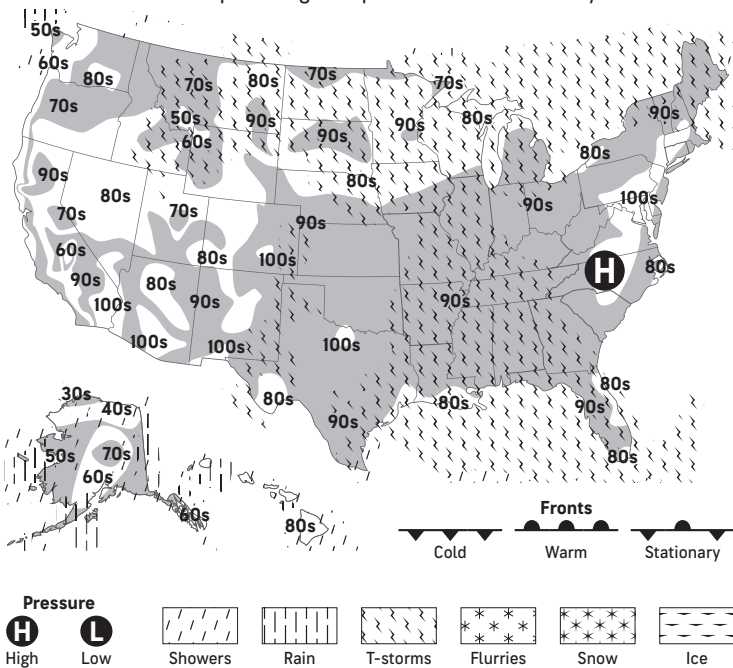


Forecast for Thursday, July 2, 2026

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: High pressure over the eastern United States today will continue to support an ongoing heat wave. It will be dry as temperatures soar 10-20 degrees above early July averages. Spotty storms will dot the Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes, while severe weather is expected in the Dakotas. The fire danger will be elevated in the Southwest.

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