



CIRRUS

Thin, wispy high altitude clouds that often have a hair-like or filament appearance. These clouds generally travel from west to east pointing to fair weather.



CUMULONIMBUS

These cauliflower-like clouds can produce lightning, thunder, hail, heavy rain and can spawn tornadoes.

CUMULUS

Low altitude clouds with flat bases and puffy tops indicating fair weather. If conditions in the atmosphere become unstable they can develop into *cumulus congestus* or even *cumulonimbus* clouds.



MAMMATUS

Pouch-like clouds found underneath a thunderstorm. They usually indicate the storm is weakening.



NIMBOSTRATUS

A very dark and gray-colored cloud which brings continuous precipitation. While they seldom bring heavy rain, precipitation can last for more than a day.



STRATOCUMMULUS

These low altitude clouds can form from old stratus or cumulus clouds that are spreading out. They are gray or whitish in color with round bases. Precipitation rarely falls from these clouds.



STRATUS

Usually the lowest of the low clouds they cover the entire sky. These gray clouds can look like a layer of fog. While light drizzle can accompany these clouds, precipitation rarely comes from stratus.

