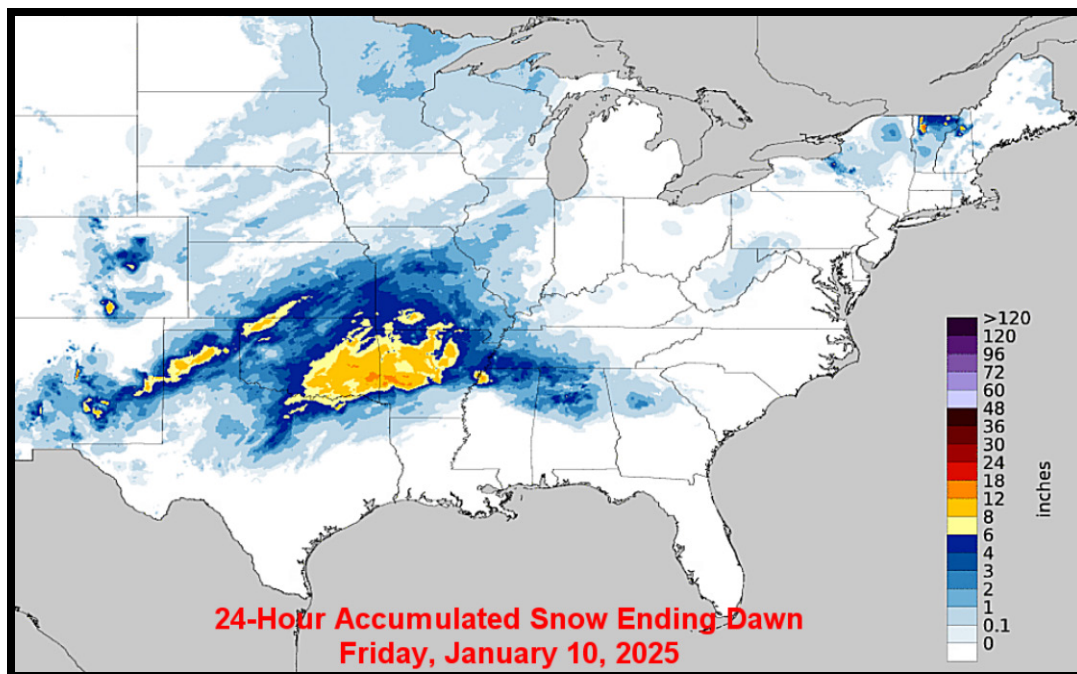


U.S. Winter Storm Shifting Into Southeastern States

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Kansas City, January 10 (World Weather Inc.) – *The latest winter storm to impact the U.S. promoted significant snowfall from portions of Texas, Oklahoma, and southern Kansas through the northern Delta to northern Alabama and Tennessee overnight and earlier today. Travel has been and will likely be impacted for the next couple of days with a stressful environment for livestock also possible.* Several areas in hard red winter wheat country received enough precipitation to eventually lift topsoil moisture. The winter storm will shift farther east through tonight and end Saturday with impacts from the Delta to the southeastern states, lower Ohio River Valley, and neighboring locations. Tennessee, northern sections of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and neighboring locations will receive the greatest amount of snow that will likely slow or delay travel. The moisture will otherwise be welcome are several locations are in a drought or abnormally dry.

A cut-off upper-level disturbance evolved over the U.S. southwest earlier this week and slowly advanced easterly into the southern Plains Thursday. The disturbance brought rain, snow, sleet, and ice to several locations in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Moisture totals for the 24-hour period ending this morning ranged from 1.00 to 2.00 inches from portions of eastern Texas through the middle and lower Delta while a trace to 0.50 inch occurred in western Texas, Oklahoma and south-central Kansas as well as the northern Delta and northern Alabama. Snowfall was greatest from northern Texas, Oklahoma, southern Kansas through western Arkansas, and southwestern Missouri where anywhere from 1 to 6 or 7 inches of snow resulted with local amounts up to 12 inches. Light snow was noted in several other areas in central Texas, eastern Arkansas, northern fringes of Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri and areas east into northern and Alabama and northwestern Georgia



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The snow and ice impacted roadways in several locations of the southern Plains, Arkansas, and neighboring areas Thursday. Travel was likely disrupted or even delayed in areas that received the greatest amount of precipitation. Grazing livestock may have been stressed as well, most notably in areas that received the greatest amount of ice.

Although the snow and ice likely delayed travel, the moisture will eventually be welcome in the southern half of hard red winter wheat country. These areas are largely drought-free and the additional precipitation may support a good start to the growing season this spring. Crop prospects will remain generally favorable.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

The main band of precipitation associated with the upper-level low was over the heart of the Ohio River Basin, Delta, and interior portions of the southeastern states at mid-day today. Precipitation will continue its easterly trajectory over the course of the day today into the lower Ohio River Valley, southeastern states, and mid-Atlantic States before shifting to the Atlantic Ocean by Saturday. Moisture totals by Saturday morning will range from 0.10 to 0.75 inch with local amounts of 1.00 inch or more expected in northern Georgia, western South Carolinas, and neighboring areas.

Northern sections of Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia into portions of South Carolina and southern North Carolina will see precipitation fall as a mixture of rain, ice, and snow. Ice accumulations will range from a trace to a few tenths of an inch before precipitation changes over to snow. Areas further south of this line will generally see precipitation fall as rain while areas further generally see precipitation fall as snow. Tennessee, northern sections of Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, and western sections of the Carolinas will see 3 to 8 inches of snow accumulate with local amounts approaching 12 inches. Snowfall in the lower Ohio River Valley, mid-Atlantic states, and other areas in the Carolinas will receive 1 to 4 inches of snow.

Major travel delays are expected for Tennessee, northern sections of Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, the Carolinas, and neighboring locations due to the snow and ice into Saturday morning. Ice accumulations may be great enough to damage infrastructure and promote power outages for several locations. Livestock may also be stressed. Crop impacts will otherwise be minimal.

Cold temperatures will follow the storm system, though no crop threatening conditions are likely. Sugarcane in Louisiana and citrus in Florida will not be threatened with frost or freezes until mid- to late week next week at the earliest. *Most likely cold air behind a January 17-19 storm will provide the next best chance for crop threatening cold for sugarcane and citrus.*

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