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Emergency Management Briefing



NWS Boston Tuesday EM Briefing

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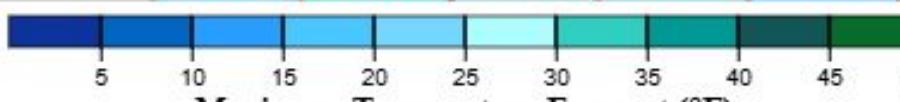


Temperature Forecast

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Maximum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Boston	24	35	41	29	14	17	20
Gloucester	24	36	41	30	15	19	21
Hartford	23	34	41	30	15	17	20
Hyannis	26	39	41	33	19	23	24
Lowell	23	32	41	28	12	15	20
Nantucket	33	41	43	36	25	25	26
New Bedford	25	40	42	32	17	21	22
New Haven	24	37	42	32	17	19	22
Newport	25	39	42	32	21	20	22
Pittsfield	16	26	35	21	7	11	14
Providence	24	37	42	31	15	17	21
Springfield	22	31	41	28	13	15	19
Worcester	21	32	40	26	11	14	18

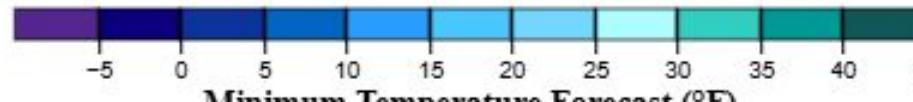


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Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Boston	12	12	29	17	5	5	7
Gloucester	13	13	29	17	5	5	8
Hartford	13	9	27	17	5	5	5
Hyannis	17	17	33	22	10	11	13
Lowell	14	9	27	14	2	2	4
Nantucket	20	20	38	25	13	14	20
New Bedford	12	12	31	19	6	6	8
New Haven	16	11	30	19	7	7	9
Newport	15	15	33	22	8	8	10
Pittsfield	8	3	20	9	-3	-2	-1
Providence	9	9	29	18	4	4	7
Springfield	12	8	25	15	3	3	3
Worcester	11	7	25	14	1	1	4



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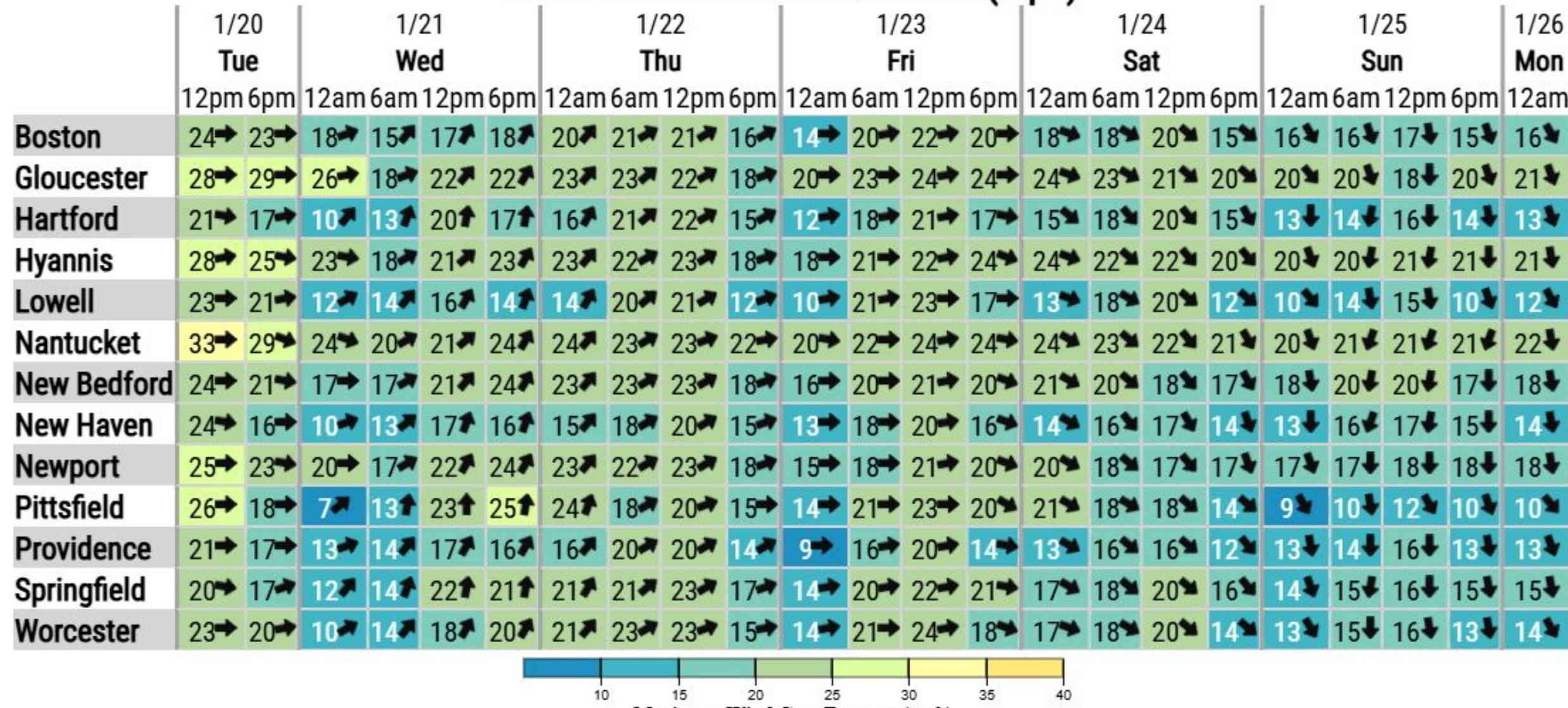
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Wind Gust Forecast

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Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)



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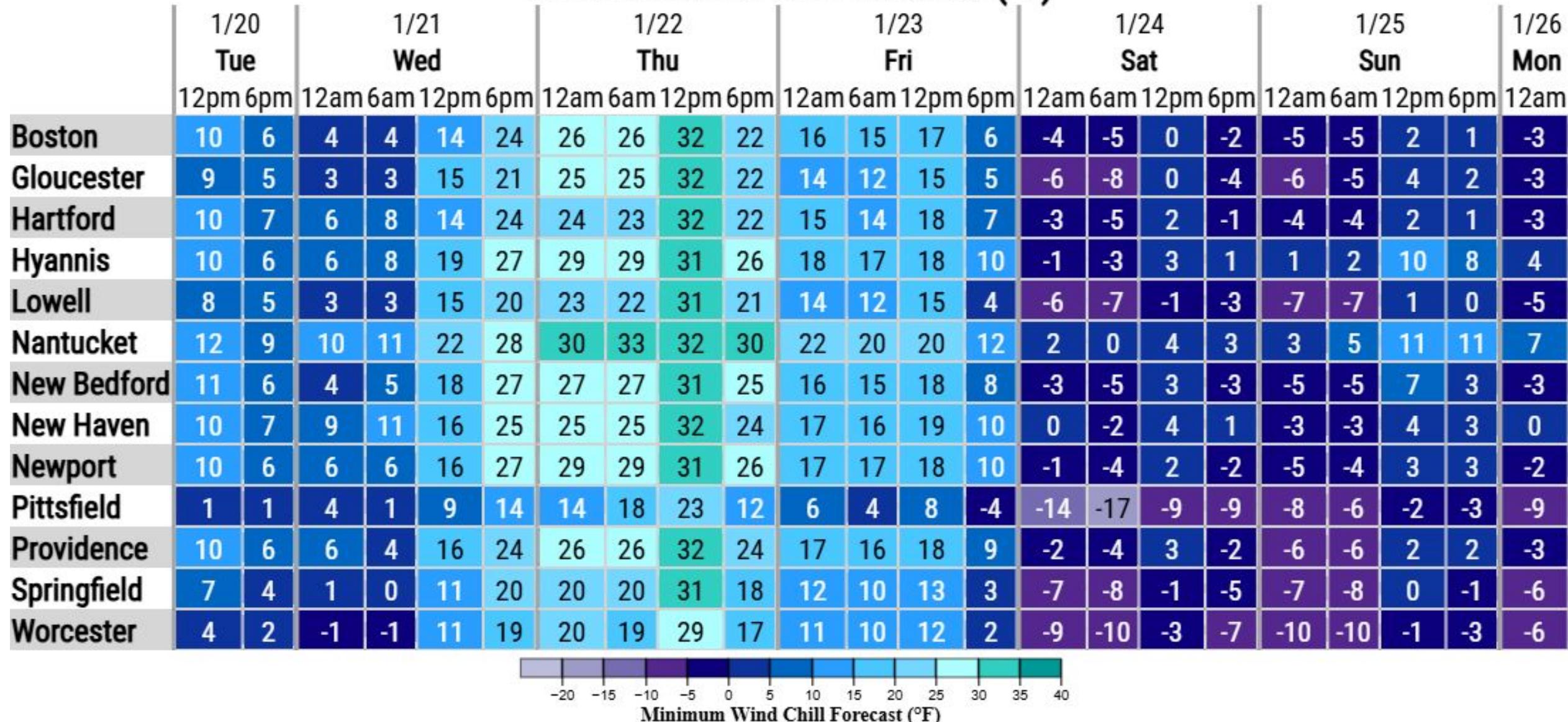
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Wind Chill Forecast

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Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)



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Weather and Precip. Probability Forecast

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	Weather Forecast												1/26
	1/20		1/21		1/22		1/23		1/24		1/25		Mon
	Tue	12pm	Wed	12am	12pm								
Boston	0%	0%	25%	25%	10%	5%	10%	10%	15%	40%	40%	35%	
Gloucester	0%	0%	25%	30%	10%	5%	10%	10%	15%	35%	40%	35%	
Hartford	0%	0%	15%	20%	10%	5%	5%	5%	20%	40%	45%	35%	
Hyannis	0%	0%	10%	20%	15%	5%	15%	20%	25%	50%	50%	45%	
Lowell	0%	0%	25%	25%	10%	5%	5%	5%	15%	35%	35%	35%	
Nantucket	0%	0%	5%	20%	15%	5%	15%	20%	30%	55%	55%	50%	
New Bedford	0%	0%	10%	20%	10%	5%	10%	10%	20%	50%	50%	45%	
New Haven	0%	0%	5%	15%	10%	5%	10%	10%	20%	50%	50%	40%	
Newport	0%	0%	15%	20%	10%	5%	10%	10%	20%	50%	50%	40%	
Pittsfield	0%	0%	20%	20%	20%	5%	10%	5%	15%	30%	40%	35%	
Providence	0%	0%	15%	25%	10%	5%	5%	10%	20%	45%	45%	40%	
Springfield	0%	0%	20%	20%	10%	5%	5%	5%	15%	35%	40%	35%	
Worcester	0%	0%	25%	25%	10%	5%	5%	5%	15%	35%	40%	35%	

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- Rain +

- Wintry Mix +

- Snow +

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Winter Storm Severity Index: 7 PM Saturday - 7 PM Sunday

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Probability of Minor Impacts

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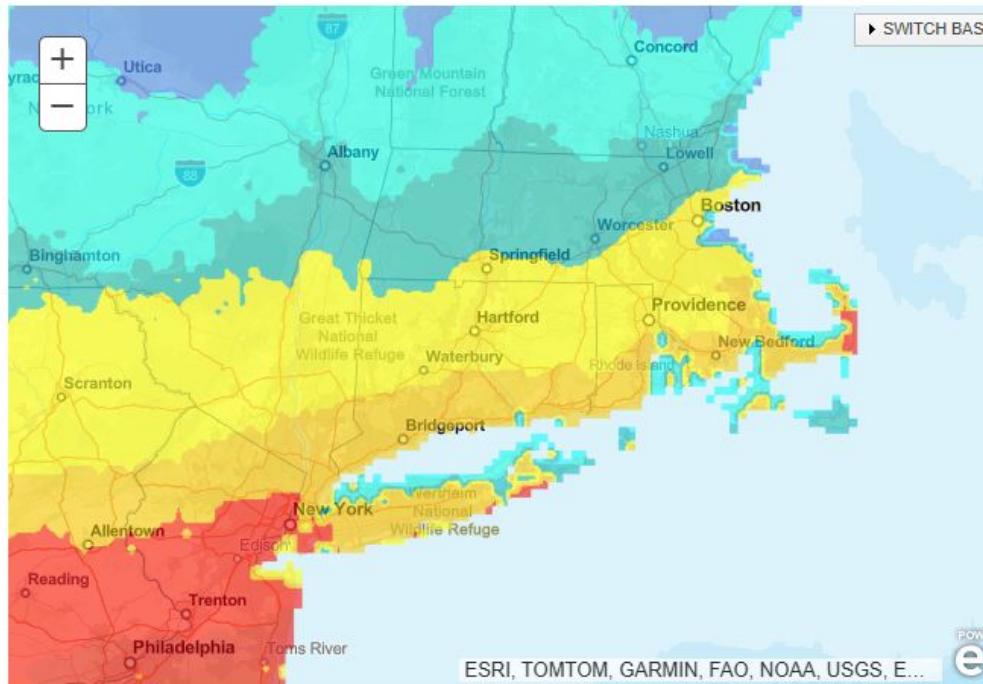
Drag the slider or click the arrow buttons to display the probability forecast of **minor** impacts from **Overall Winter Storm Impacts**



Forecast Initialized: 12Z Tue 20 Jan, 2026 | Forecast HR: 132 | 24 HR Forecast Valid at 7 PM EST Sunday, January 25, 2026 [00Z 1/26/2026]

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Probability of Moderate Impacts

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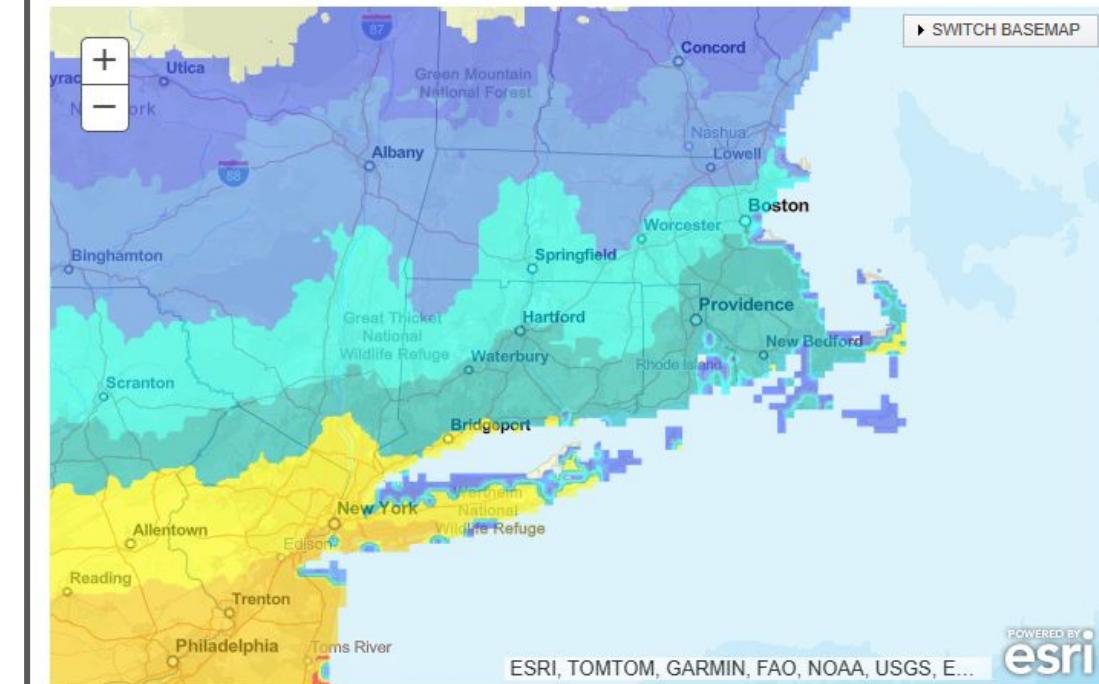
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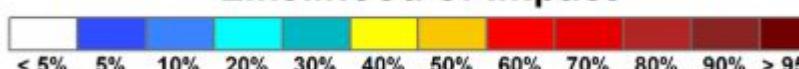
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Likelihood of Impact



Moderate to high (~30-60%) probabilities of Minor Winter Storm Impacts; **low to moderate (~10-30%)** probabilities of Moderate Winter Storm Impacts.

What Could Change? Arctic cold air in place could suppress main snow swath too far south, and could lead to lesser impacts.



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7 Day Precipitation Forecast

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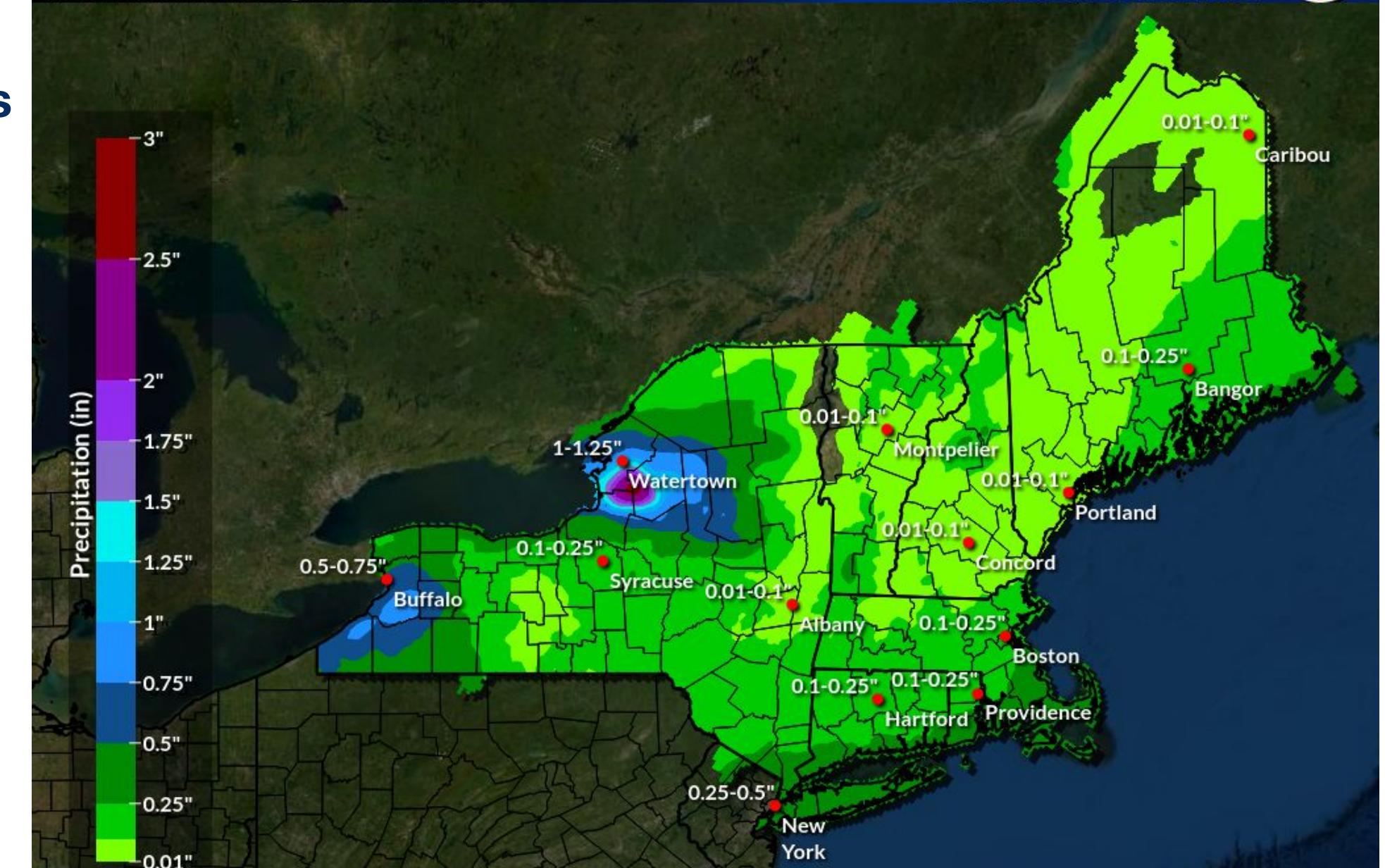
River Forecast Center
Northeast RFC

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7 Day WPC Precipitation Forecast

Valid Tue 7:00AM through Tue 7:00AM EST



- Much of this precipitation falls this weekend as snow.



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6-10 Day Outlook

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Valid January 25th - 29th, 2026



6-10 Day Temperature Outlook

Valid: January 25 - 29, 2026

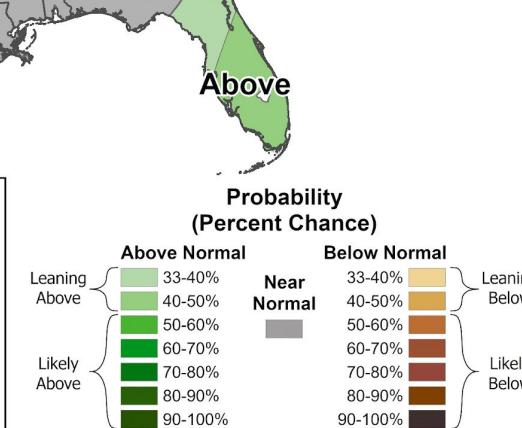
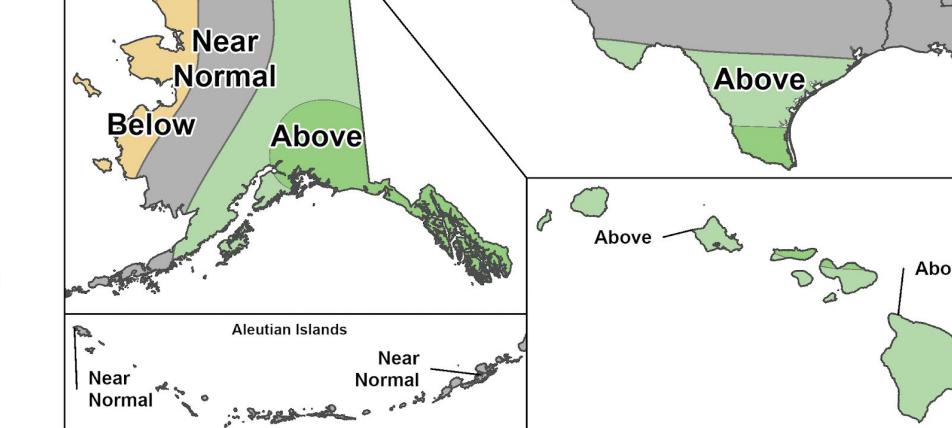
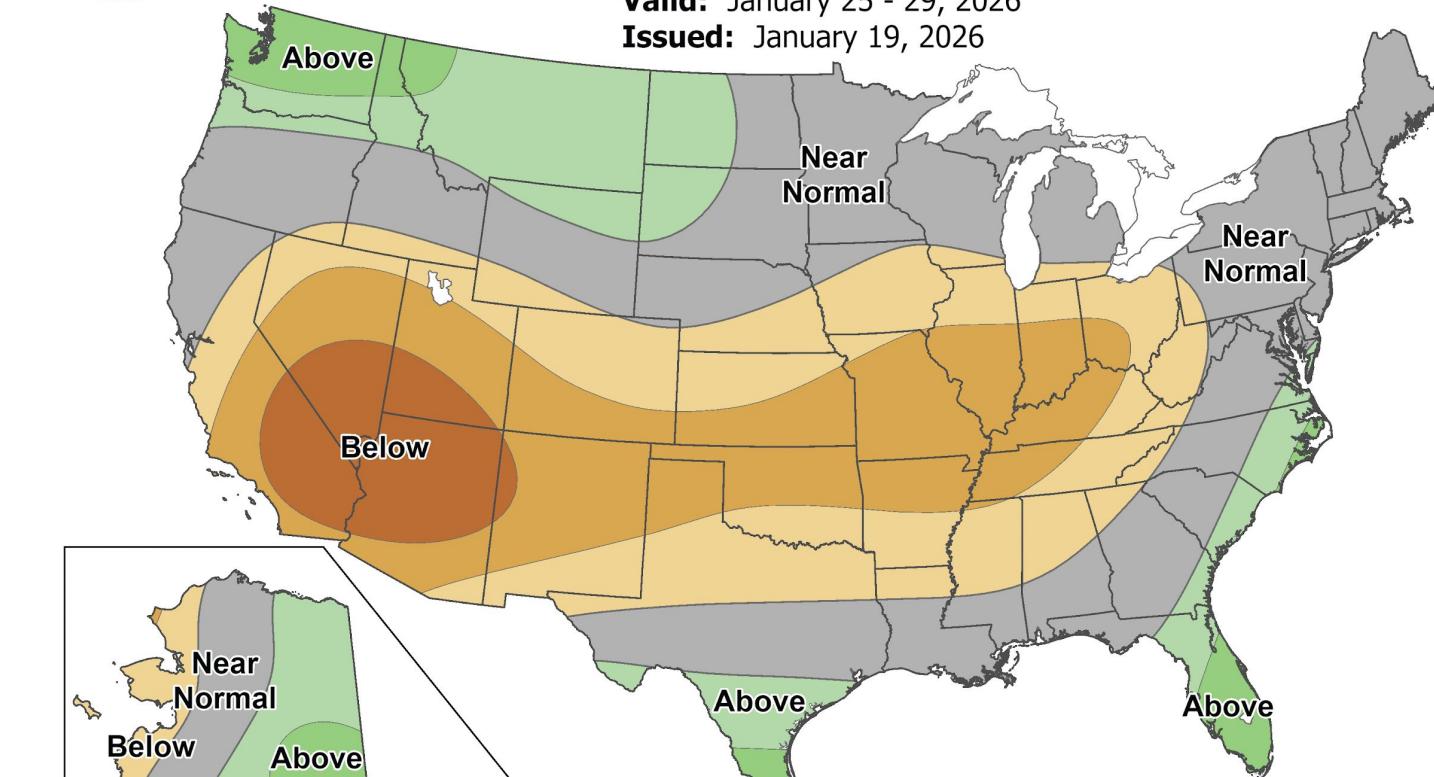
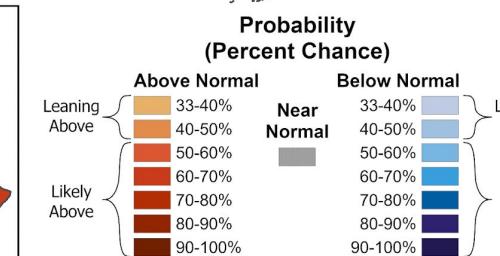
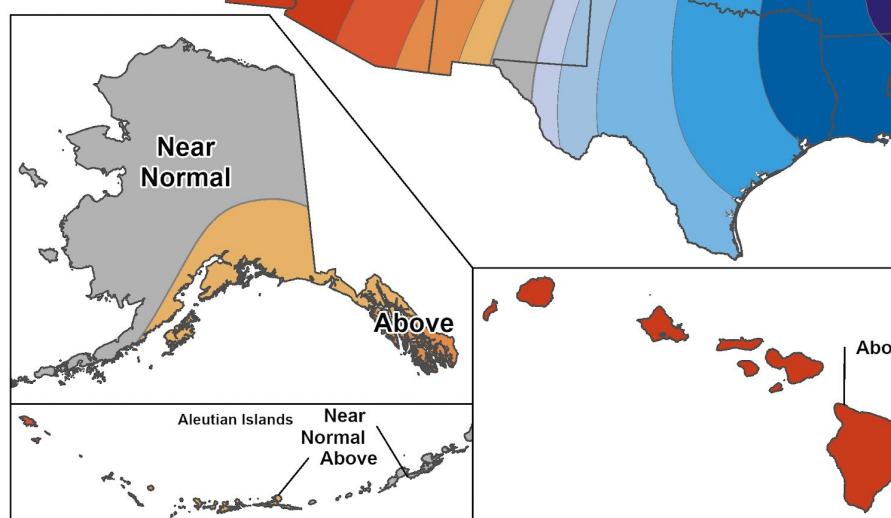
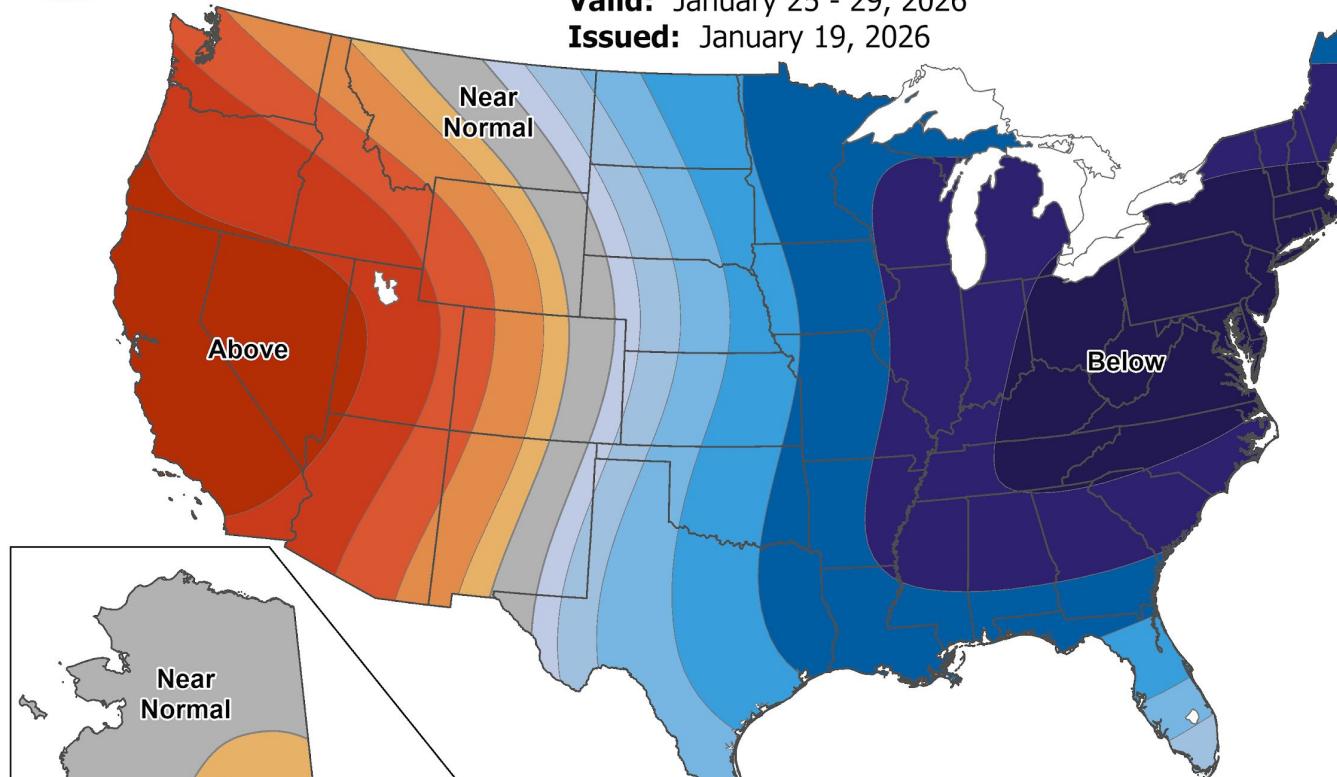
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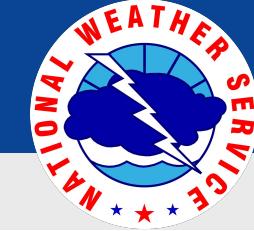
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8-14 Day Outlook

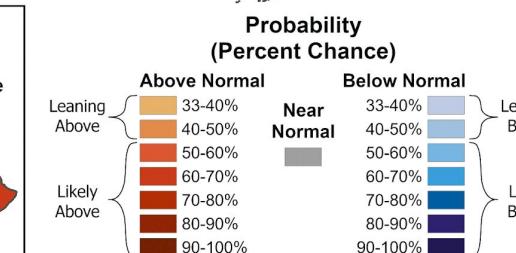
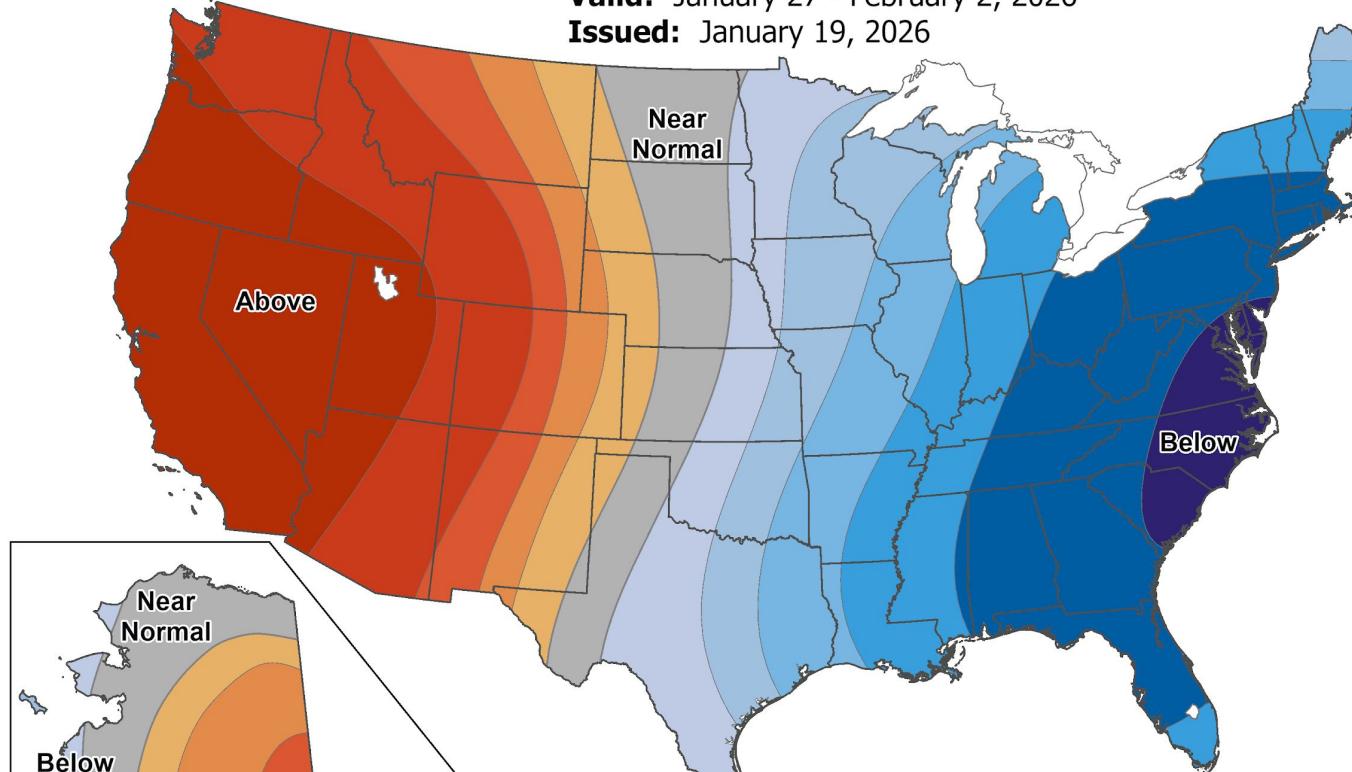
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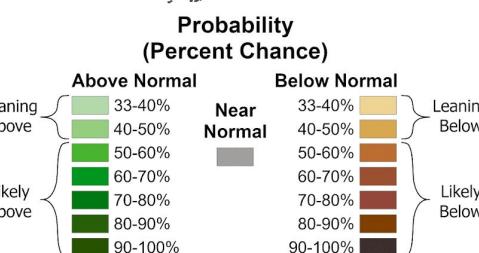
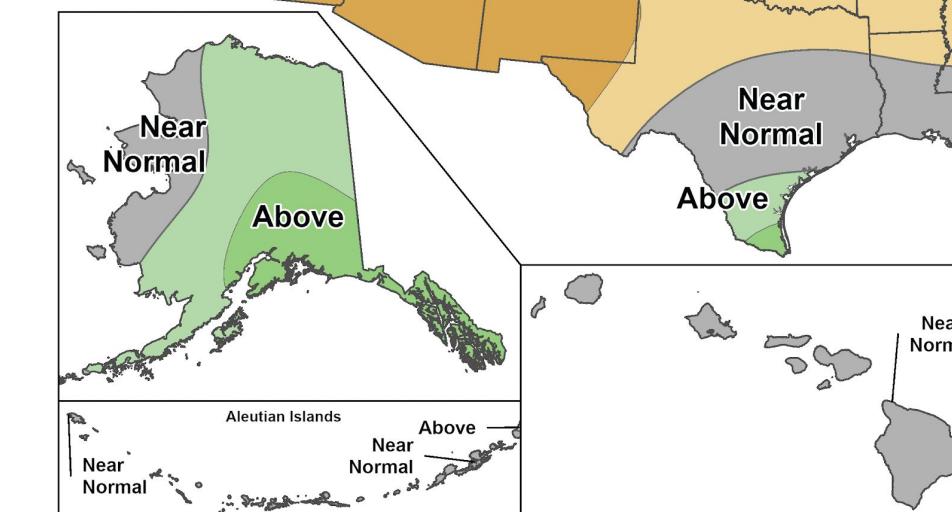
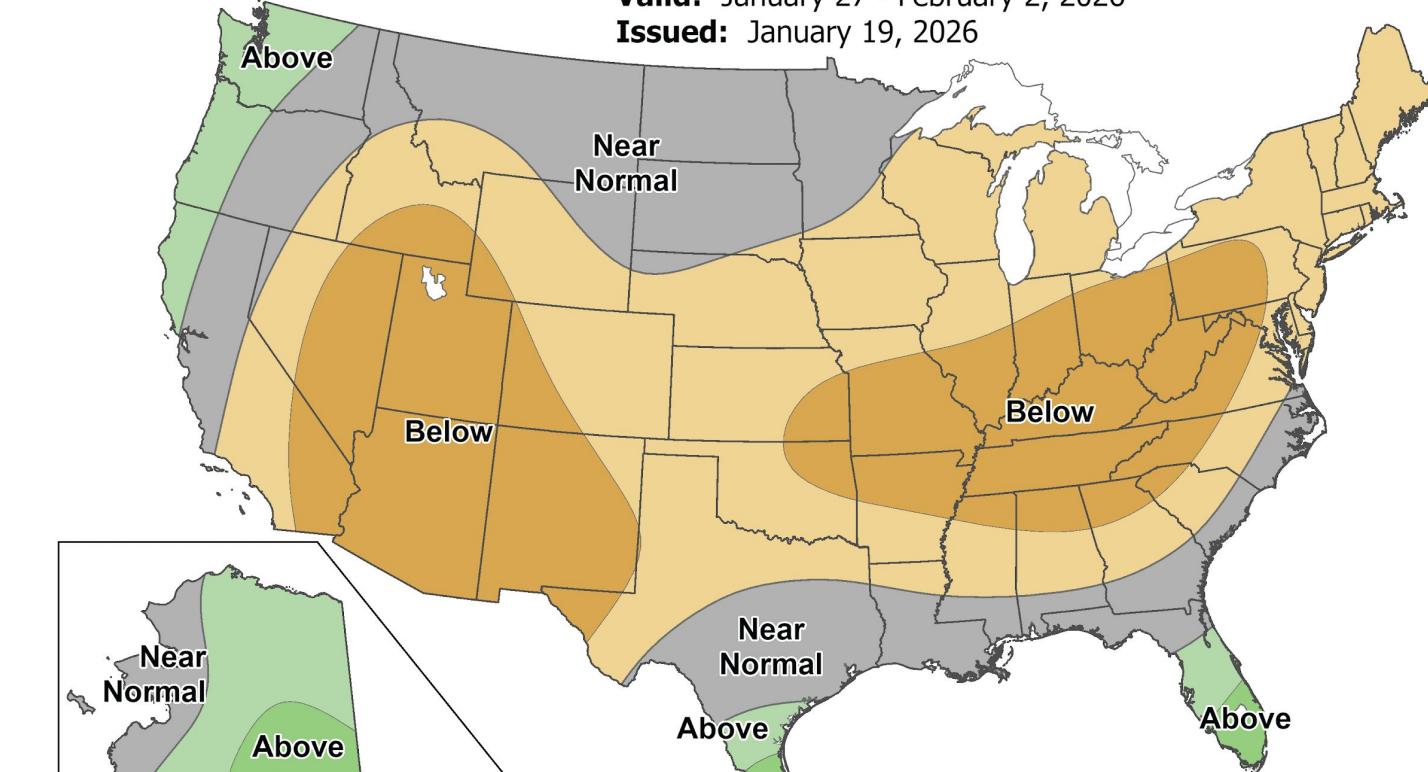
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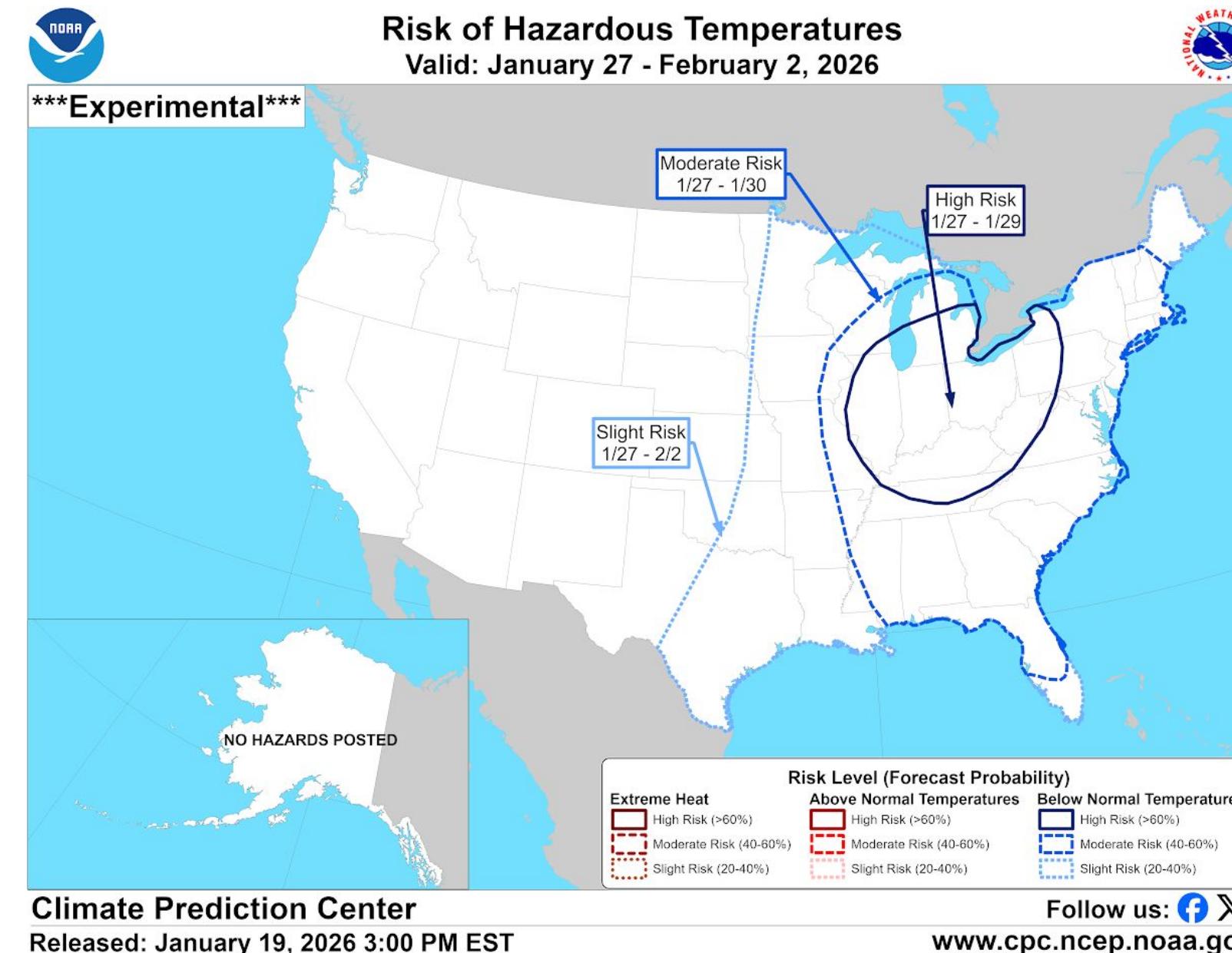
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