) California
- 3) North Carolina/South Carolina

- 4) Colorado
- 5) North Dakota/South Dakota
- 6) Midwest region of U.S.
- 7) Gulf Coast region of U.S.
- 8) Mid-Atlantic region of U.S.
- 9) Michigan
- 10) Montana
- 11) New England
- 12) Ohio Valley
- 13) Texas
- 14) Pacific Northwest region of U.S.
- 15) Wisconsin
- 16) Florida
- 17) Alaska

The RTMA products can be found at the following web page:

<http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/GT.rtma/>.

#### **14. Observed Upper Air Data**

Provides a selection of levels (1000 to 100 mb) and observations of station data within North America, South America, Africa, Canada, Alaska, and the Western North Atlantic.

#### **15. Skew-T Plots**

Provides Graphical Skew-T plots for stations in North America, South America, Africa, and the Northern Pacific for 00z and 12z.

#### **16. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) hurricane model (GHM)**

The GFDL Hurricane Model (GHM) provides operational guidance for forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in both the Atlantic and East Pacific basins. Hurricane forecasts are produced on demand every six hours at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC for up to five tropical cyclones at a time. The GHM graphics are available at six hour increments up to 126 hours. Often, there are less than 126 hours.

The model is a nested grid system with an outermost domain and 2 nested grids with resolutions of 55, 27 and 9 km respectively and 42 vertical levels. A spin-up vortex initialization is used with an axisymmetric version of the forecast model forced by intensity and structure parameters provided operationally by NHC. The GHM is coupled to a high-resolution version of the Princeton Ocean Model for the Atlantic Basin and a one dimensional mixed layer model for the East Pacific. The ocean initialization system

uses observed altimeter observations to provide a more realistic Loop Current and Gulf Stream conditions.

Information on the model products can be found at the products model web page <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/hur/>.

The link to the latest information about the GFDL hurricane model is [http://www.gfdl.noaa.gov/research/weather/tpb\\_gfdl.html](http://www.gfdl.noaa.gov/research/weather/tpb_gfdl.html)

## **17. Hurricane Weather Research Forecast (HWRF) model**

The HWRF provides operational guidance for forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in both the Atlantic and East Pacific basins. Hurricane forecasts are produced on demand every six hours at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC for up to five tropical cyclones at a time. The HWRF hurricane model graphics are available at six hour increments up to 126 hours. Often, there are less than 126 hours.

The model is a nested grid system with an outermost domain and a nested grid with resolutions of 18km and 6 km respectively and 61 vertical levels. The HWRF vortex initialization uses the 6 hour forecast as the first guess, then uses regional GSI 3DAR data assimilation to produce the initial hurricane vortex that matches the intensity and structure parameters provided operationally by NHC. The HWRF is coupled to a high-resolution version of the Princeton Ocean Model for the Atlantic Basin. The ocean initialization system uses observed altimeter observations to provide a more realistic Loop Current and Gulf Stream conditions.

Information on the model products can be found at the production model web page <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/products/hur/>

## **B. Product Availability**

This service is provided at the web site <http://mag.ncep.noaa.gov/>. NCEP has no control over the reliability of the Internet. Users need to factor this uncertainty into their decision to use this service.

NCEP does not guarantee the service will be continuously available. However, every effort will be made to assure reliable provision of this service.

## **C. Additional Information**

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- a) The Model Analyses & Guidance web pages are maintained by the NCEP Central Operations Systems Integration Branch. See the link <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/sib/>.
- b) For more information about Models products please contact:  
Ben Kyger (Acting Branch Chief)  
Systems Integration Branch  
NCEP Central Operations  
NCWCP  
5830 University Research Ct.  
College Park, MD 20740-3818  
Email: [mag.helpdesk@noaa.gov](mailto:mag.helpdesk@noaa.gov)
- c) A list of specific parameter graphics available for all the models.

**Model ESTOFS :**

storm surge  
total water level

**Model FIREWX :**

1-hr maximum 1000 m agl radar reflectivity  
1-hr minimum relative humidity, 10-m wind  
1000 m agl radar reflectivity  
12-h accumulated precipitation  
24-h accumulated precipitation  
36-h accumulated precipitation  
850mb temperature, wind and height  
best cape  
categorical precipitation type  
composite radar reflectivity  
haines index  
maximum 1-hr 10-m wind  
maximum 1-hr downdraft vertical velocity  
maximum 1-hr updraft vertical velocity  
maximum 2-5 km updraft helicity

pbl height  
pbl height (based on richardson number)  
sea-level pressure, 1-hr accumulated precip  
shelter (2-m) dew point temperature  
shelter (2-m) temperature  
snow depth change from f00  
total column precipitable water  
transport wind and terrain height  
ventilation rate

**Model GEFS-MEAN-SPRD :**

10m winds  
2 meter temperature  
250mb temperature  
250mb winds  
500mb temperature  
500mb vorticity and height  
500mb winds  
700mb temperature  
700mb vorticity and height  
700mb winds  
850mb temperature  
850mb vorticity and height  
850mb winds  
925mb winds  
dominant precipitation type  
mean 24-hour precipitation  
mean 6-hour precipitation  
mean convective available potential energy  
mean sea level pressure  
mean snow depth change from f00

probability of 6-hrly precipitation > 0.25 (in)  
probability of 6-hrly precipitation > 0.50 (in)  
probability of 6-hrly precipitation > 1.00 (in)  
probability of cape > 2000  
probability of cape > 250  
probability of cape > 4000  
probability of cape > 500  
probability of ice > 0.25 (in)  
spread of snow depth change from f00

**Model GEFS-SPAG :**

200mb 1176 height contours  
200mb 1188 height contours  
200mb 1200 height contours  
200mb 1212 height contours  
200mb 1224 height contours  
200mb 1230 height contours  
500mb 510/552 height contours  
500mb 516/558 height contours  
500mb 522/564 height contours  
500mb 528/570 height contours  
500mb 534/576 height contours  
500mb 540/582 height contours  
mslp 1000/1040 isobar contour  
mslp 1004/1044 isobar contours  
mslp 1008/1048 isobar contours  
mslp 1012/1052 isobar contours  
mslp 984/1024 isobar contours  
mslp 996/1036 isobar contours

**Model GFS :**

200mb wind and height  
250mb wind and height  
300mb wind and height  
500mb relative humidity and height  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
500mb wind and height  
700mb relative humidity, height and omega  
850mb height, precipitable water and wind  
850mb relative humidity and height  
850mb temperature, wind and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind and height  
925mb temperature, wind and height  
dominant precipitation type  
mslp, 1000-500mb thickness and 1-, 3-, or 12-hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 1000-850mb thickness and 1-, 3-, or 12-hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 10m wind, 2m temperature, and 1-, 3-, or 12-hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 10m wind, 6 hourly total precip, 2m temperature  
mslp, 850-700mb thickness, and 1-, 3-, or 12-hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 850mb temperature, 1-, 3-, or 12-hourly total precipitation  
snow depth change from f00  
total accumulated precipitation of period  
total precipitation every 12 hours  
total precipitation every 24 hours  
total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 36 hours  
total precipitation every 48 hours  
total precipitation every 6 hours  
total precipitation every 60 hours  
total precipitation every hour

**Model GHM-FULL :**

200mb vorticity, wind, and height  
500mb relative humidity and wind  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb vorticity, wind, and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind, and height  
mean sea level pressure and 10 meter wind  
mslp and 6-hourly total precipitation

**Model GHM-NESTED :**

200mb vorticity, wind, and height  
500mb relative humidity and wind  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb vorticity, wind, and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind, and height  
mean sea level pressure and 10 meter wind  
mslp and 6-hourly total precipitation

**Model HRRR :**

0-1km helicity and storm motion  
0-3km helicity and storm motion  
10 meter wind  
10 meter wind gust  
2 meter dew point and 10 meter wind  
2 meter temperature and 10 meter wind  
250mb wind  
500mb temperature, wind and height  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb relative humidity, wind, height and omega

850mb temperature, wind, and height  
925mb temperature and wind  
cloud ceiling  
echo tops  
hourly total precipitation  
lightning flash rate  
max 10m wind speed  
max 2-5km updraft helicity  
max simulated radar reflectivity  
most unstable convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
pmsl, 1000-500mb thickness, hourly precipitation  
pmsl, 1000-850mb thickness, hourly precipitation  
pmsl, 850-700mb thickness, hourly precipitation  
precipitation rate  
precipitation type  
simulated radar composite reflectivity  
simulated radar reflectivity 1km  
surface-based convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
total accumulated precipitation  
total accumulated snowfall  
visibility

**Model HRRR-SUBH :**

10 meter wind gust  
2 meter dew point and 10m winds  
2 meter temperature and 10m winds  
dominant precipitation type  
simulated radar composite reflectivity  
simulated radar reflectivity 1km

**Model HRW-ARW :**

0-1km helicity and storm motion  
0-3km helicity and storm motion  
10 meter wind  
10 meter wind gust  
2 meter dew point and 10 meter wind  
2 meter temperature and 10 meter wind  
250mb wind and height  
300mb wind and height  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb relative humidity, wind, and height  
850mb temperature, wind, and height  
cloud ceiling  
dominant precipitation type  
echo tops  
max 2-5km updraft helicity  
max simulated radar reflectivity  
most unstable convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
mslp, 1000-500mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 1000-850mb thickness, hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 10m wind, 6 hourly total precip, 2m temperature  
mslp, 850-700mb thickness, hourly total precipitation  
simulated radar composite reflectivity  
simulated radar reflectivity 1km  
surface-based convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
total accumulated precipitation  
total precipitation every 1 hour  
total precipitation every 12 hours  
total precipitation every 24 hours  
total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 36 hours  
total precipitation every 48 hours

total precipitation every 6 hours

visibility

**Model HRW-NMMB :**

0-1km helicity and storm motion

0-3km helicity and storm motion

10 meter wind

10 meter wind gust

2 meter dew point and 10 meter wind

2 meter temperature and 10 meter wind

250mb wind and height

300mb wind and height

500mb vorticity, wind, and height

700mb relative humidity, wind, and height

850mb temperature, wind, and height

cloud ceiling

dominant precipitation type

echo tops

max 2-5km updraft helicity

max simulated radar reflectivity

most unstable convective available potential energy and convective inhibition

mslp, 1000-500mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation

mslp, 10m wind, 6 hourly total precip, 2m temperature

pmsl, 1000-850mb thickness, hourly precipitation

pmsl, 850-700mb thickness, hourly precipitation

simulated radar composite reflectivity

simulated radar reflectivity 1km

surface-based convective available potential energy and convective inhibition

total accumulated precipitation

total precipitation every 12 hours

total precipitation every 24 hours

total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 36 hours  
total precipitation every 48 hours  
total precipitation every 6 hours  
visibility

**Model HWRF-FULL :**

200mb vorticity, wind, and height  
500mb relative humidity and wind  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb vorticity, wind, and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind, and height  
mean sea level pressure and 10 meter wind  
mslp and 6-hourly total precipitation

**Model HWRF-NESTED :**

200mb vorticity, wind, and height  
500mb relative humidity and wind  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb vorticity, wind, and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind, and height  
mean sea level pressure and 10 meter wind  
mslp and 6-hourly total precipitation

**Model NAEFS :**

10m winds  
2 meter temperature  
250mb temperature

250mb winds  
500mb temperature  
500mb vorticity and height  
500mb winds  
700mb temperature  
700mb vorticity and height  
700mb winds  
850mb temperature  
850mb vorticity and height  
850mb winds  
925mb winds  
mean sea level pressure

**Model NAM :**

200mb wind and height  
250mb wind and height  
300mb wind and height  
500mb relative humidity and height  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
500mb wind and height  
700mb relative humidity, height and omega  
850mb height, precipitable water and wind  
850mb relative humidity and height  
850mb temperature, wind and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind and height  
925mb temperature, wind and height  
dominant precipitation type  
mslp, 1000-500mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 1000-850mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 10m wind, 3 hourly total precip

mssl, 10m wind, 3 hourly total precip, 2m temperature  
mssl, 850-700mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mssl, 850mb temperature, 3 hourly total precipitation  
simulated radar reflectivity 1km  
snow depth change from f00  
total accumulated precipitation of period  
total precipitation every 12 hours  
total precipitation every 24 hours  
total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 36 hours  
total precipitation every 48 hours  
total precipitation every 6 hours  
total precipitation every 60 hours

#### **Model NAM-HIRES :**

0-1km helicity and storm motion  
0-3km helicity and storm motion  
10 meter wind  
10 meter wind gust  
2 meter dew point and 10 meter wind  
2 meter temperature and 10 meter wind  
200mb wind and height  
250mb wind and height  
300mb wind and height  
500mb temperature, wind and height  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb relative humidity, height and omega  
850mb height, precipitable water and wind  
850mb temperature, wind and height  
850mb vorticity, 500mb height, 200mb wind  
850mb vorticity, wind and height

925mb temperature, wind and height  
dominant precipitation type  
max 10m wind speed  
max 2-5km updraft helicity  
most unstable convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
mslp, 1000-500mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 1000-850mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 10m wind, 3 hourly total precip, 2m temperature  
mslp, 850-700mb thickness, 3 hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 850mb temperature, 3 hourly total precipitation  
simulated radar composite reflectivity  
simulated radar reflectivity 1km  
snow depth change from f00  
surface-based convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
total accumulated precipitation of period  
total precipitation every 12 hours  
total precipitation every 24 hours  
total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 3 hours  
total precipitation every 36 hours  
total precipitation every 48 hours  
total precipitation every 6 hours  
total precipitation every 60 hours  
visibility

**Model NAM-SIM-RADAR :**

simulated radar reflectivity

**Model POLAR :**

polar ice drift

### **Model RAP :**

10 meter wind gust  
2 meter dew point and 10 meter wind  
2 meter temperature and 10 meter wind  
250mb wind and height  
300mb wind and height  
500mb temperature, wind and height  
500mb vorticity, wind, and height  
700mb relative humidity, wind, height and omega  
850mb temperature, wind, and height  
925mb temperature, wind and height  
convective available potential energy and convective inhibition  
helicity and 30m wind  
hourly total precipitation  
mslp, 1000-500mb thickness, hourly precipitation  
mslp, 1000-850mb thickness, hourly precipitation  
mslp, 850-700mb thickness, hourly precipitation  
precipitation rate  
precipitation rate  
precipitation rate  
precipitation rate  
simulated radar composite reflectivity  
simulated radar reflectivity 1km  
total accumulated precipitation  
total accumulated snowfall  
visibility

### **Model RTMA :**

10 meter wind direction and speed  
2 meter dew point  
2 meter temperature

**Model RTMA-GUAM :**

10 meter wind direction and speed  
2 meter dew point  
2 meter temperature

**Model SREF :**

10m winds  
250mb vorticity and height  
250mb wind  
2m temperature  
500mb vorticity and height  
700mb relative humidity  
700mb temperature  
850mb relative humidity  
850mb temperature  
850mb wind  
mean 1000-500mb thickness (m)  
mean 1000-850mb thickness (m)  
mean 12-hour precipitation  
mean 24-hour precipitation  
mean 3-hour precipitation  
mean 6-hour precipitation  
mean 850-700mb thickness (m)  
mean convective available potential energy  
mean convective inhibition  
mean lifted index  
mean sea level pressure  
probability of 10m wind speeds > 25 knots  
probability of 6-hrly precipitation > 0.25 (in)  
probability of cape

probability of 2m temperature < 0

snow total mean

snow total spread

### **Model UAIR :**

1000mb plot

100mb plot

150mb plot

200mb plot

250mb plot

300mb plot

400mb plot

500mb plot

700mb plot

850mb plot

925mb plot

### **Model WW3 :**

peak wave direction and period (sec)

significant wave height and wind

wind wave direction and period (sec)

### **Model WW3-ENP :**

regional ww3 model peak wave direction and period

regional ww3 model sig wave height and wind

regional ww3 model wind wave direction and period

### **Model WW3-WNA :**

regional ww3 model peak wave direction and period

regional ww3 model sig wave height and wind

regional ww3 model wind wave direction and period

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