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RTFDDA Cycles

Current ATEC RTFDDA configurations run cycles every 3 hours, at 02Z, 05Z, 08Z, etc. This timing is based on data availability.

- 1, 2 or 6 hour cycle intervals are sometimes used
 - For rapid real-time updates (1 or 2 hour cycles)
 - For longer forecast output options (6 hour cycles)
- Precise cycle timing depends on
 - cluster compute-power
 - forecast length goals
 - data availability
- Output products generally use “the latest available” for the requested valid time
 - This assumes that the latest available is the most accurate



Cycle Output

