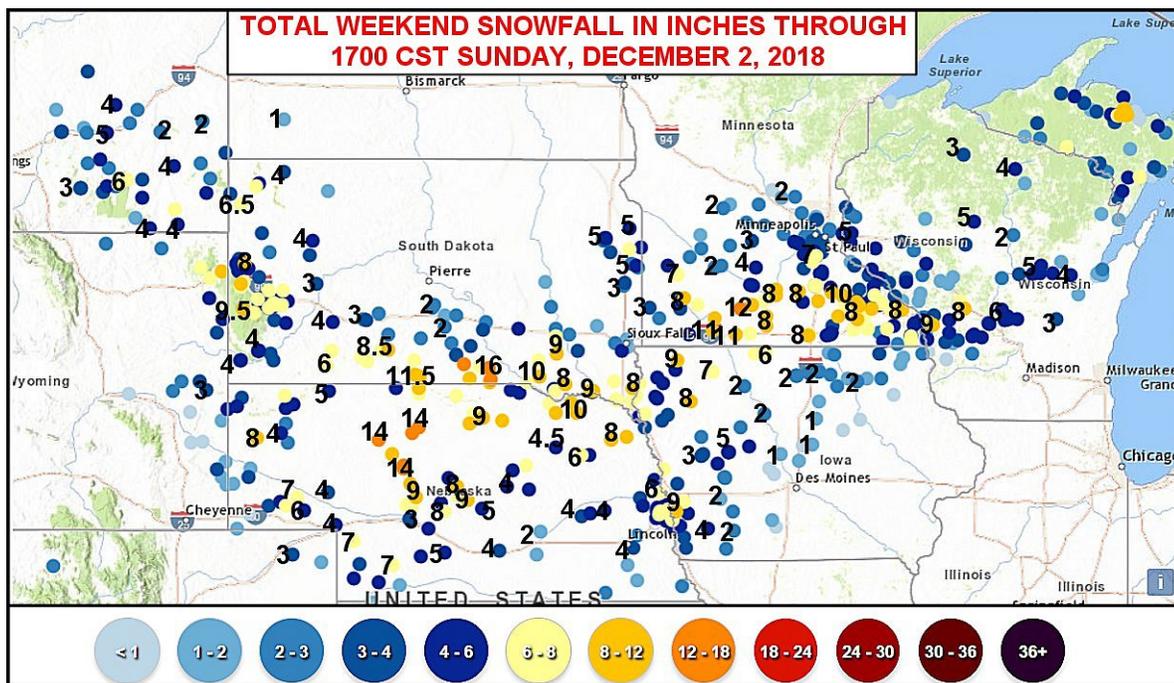


## Second Weekend U.S. Snowstorm In A Row; How About 3?

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Kansas City, December 2 (World Weather Inc.) – *A frequent succession of storm systems has been plaguing the central and northeastern United States over the past few weeks and the pattern will perpetuate during much of the winter.* The pattern has already reduced small grain planting and establishment in several areas from the central and southern Plains into Ontario and Quebec, Canada while delaying some of the late season harvesting of corn and a few other crops. *The pattern will resume later this week as a new storm comes into the southern Plains. The event has potential to produce heavy snow and rain in a part of livestock country as well as producing yet another wave of unwelcome rain into the southeastern U.S., Delta and lower Midwest.*



The latest snowstorm impacted the northwestern Plains and from Nebraska, far northern Kansas and far southern South Dakota into Wisconsin. Accumulations varied from 3 to 9 inches most often, but local totals of 10 to 16 inches occurred from north-central Nebraska and south-central South Dakota to southern Minnesota. Snow totals of 4 to 9 inches also occurred in the heart of central Nebraska and in the Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa area while 1 to 5 inches occurred in most other areas not mentioned.

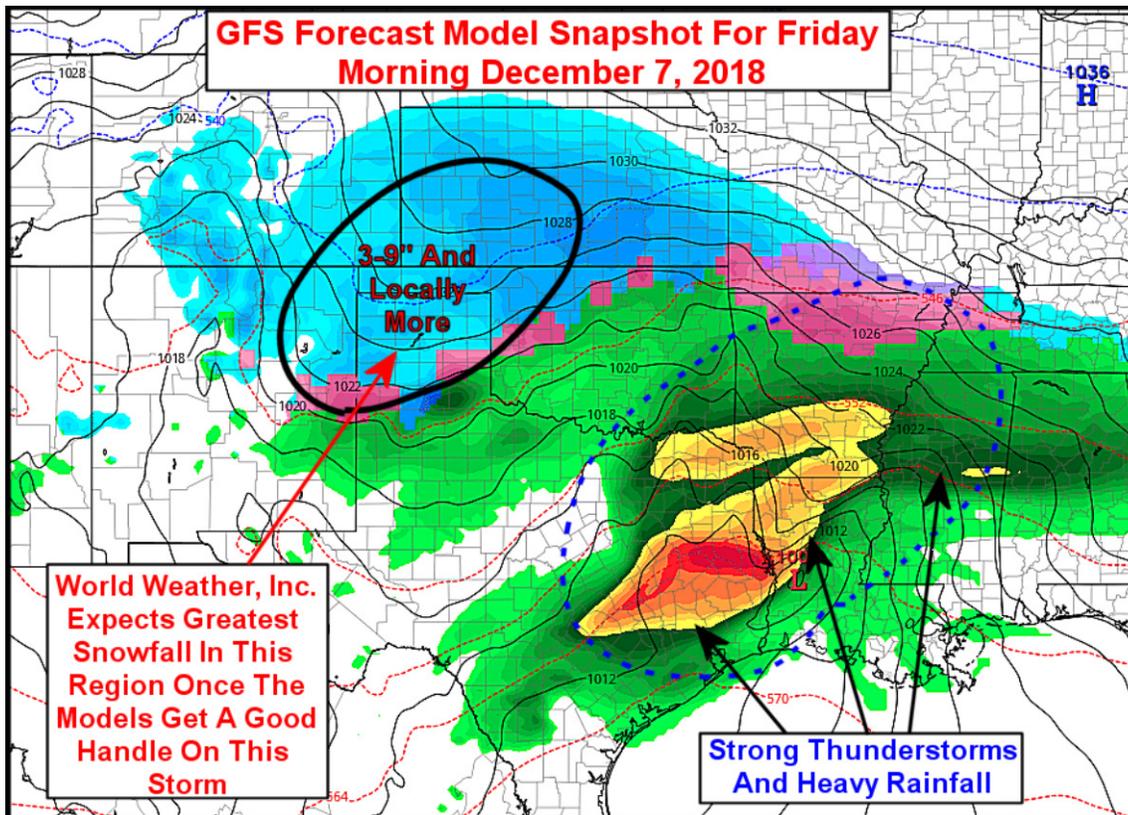
The snowstorm was quite similar to the one of the previous weekend when blizzard conditions occurred from central Kansas and southeastern Nebraska to northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin with 4 to 10 and local totals to 17 inches. The greatest snowfall last week was in south-central Iowa.

The last weekend in November's storm was much smaller than this past weekend's event. *The most recent storm produced significant rainfall across the central and lower Midwest, Delta and southeastern states with some flooding rain in the southeastern states. Needless to say, these areas are all plenty wet and World Weather, Inc. expects this wetter*

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*biased pattern to occur often during the winter and early spring. That may lead to flood issues in the spring and producers, traders and shippers should already be making plans to deal with that situation.*

In the meantime, **the next storm system in the current series** will drop through California Tuesday and Wednesday. It will begin as a weak storm, but as it drops into the southwestern desert region and begins to turn to the east northeast it will tap into Gulf of Mexico moisture and a significant explosion of precipitation development will occur once again. The more southward track of this new storm may reduce some of the potential snowfall for some areas since there will be potential for warm air from the Gulf of Mexico to stream out ahead of the storm.



However, as the storm center intensifies in the southern Plains it will drag some cold air out of the Rocky Mountain region and northwestern Plains to induce a region of potentially heavy wet snow and cold rain. Some freezing rain and sleet may also occur in the high Plains region. It may be a little early to sound the alarms for a major winter storm because this new system has not moved inland yet and changes in the storm's expected intensity and direction of movement can still change dramatically.

The only reason for the early coverage of this storm is because of its potential impact on livestock country from parts of New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle into southeastern Colorado, southern Kansas and possibly a part of Oklahoma. Travel delays are possible if snowfall reaches to 3- to 10-inch range as some models suggest. If the storm is going to be significant it will likely impact the southern Plains late Thursday night into Saturday before shifting to the east toward the Carolinas, Virginia and the Ohio River Valley during the coming weekend.

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*As noted above, this storm will be a warmer biased event and that should restrict the area of significant snow to the southwestern high Plains excluding southern parts of the West Texas cotton country.* This storm system is liable to produce some very heavy rainfall and strong thunderstorms in the east half of Texas to the Delta Friday into Saturday and into the southeastern states Saturday into Sunday. Some risk of strong to severe thunderstorms will be possible and rainfall of at least 1.00 to 3.00 inches and potential for more. *The additional rain will further disrupt farming activity and maintain concern over cotton and peanut conditions in the southeastern states while returning some local flooding to the southeastern states.*

The storm will be closely monitored and it may change quite a bit in the next few days.

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