

# Winter Weather this Weekend

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For Portions of Southeast Nebraska & Southwest Iowa

## Important Forecast Changes

- New Blizzard Warning in effect beginning 3 AM Sunday through 12 AM Monday for Jefferson, Gage, Pawnee & Richardson Counties in Nebraska.
  - ◆ Wind gusts 35 to 40 mph and visibility below 1/4 mile will make for dangerous driving conditions

## Key Messages

- A [Winter Weather Advisory](#) will be in effect from this afternoon through 6 PM Sunday. A [Winter Storm Warning](#) will be in effect through Sunday night. A [Blizzard Warning](#) will be in effect through Sunday night.
- Much of southeast Nebraska & southwest Iowa are expected to receive snow, with totals decreasing as you progress northward.
- 6 to 12" snow in the Winter Storm/Blizzard Warning areas, with light glaze of freezing drizzle before snow begins

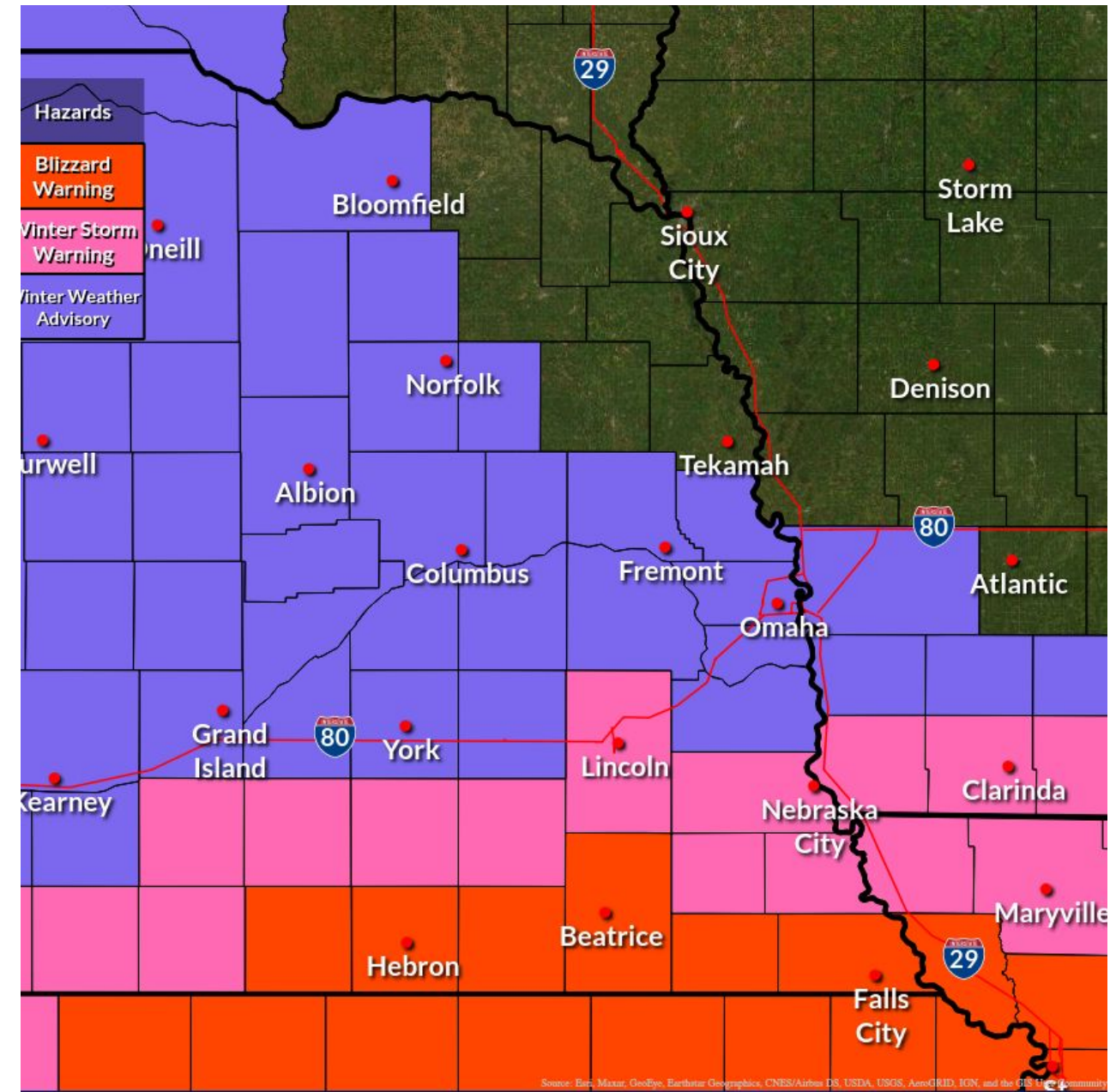
## Overall Forecast Confidence



Low

Medium

High





# Latest Snow Forecast - Sharp Cutoff Expected

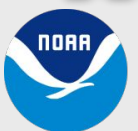
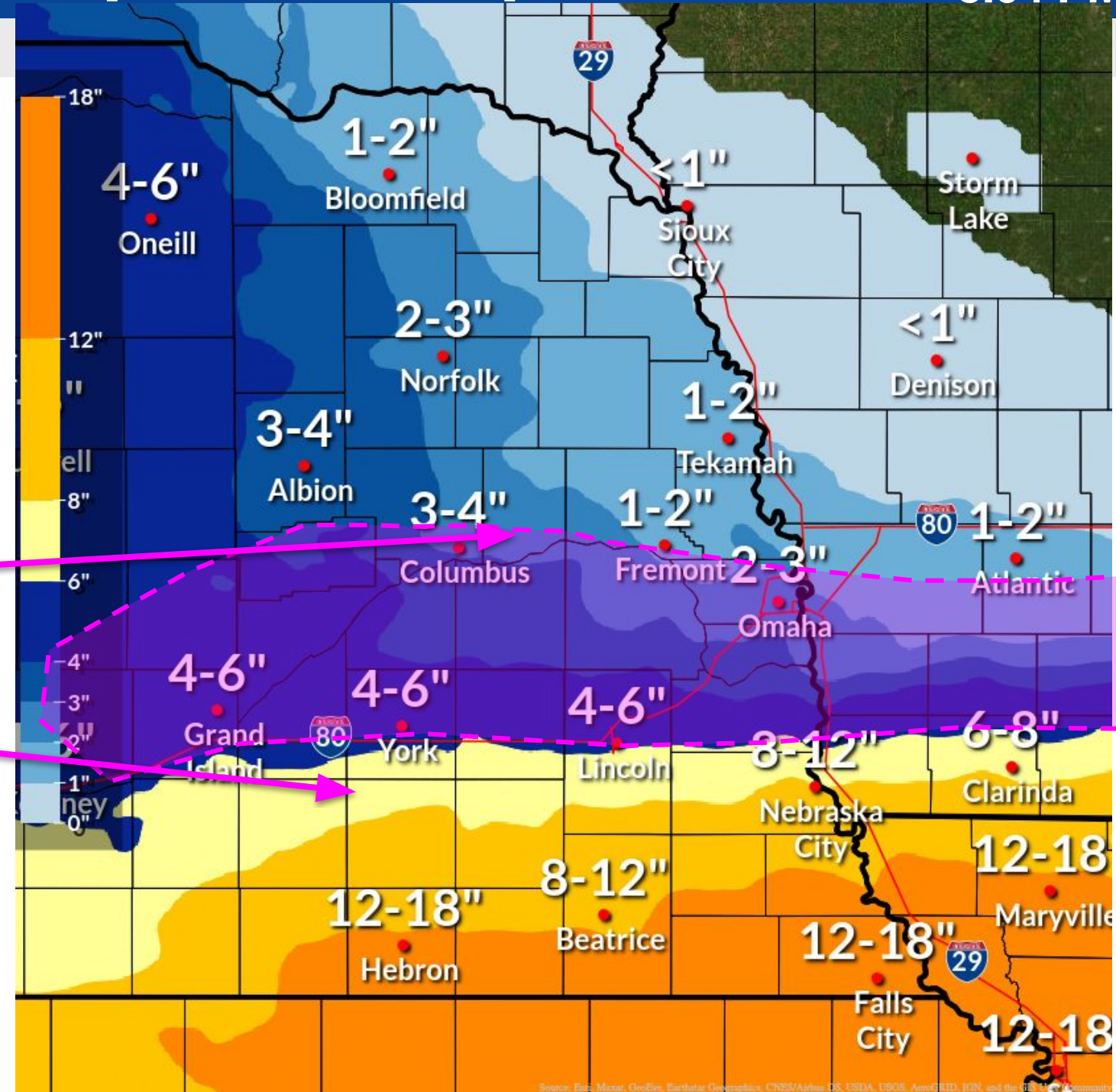
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## Discussion & Important Points

This is the most likely forecast as of 4 PM this morning. **In reality, there is a larger range of potential outcomes than shown on this map.** Check back for updates!

- Very sharp cutoff in snow amounts from north to south.
- In some areas, it may vary from 1" to 6" over less than 50 miles!
- Any small northward or southward shift in the storm track may greatly influence the total snow amount at your location.





# Potential Weekend Snow Timing

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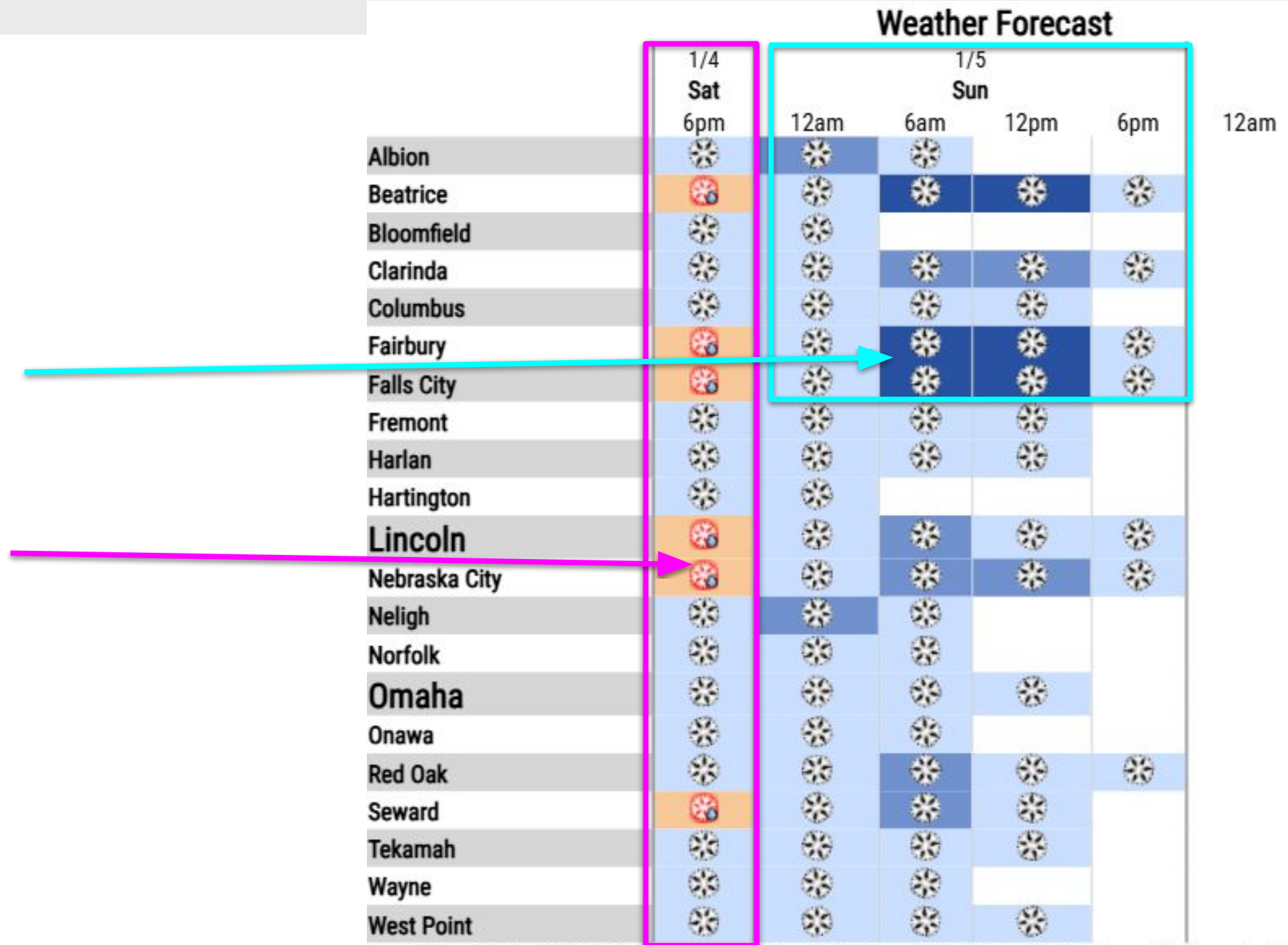
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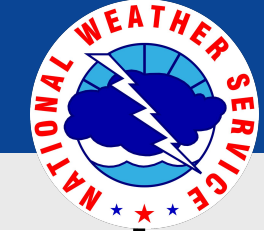
→ Some wintry mix of freezing drizzle, snow, or sleet is possible this evening

→ Freezing drizzle is not a guarantee, but something to keep in mind if traveling

→ Heaviest snow in southeast NE & southwest IA.

→ Don't see your city? Visit [weather.gov/forecastpoints](https://weather.gov/forecastpoints)





# Another Round of Snow This Weekend

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## What

Winter Storm Severity Index graphic highlights the areas that can expect the most significant and long-lasting impacts.

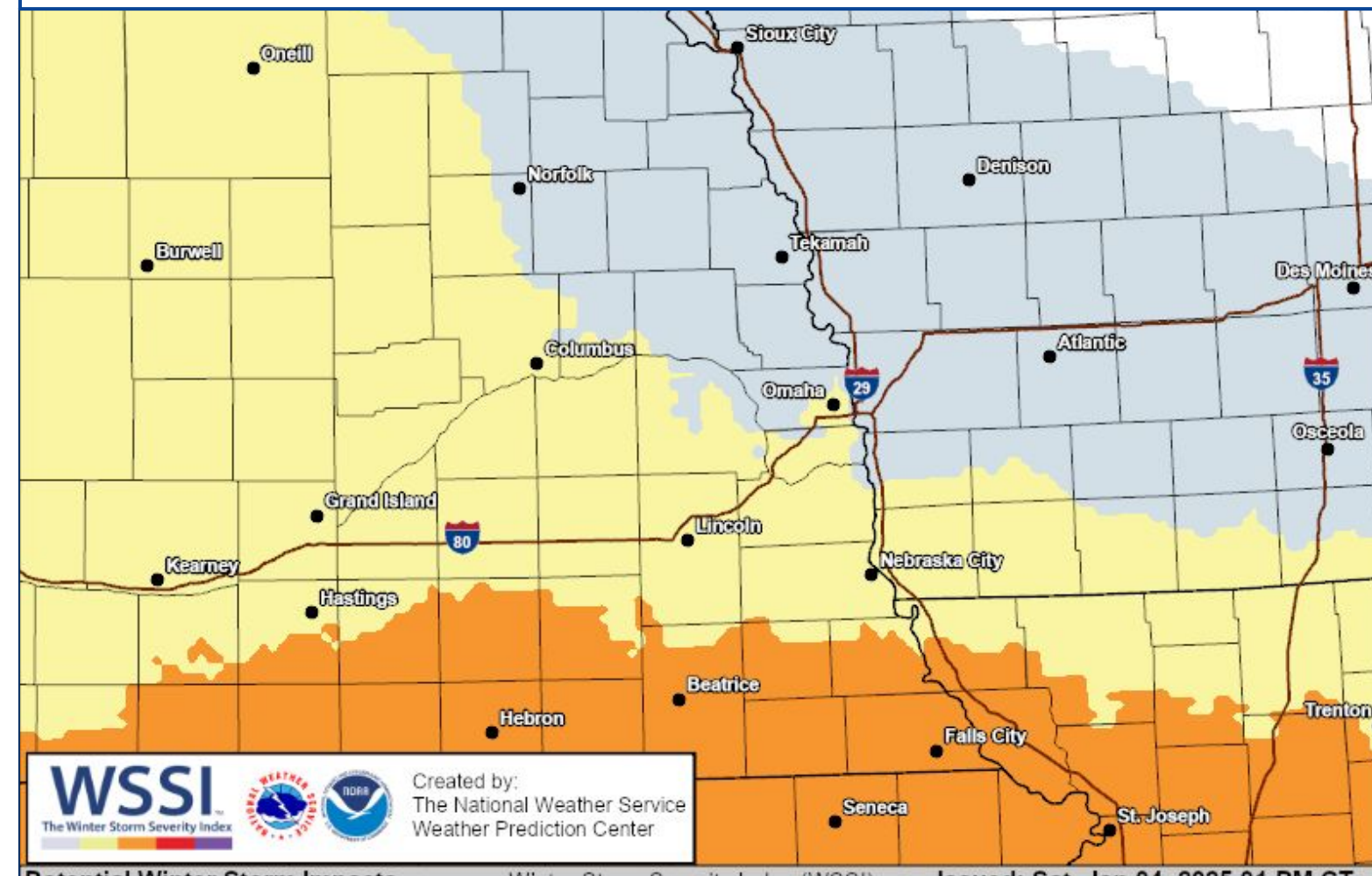
## Timing

A brief period of freezing drizzle is possible this evening, quickly transitioning to snow. The heaviest snow will occur late Sunday morning through Sunday afternoon. Blizzard conditions will begin overnight across southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa.

## Impacts

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



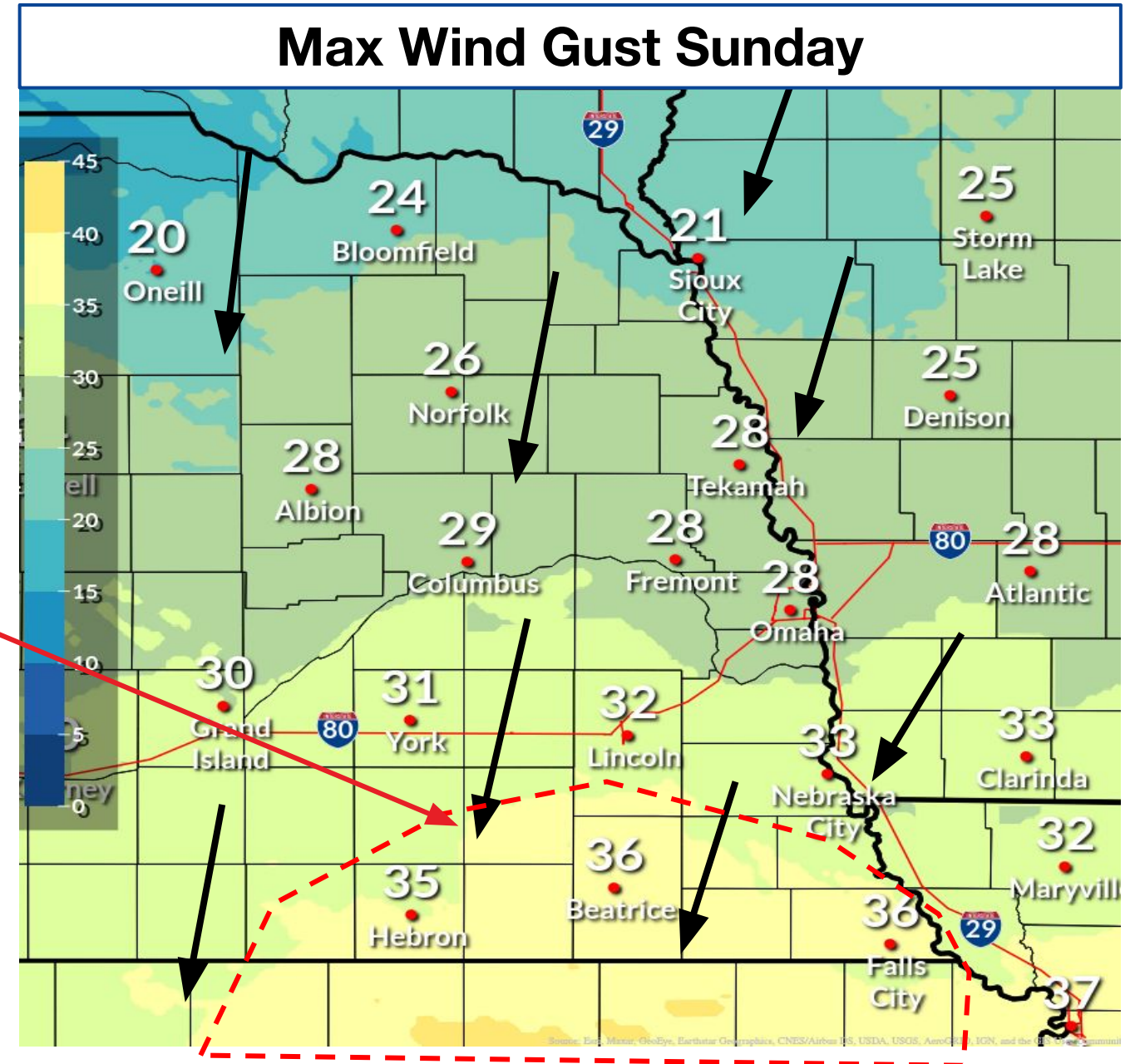


# Max Wind Gusts Sunday

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## Key Messages

- Winds will increase out of the north/northeast at 15 to 25 mph Sunday morning and afternoon.
- Gusts up to 25 to **40** mph will be possible throughout the day Sunday.
- Blizzard conditions are expected in the area outlined by a red dash. Elsewhere, reduced visibilities in blowing snow combined with snow drifting over roadways could make travel very hazardous at times.

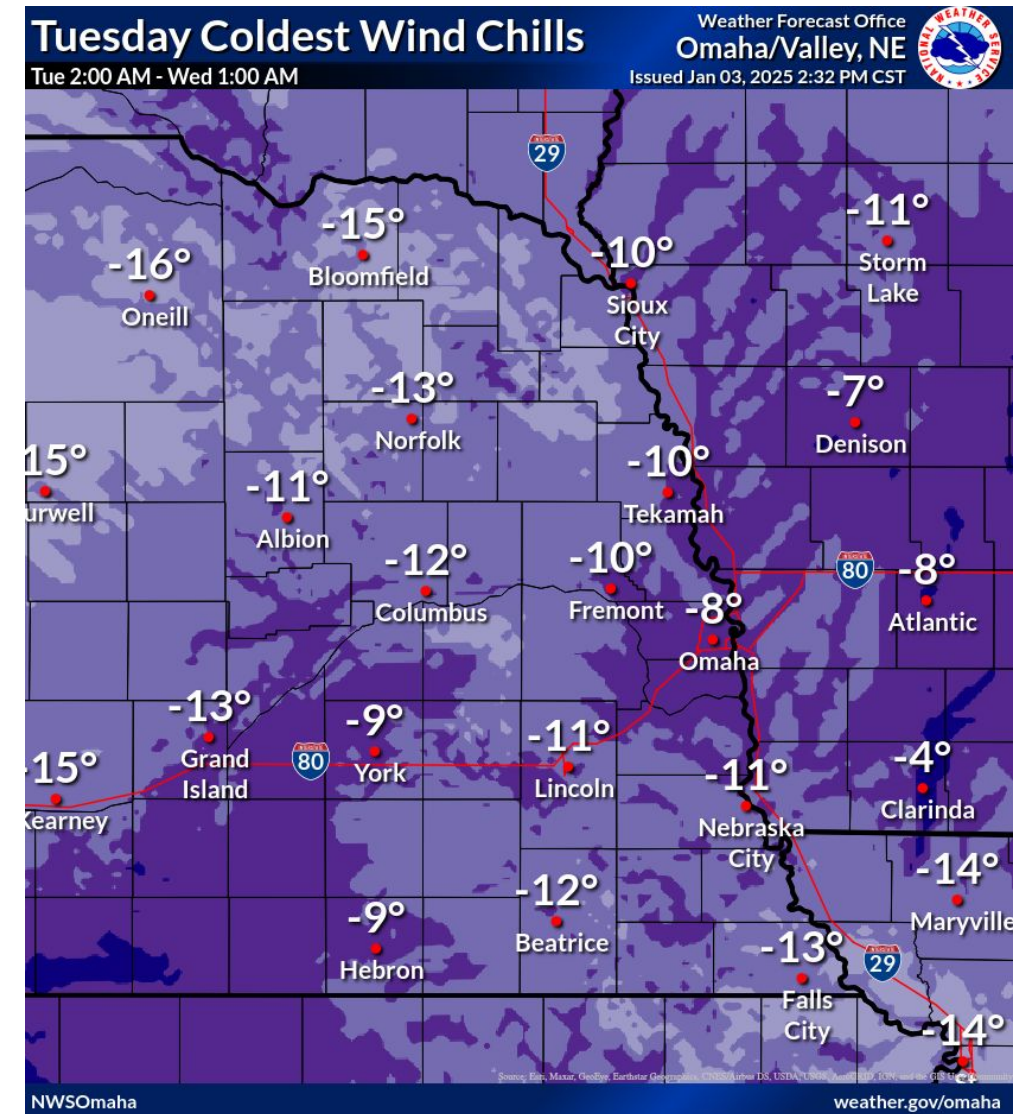
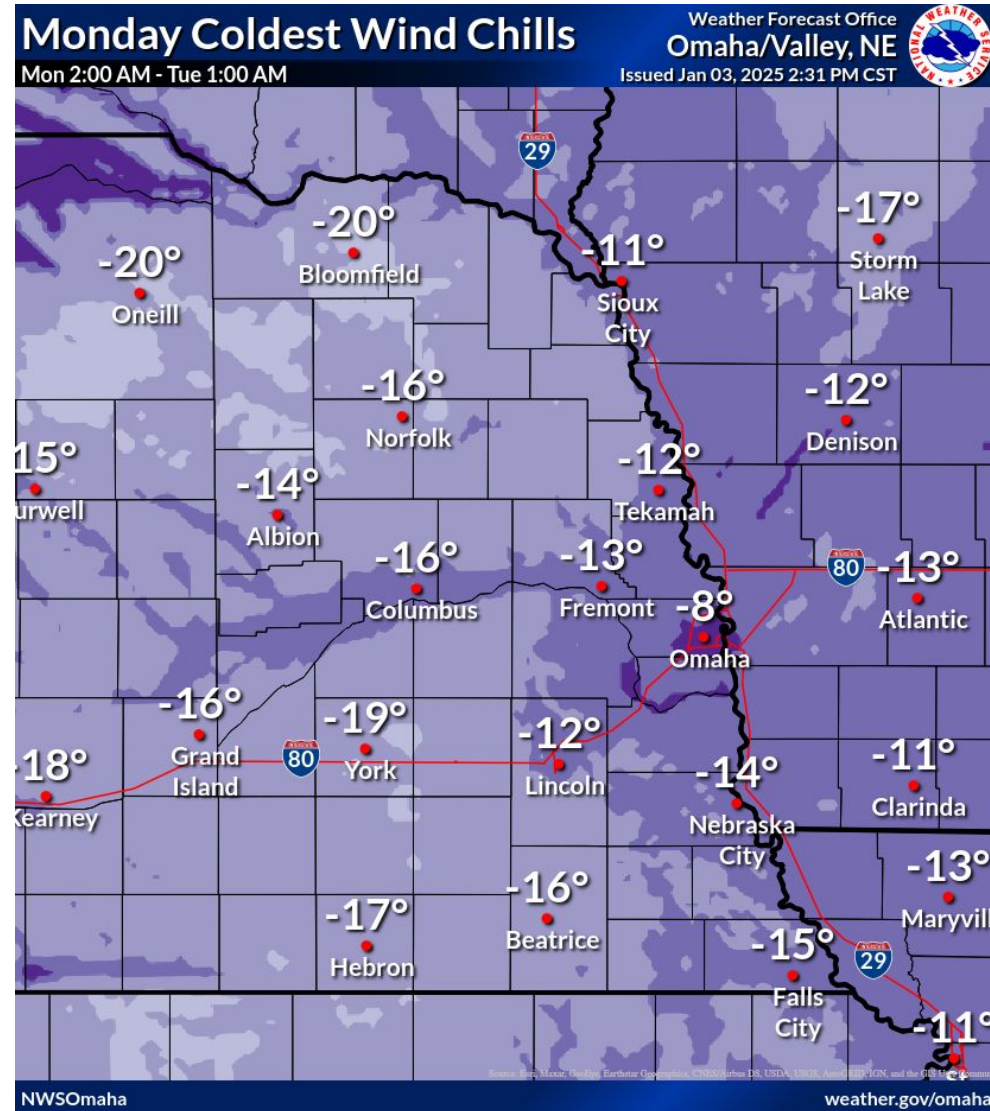
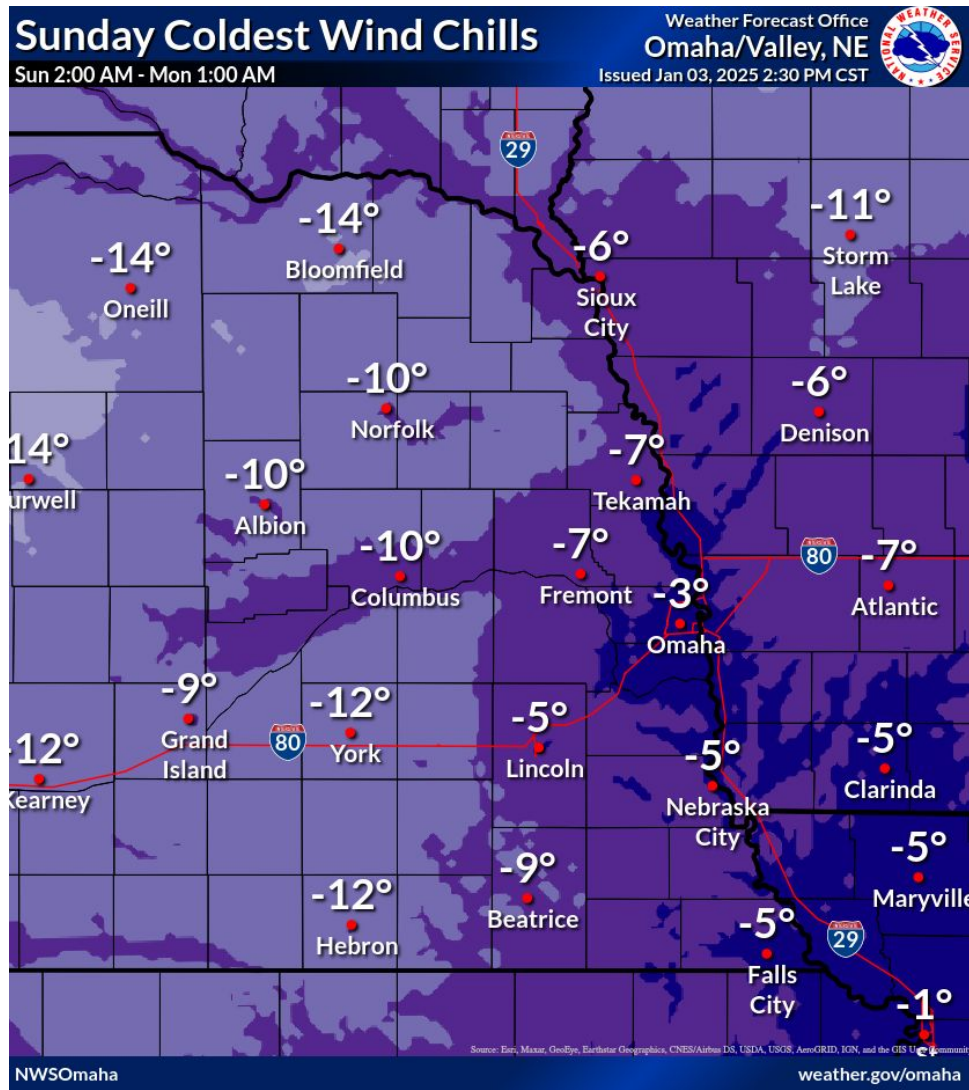




# Very Cold Wind Chills Expected

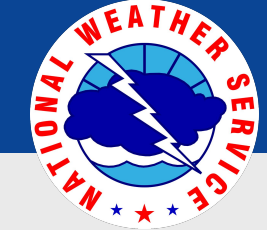
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## Coldest Values Expected Monday Morning



- Wind Chills could drop to -0° to -22° each morning next week.
- Extreme cold advisories could eventually be needed for portions of northeast Nebraska Monday morning.





## Points to Remember

- Focus on the potential. Winter forecasts can change and the axis of heaviest snow can shift.
- Stay informed. Please reach out to us with additional questions.

## Additional Resources

- [NWS Omaha Web Page](#)
- [NWS Omaha Winter Page](#)
- [Winter Storm Severity Index](#)
- [Winter Weather Safety](#)
- [Reporting Winter Weather](#)
- [Recent Snowfall Reports](#)
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