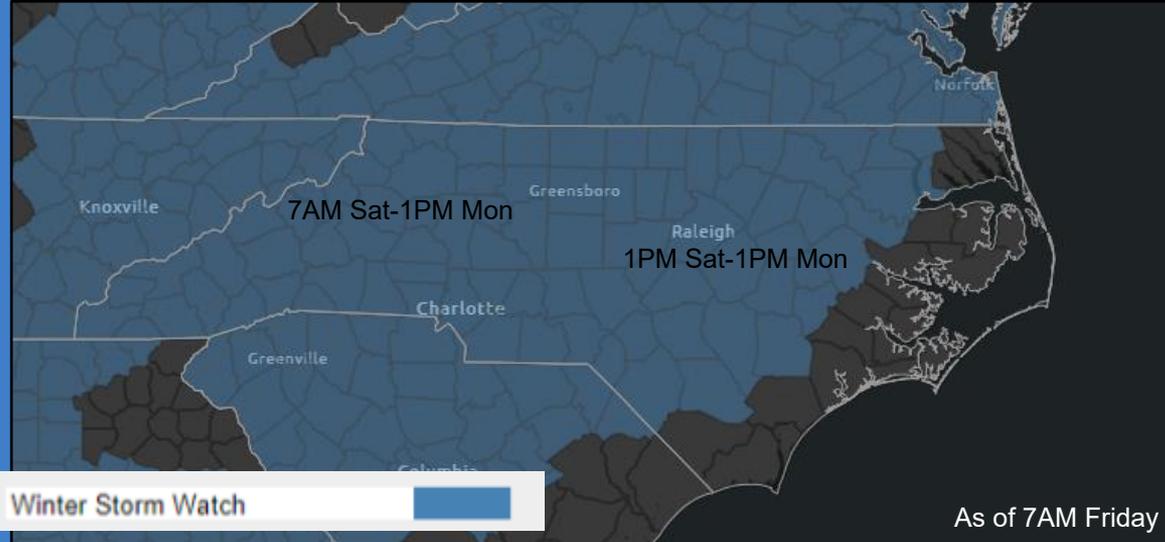




Winter Storm Watch

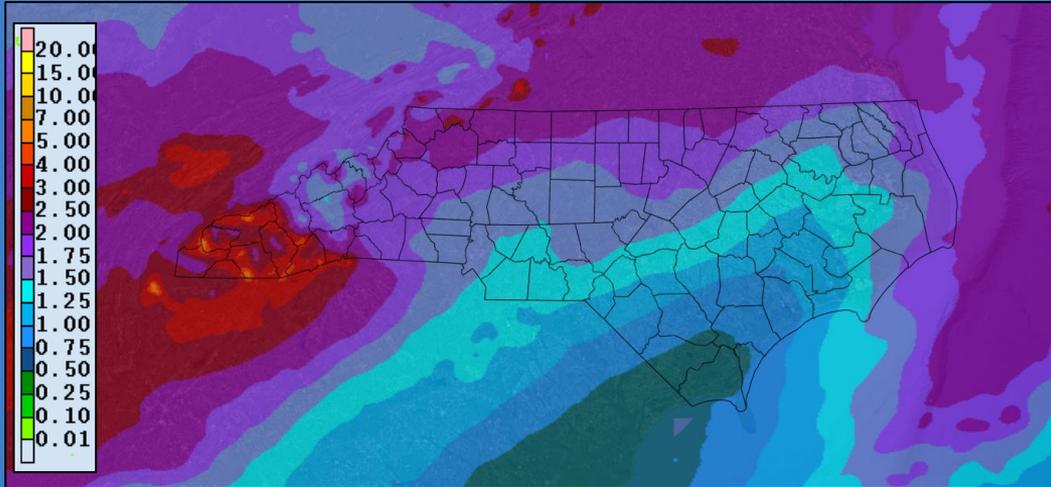


- A Winter Storm Watch has been issued for much of NC through Monday afternoon. The watch will go into effect Saturday morning across western NC and Saturday afternoon farther east.
- The Winter Storm Watch will be transitioned to a Winter Storm Warning or Winter Weather Advisory this afternoon or evening.



5-Day Rainfall Forecast

7AM Friday January 23, 2026 – 7AM Wednesday January 28, 2026



- Mostly dry conditions are forecast Friday; however, light rain showers can't be ruled out across the southern Piedmont and Coastal Plain as a cold front moves through.
- The most impactful precipitation will be over the weekend where a wintry mix is forecast across much of the state.
- While specific types and amounts are highly dependent on where transition zones occur, a wintry mix of snow, sleet, and freezing rain is possible statewide. Now is the time to prepare for winter weather and the potential for power outages across your area.

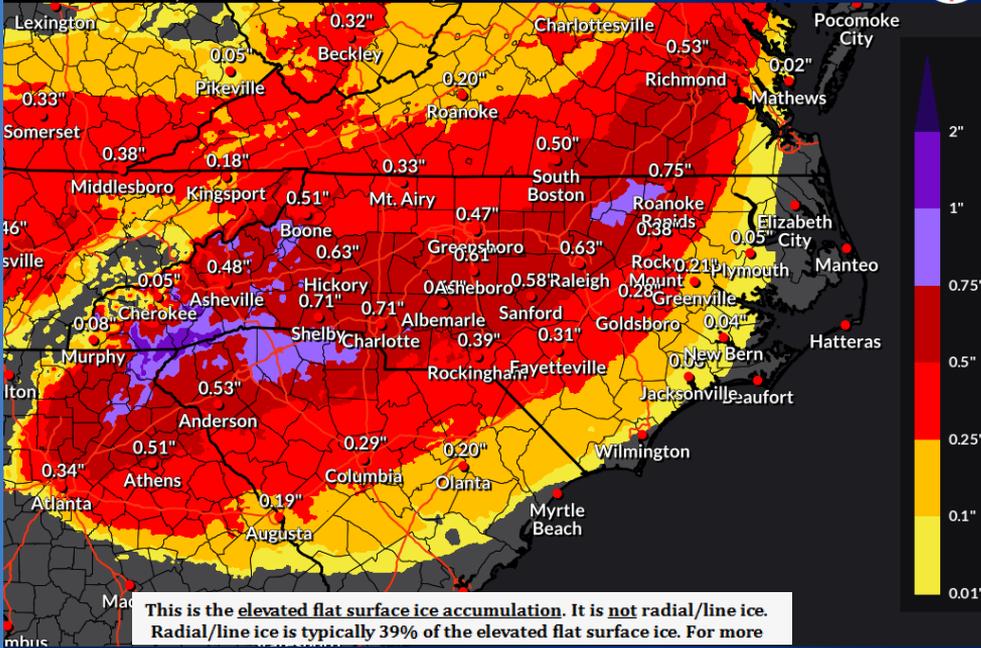


Ice Accumulation Forecast

Expected Ice: Official NWS Forecast

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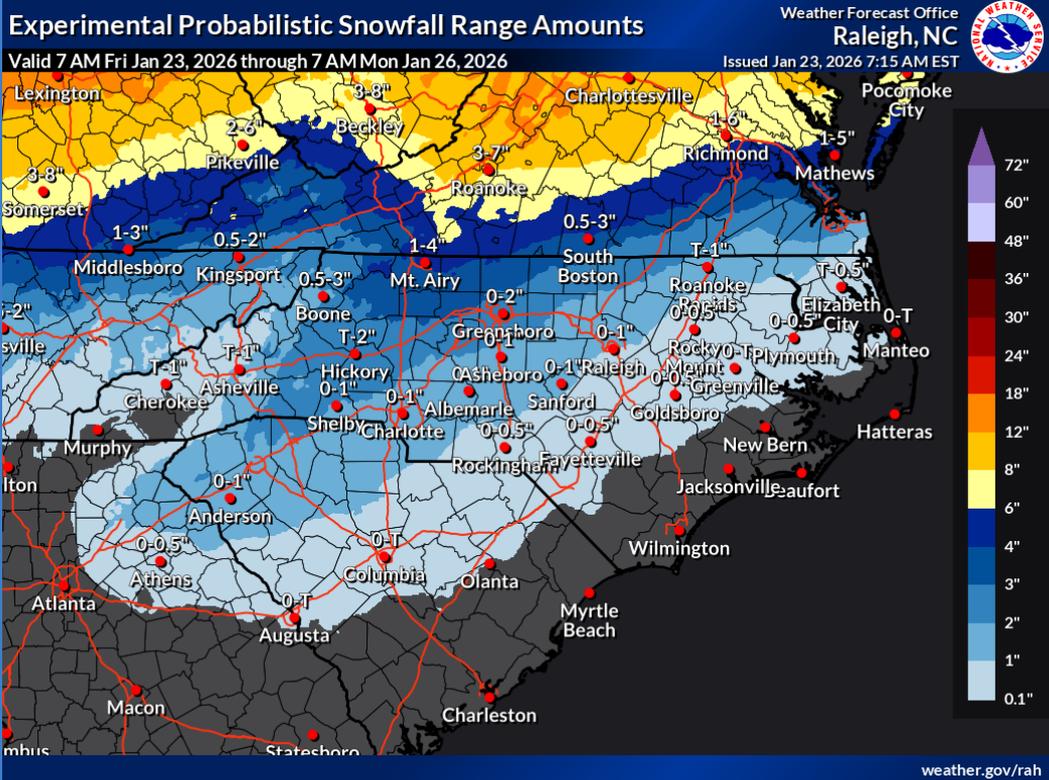


- Major impacts from significant ice accumulations are forecast across portions of the mountains and Piedmont. Areas along the escarpment near the GA and SC line and higher elevations of the mountains in addition to the NE Piedmont have the greatest chance for impactful ice accumulations.
- With lingering cold temperatures, any accumulations will linger into early next week.

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Snow Accumulation Forecast



- The greatest snow/sleet accumulations are expected across northern portions of the mountains. While precipitation may begin as light snow, most of the accumulations will be from sleet.
- With lingering cold temperatures, any accumulations will linger into early next week.



High and Low End Ice Accumulation Forecast

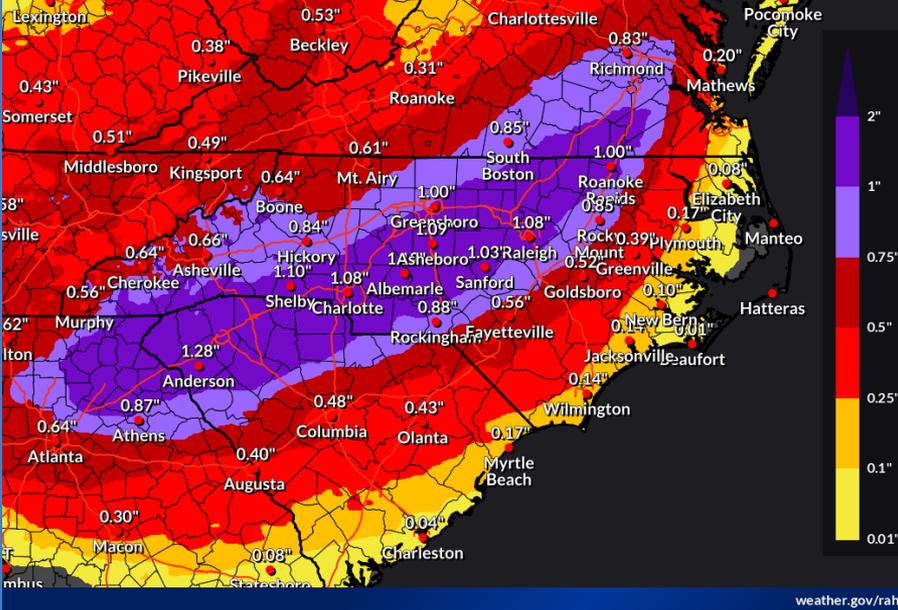
High End Amount: 1 in 10 Chance (10%) of Higher Ice

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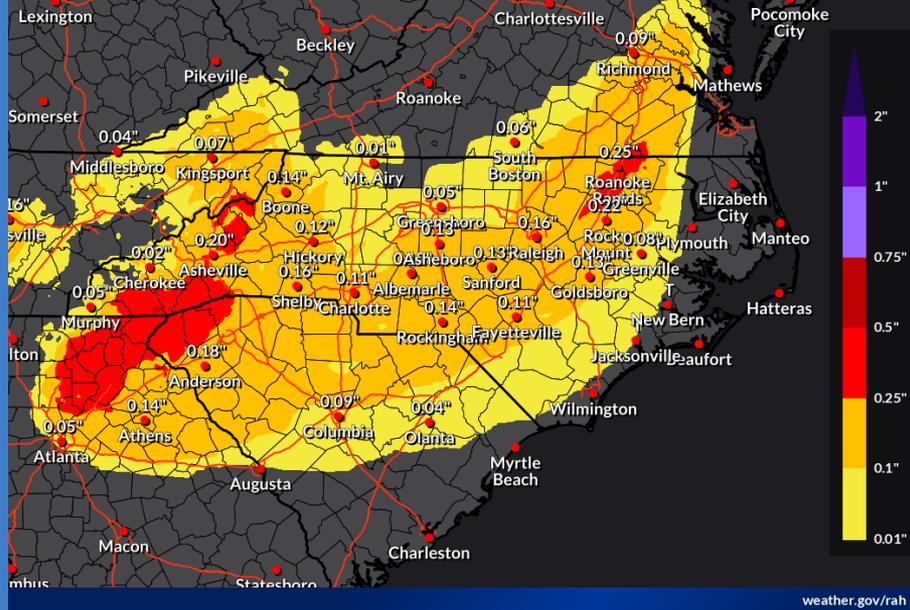
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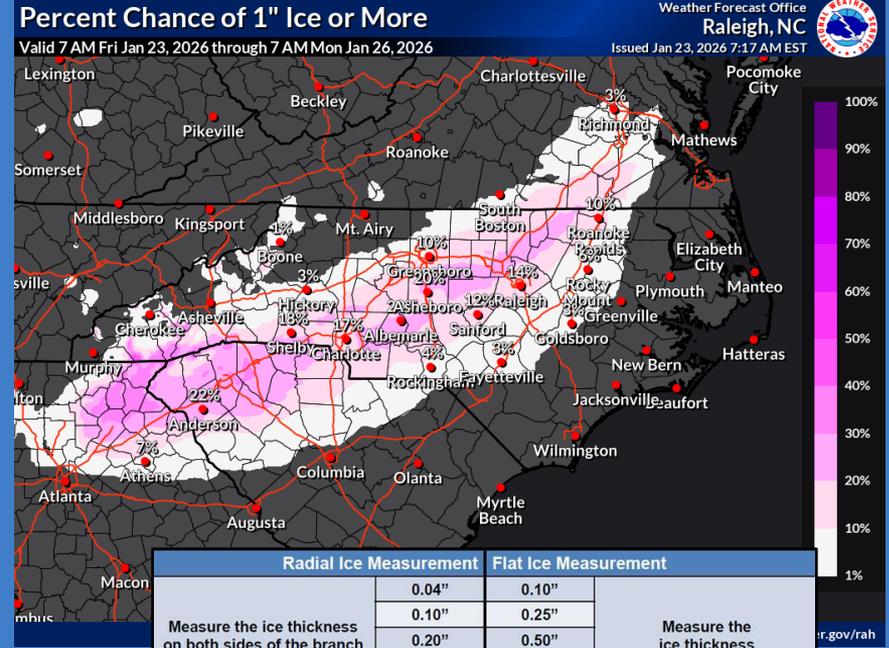
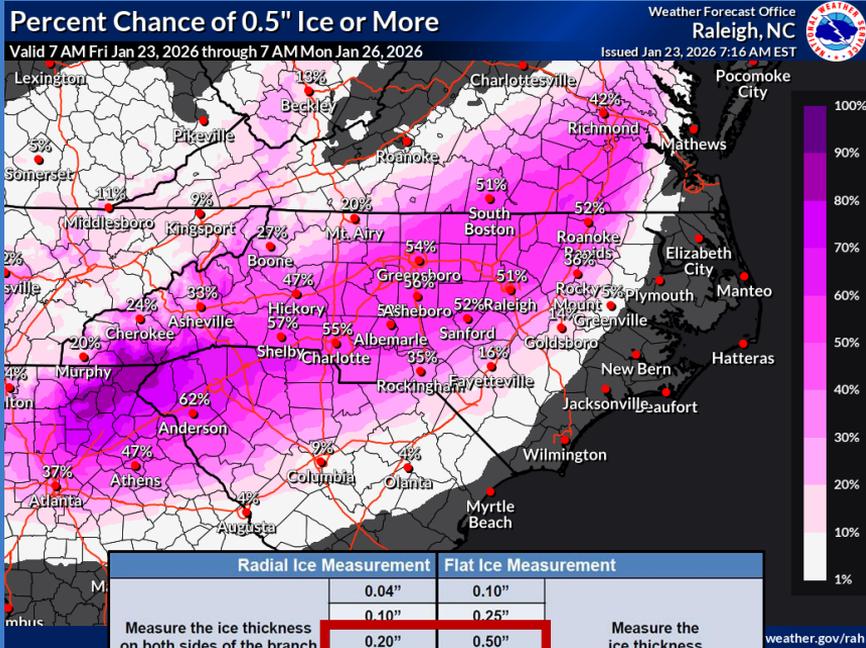


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Probability of Ice Exceedance



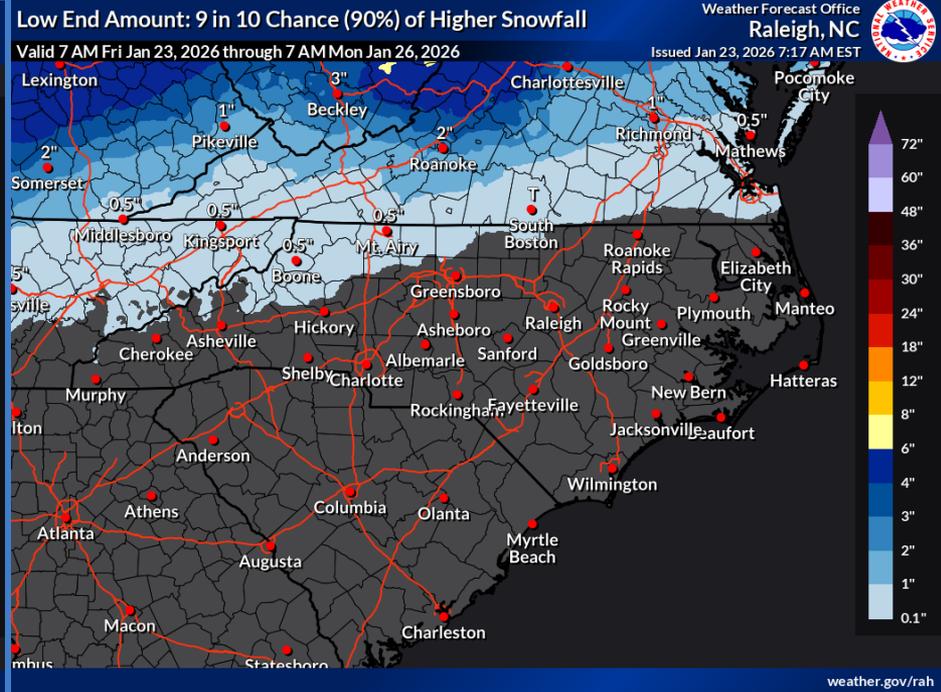
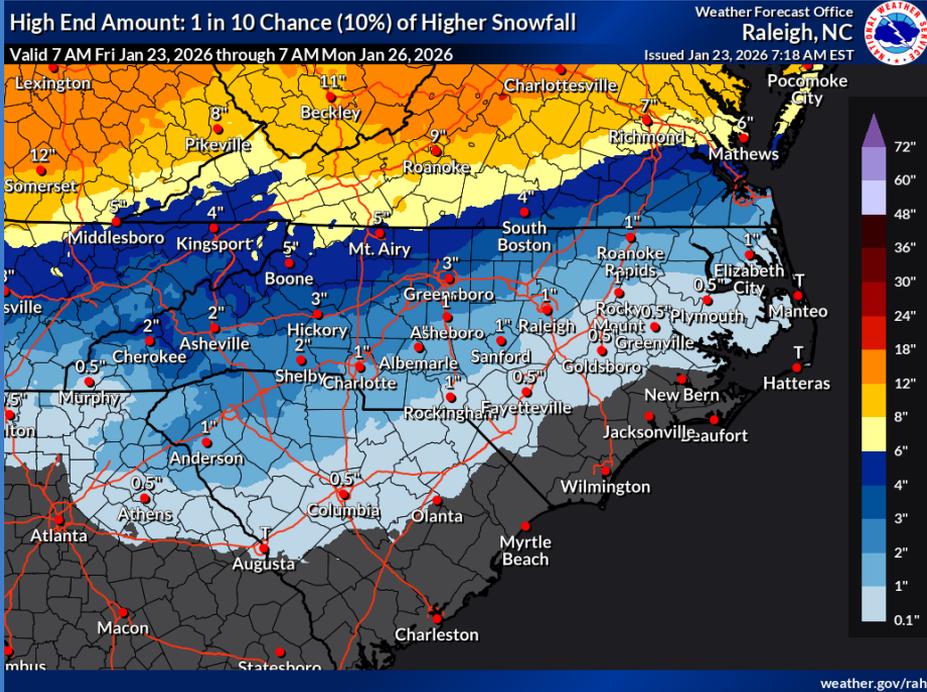
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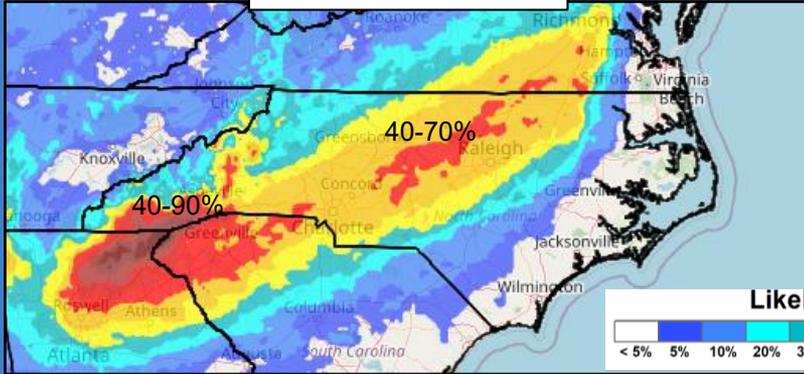




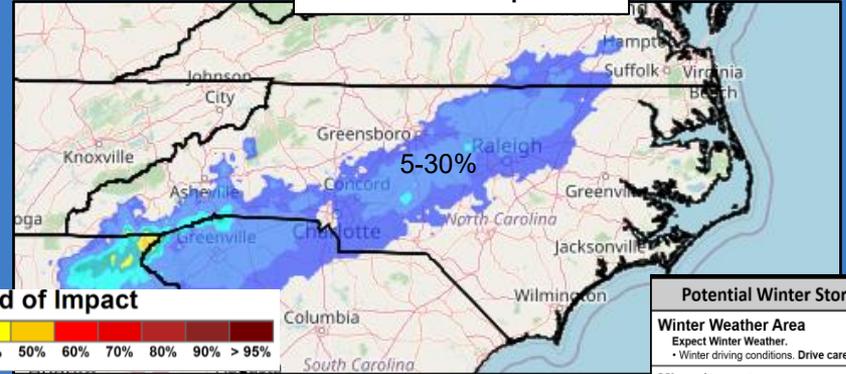
Winter Storm Severity Index Probabilities

1PM Monday January 26, 2026

Major Impacts



Extreme Impacts



Likelihood of Impact



Potential Winter Storm Impacts

<p>Winter Weather Area Expect Winter Weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.</p>
<p>Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.</p>
<p>Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p>
<p>Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. • Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. • Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p>
<p>Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. • Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. • Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. • Life-saving actions may be needed.</p>

- The likelihood of major impacts has increased to 40-70% across central NC and 40-90% across the southern mountains. The probability of extreme impacts (5-30%) across central and southern portions of NC is due to forecast ice accumulation and dangerously cold air behind the precipitation.
- Continue to monitor the forecast from trusted sources as details continue to be refined in the coming days.



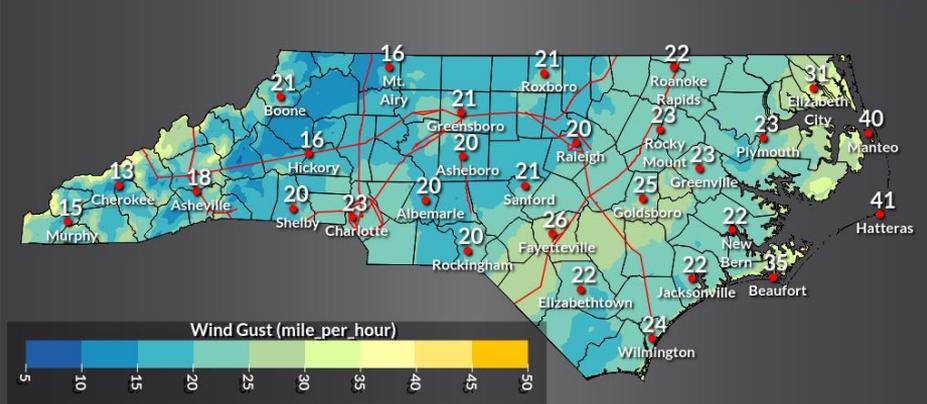
Saturday & Sunday's Wind Gust Forecast

24-hour Max Wind Gust

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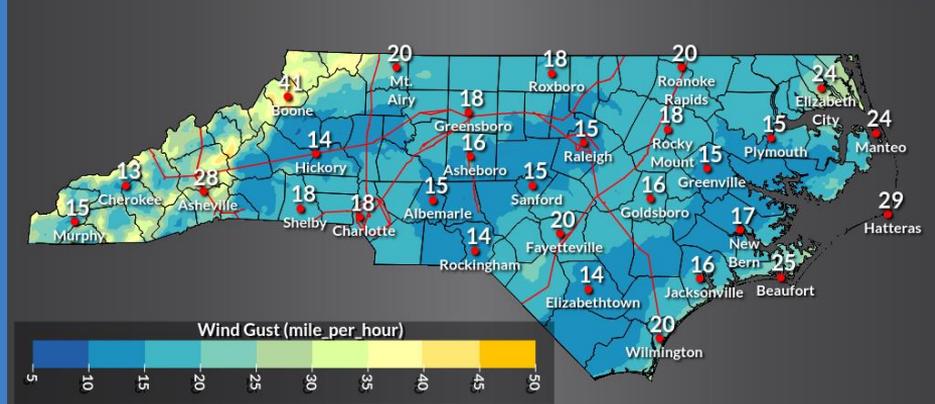
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24-hour Max Wind Gust

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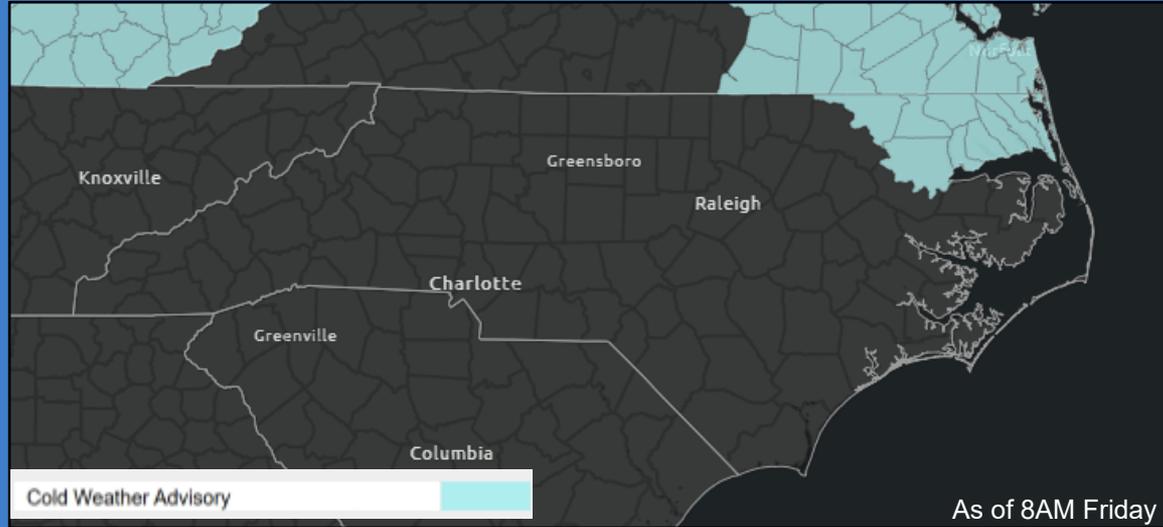
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- Breezy conditions are forecast through the weekend with the strongest wind gusts expected along the coast Saturday. Winds will increase across portions of the mountains Sunday, but are expected to remain below advisory criteria.



Cold Weather Advisory



- A Cold Weather Advisory is in effect for northeastern counties from Friday evening through Saturday morning where very cold wind chills as low as 5F are expected.
- Additional cold weather products are likely to be issued through the weekend and early next week as very cold temperatures are forecast.



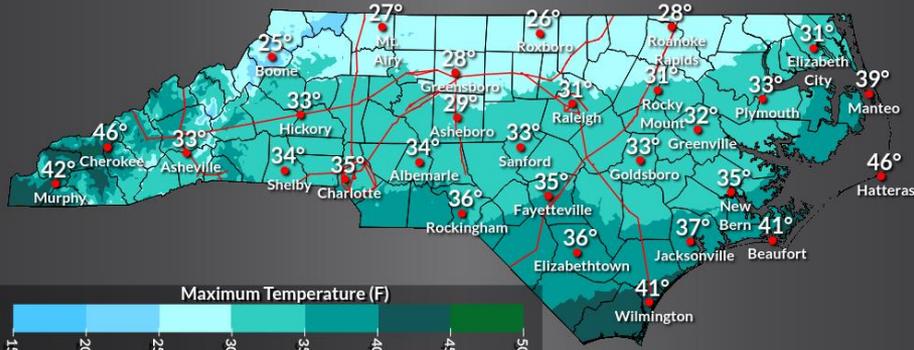
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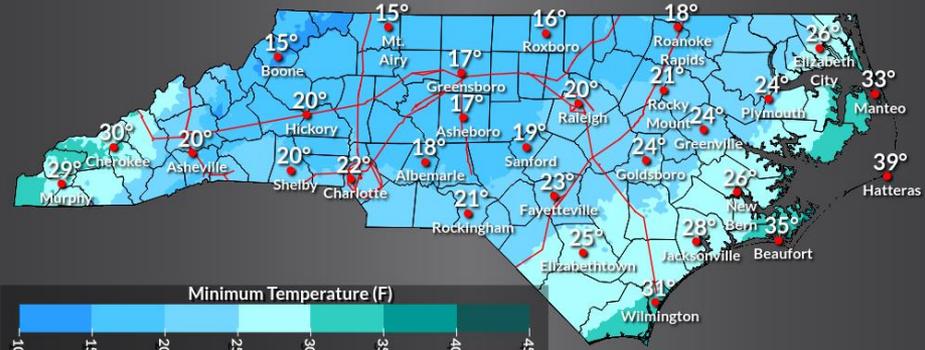
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Min Temperature Forecast

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- Highs will remain below freezing for much of NC Saturday, with the warmest temperatures forecast along the coast. Lows will fall into the teens and 20s Saturday night into Sunday as precipitation continues.
- Dangerously cold temperatures will linger through the weekend and into early next week. Any precipitation on roadways may linger longer than usual.



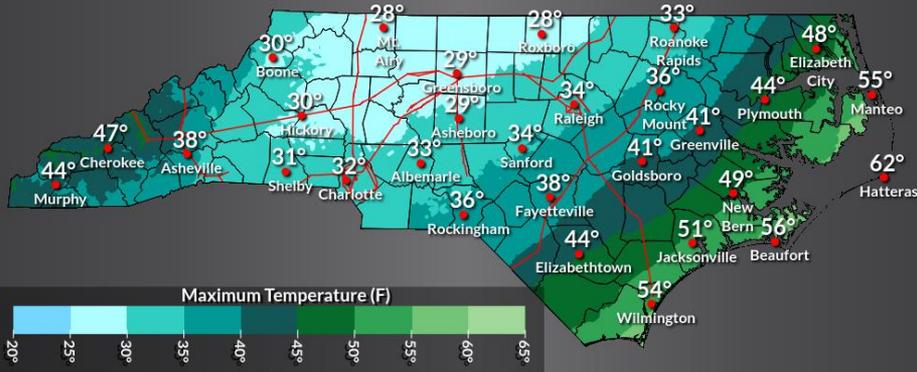
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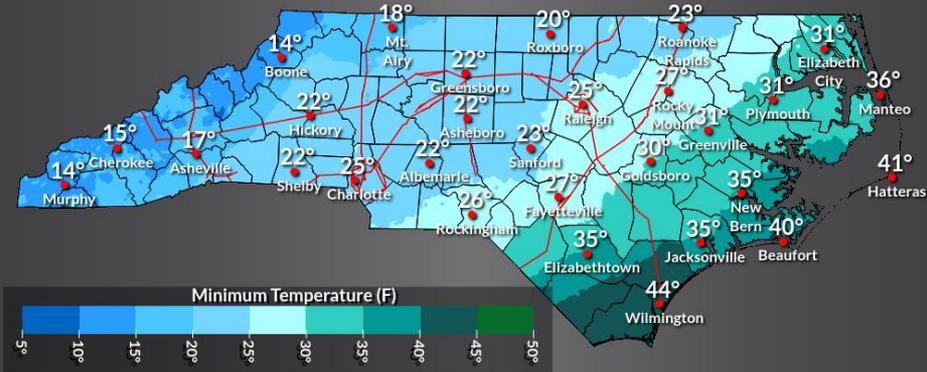
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- Highs will remain near of below freezing for much of NC Sunday, but the warmest temperatures forecast along the immediate coast. Lows will fall into the teens and 20s Sunday night-Monday morning.
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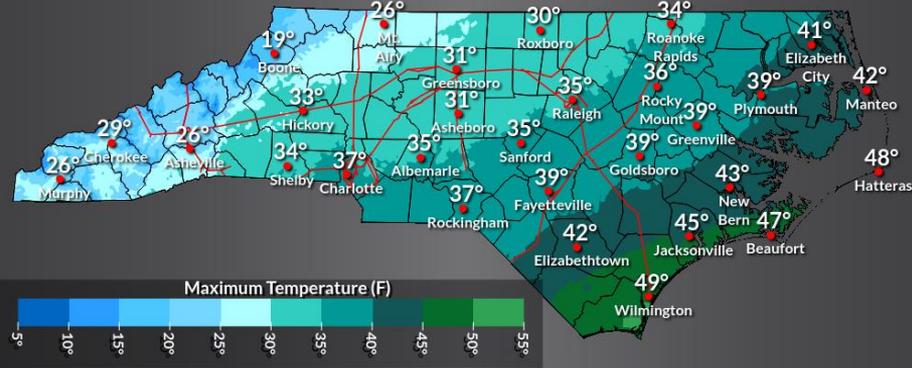


Monday & Tuesday's High Temperature Forecast

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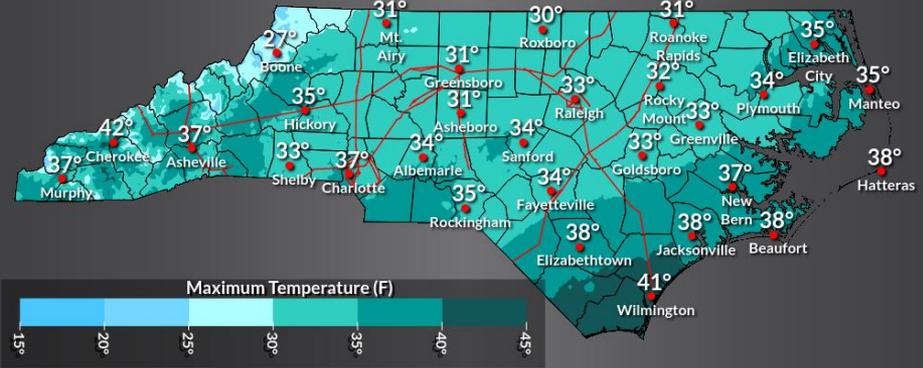
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Max Temperature Forecast

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- Dangerously cold temperatures will linger through the weekend and into next week. The mildest day next week will be Wednesday, but another arctic air mass will move in with falling temperatures once more by late next week. Lows will fall below freezing for much of NC each night next week, with the coldest nights expected to be Monday night and again Friday night.