

2013 NOAA ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK PREDICTIONS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Actual 2012</u>
Named Storms	13-20	9-15	19
Hurricanes	7-11	4-8	10
Major hurricanes	3-6	1-3	2

The 2013 Atlantic Basin Tropical

NOAA's outlook predicts an extremely active season this year. Favoring storm development in 2013: the continuation of the atmospheric climate pattern, which includes a strong west African monsoon, that is responsible for the ongoing era of high activity for Atlantic hurricanes that began in 1995. Warmer-than-average water temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. El Niño is not expected to develop and suppress hurricane formation.

Source: NOAA

2013 South Carolina Hurricane Awareness Week

May 26- June 1, 2013

The start of hurricane season is a reminder that our families, businesses and communities need to be ready for the next big storm. Preparedness today can make a big difference down the line, so update your family emergency plan and make sure your emergency kit is stocked. Learn more about how you can prepare for hurricane season at www.ready.gov/hurricanes.

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