



What You Need To Know

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An intense storm system will bring multiple hazards to the area to Friday and Saturday.



Very high to extreme fire danger again this afternoon and evening.



Rain to snow Fri night-Sat morning. Snow & strong winds could lead to very poor visibility and travel impacts in far northeast Nebraska.

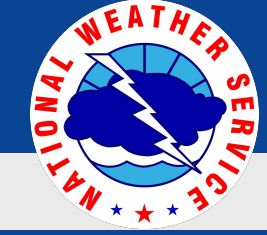


Strong to severe thunderstorm chances Friday afternoon, mainly across far eastern Nebraska into western Iowa.



**Southerly winds gusting 30-45 mph Friday.
Northwest winds gusting 40-60 mph Friday night & Saturday morning.**





Severe Storm Potential Friday

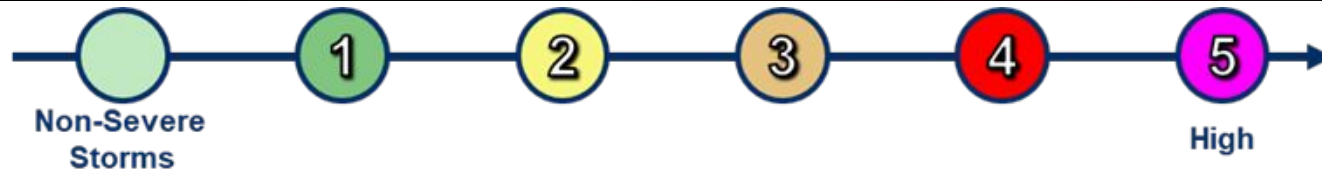
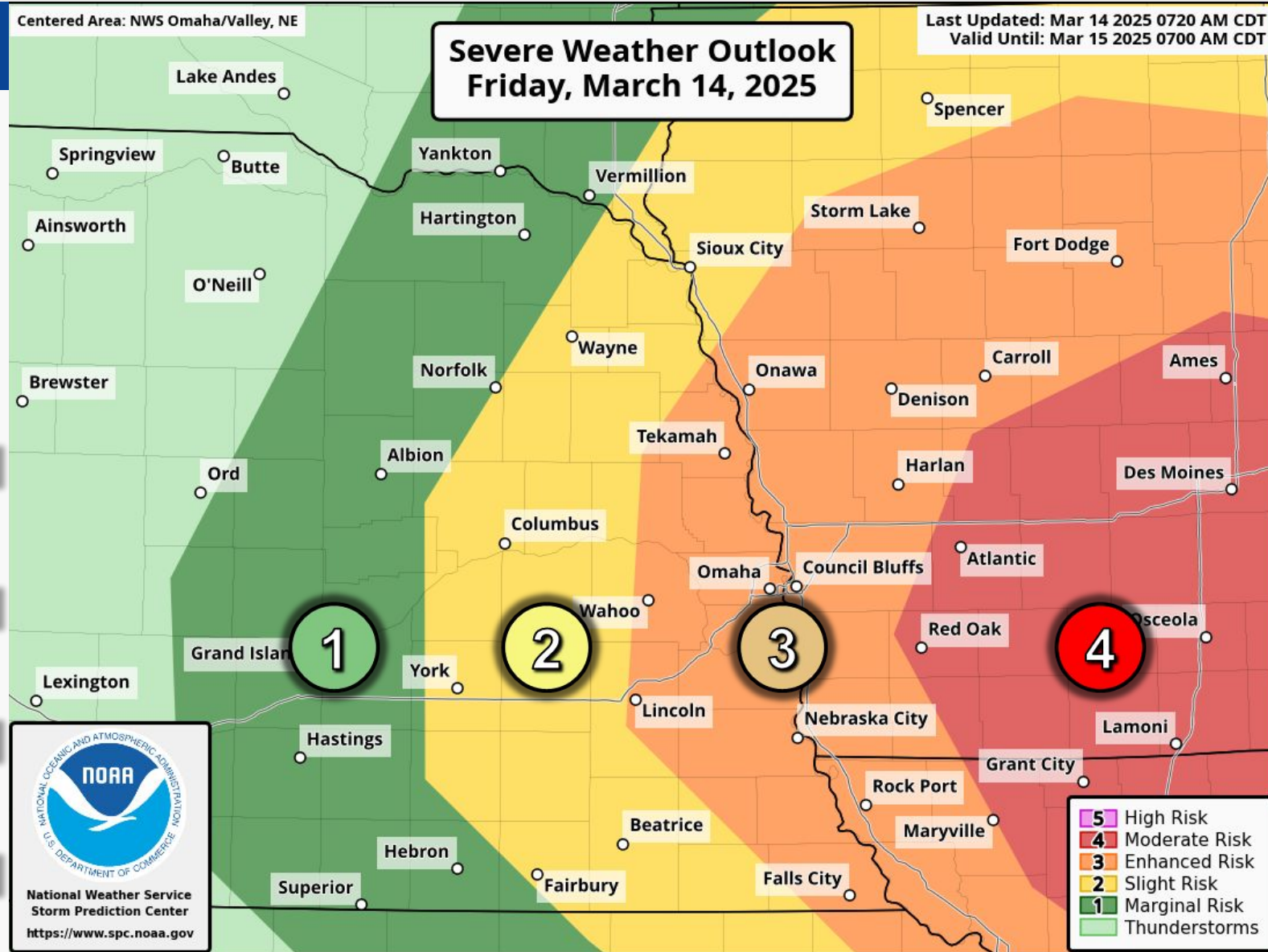
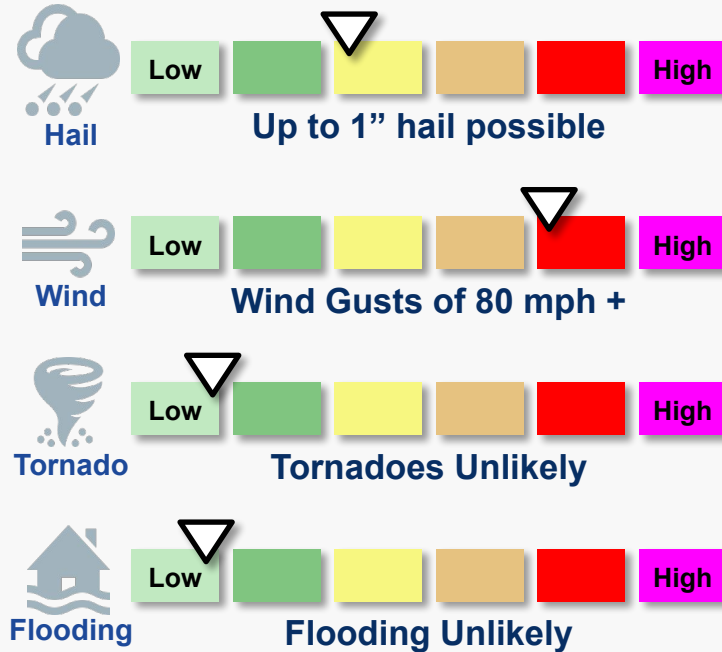
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Threat Assessment

HIGHEST LOCAL RISK

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THREAT LEVEL FOR THE HIGHEST RISK



What to Expect

- The first wave of thunderstorms are the most likely to be severe. They will be east of the area by 6pm.
- The second wave of precipitation will be produce more rain and less lightning and thunder.

Timing of Greatest Threat



4 PM - 7 PM

What To Do

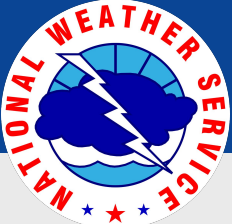


Outdoor Plans?
Stay Weather Aware



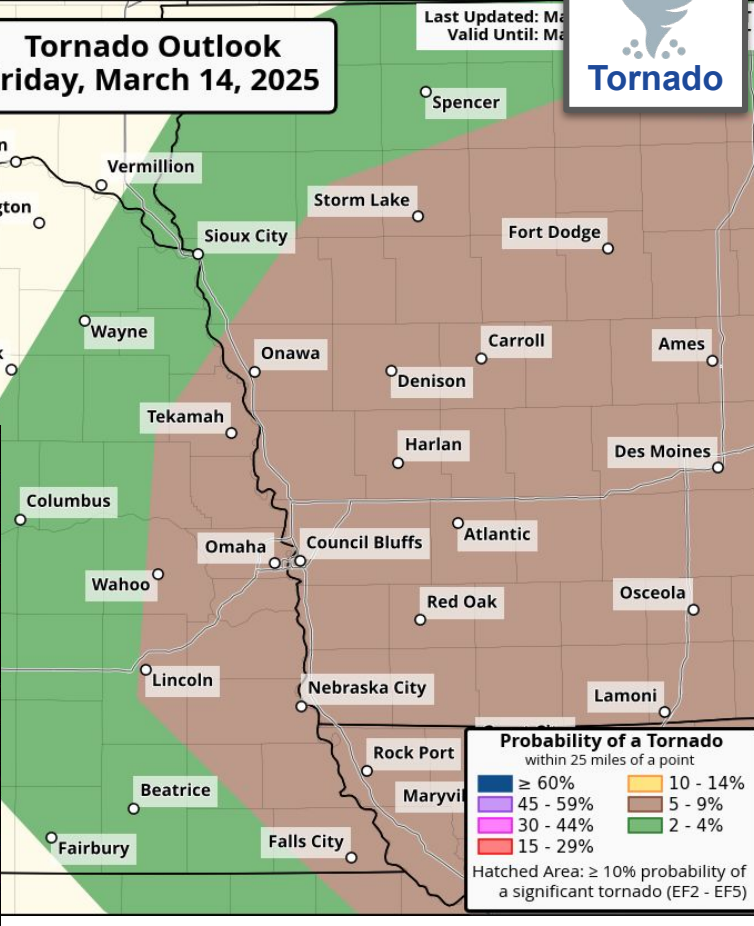
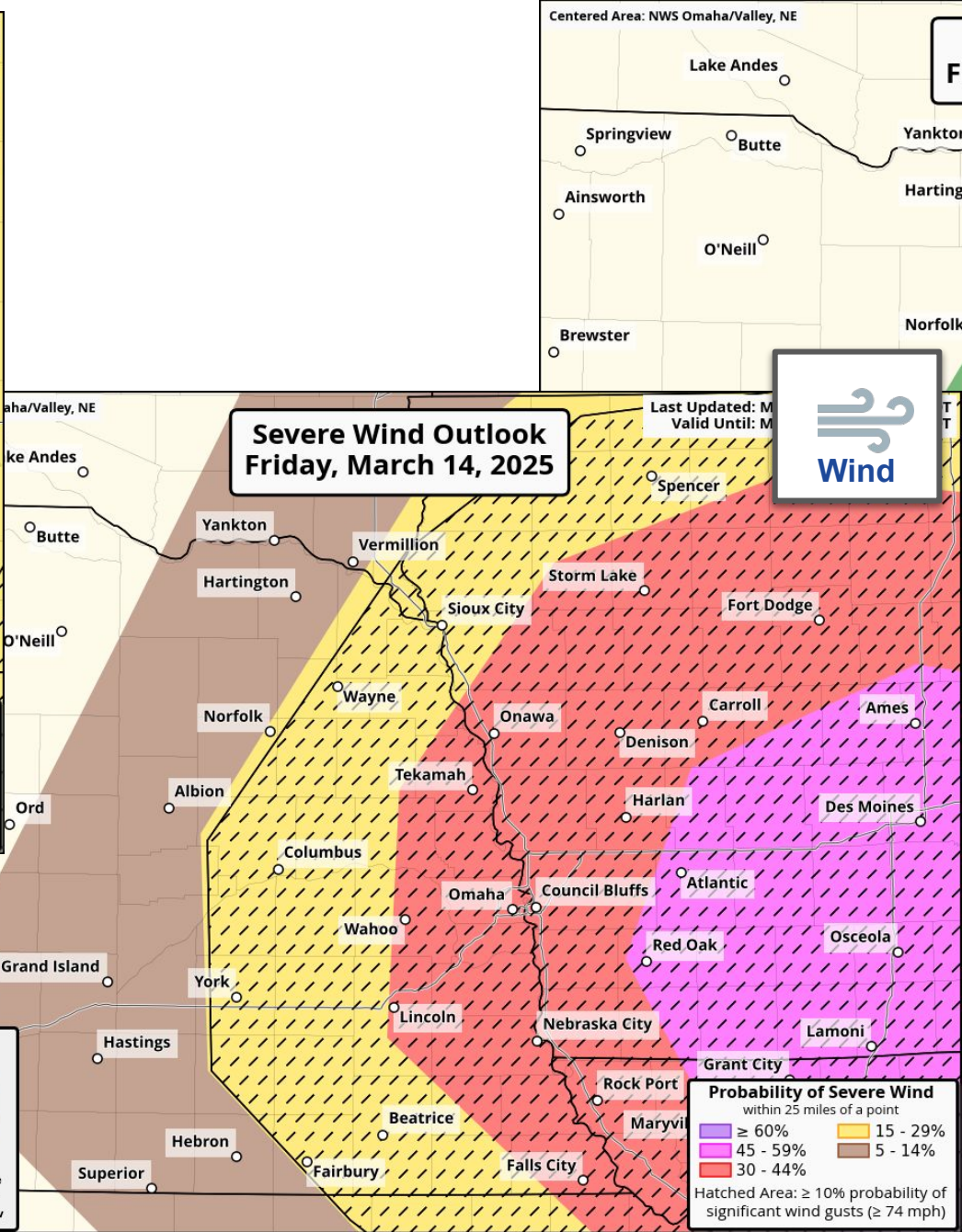
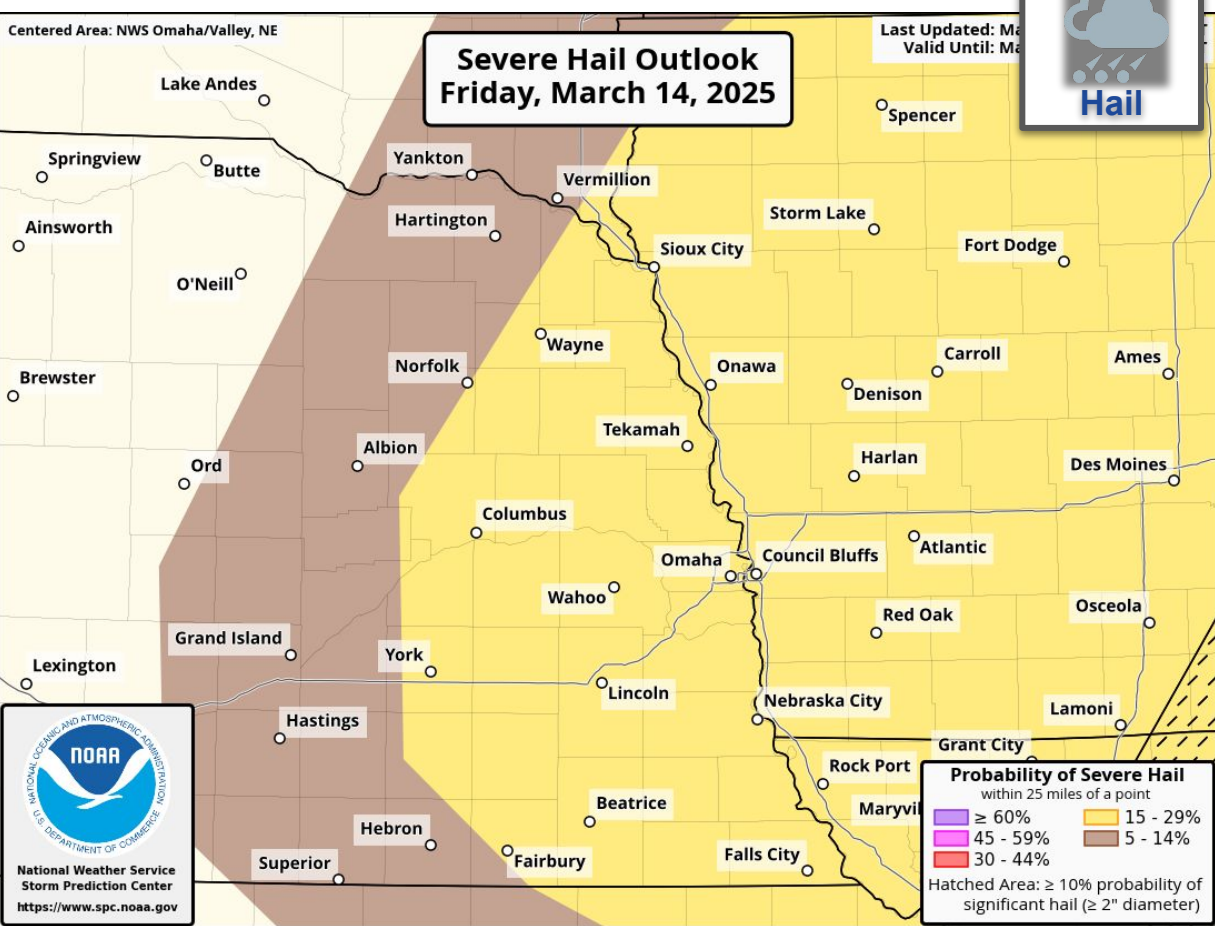
Have Multiple Ways to Receive Warnings





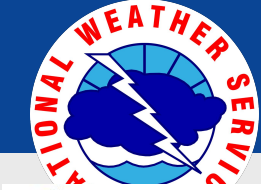
Friday Severe Threats

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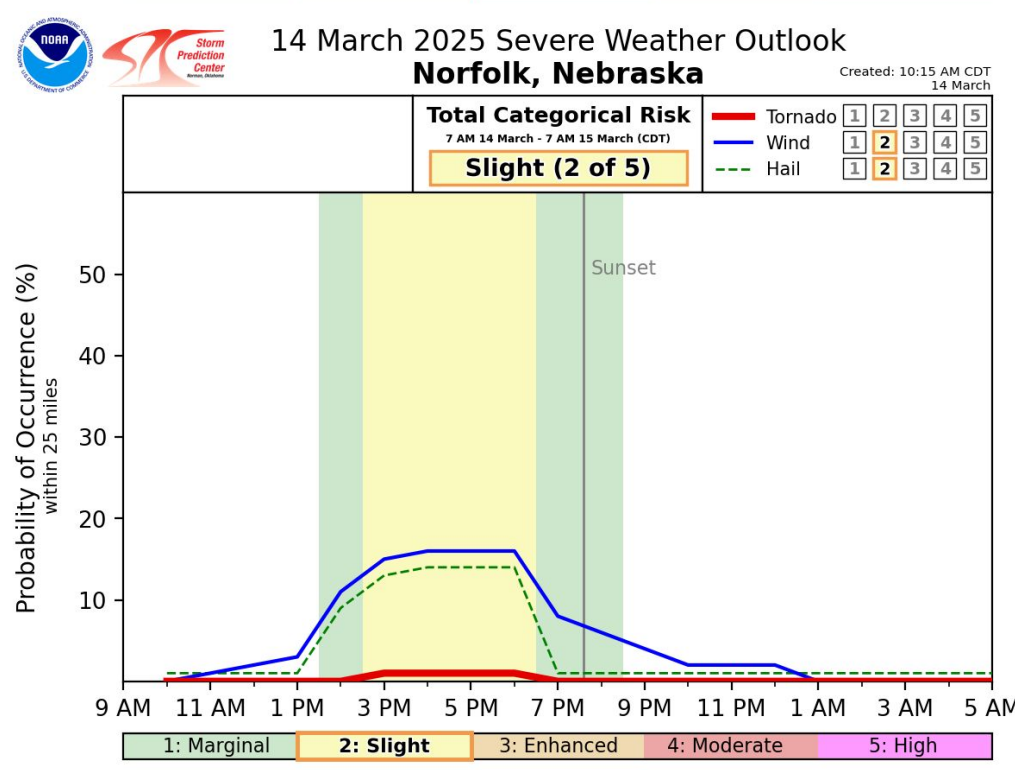
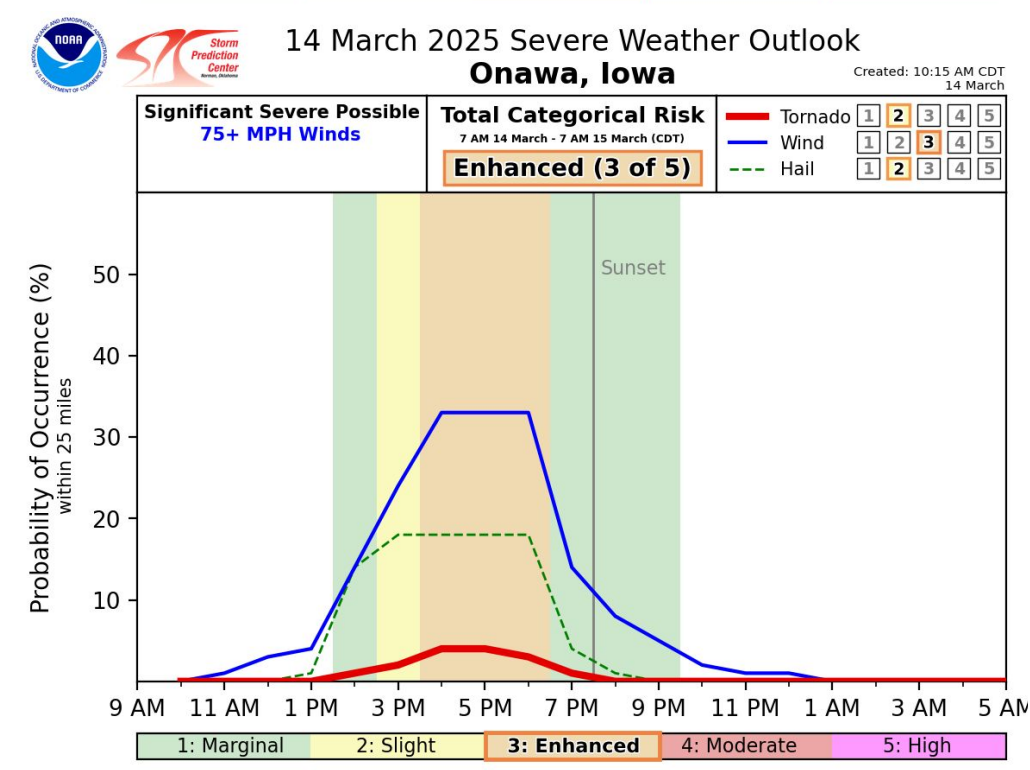
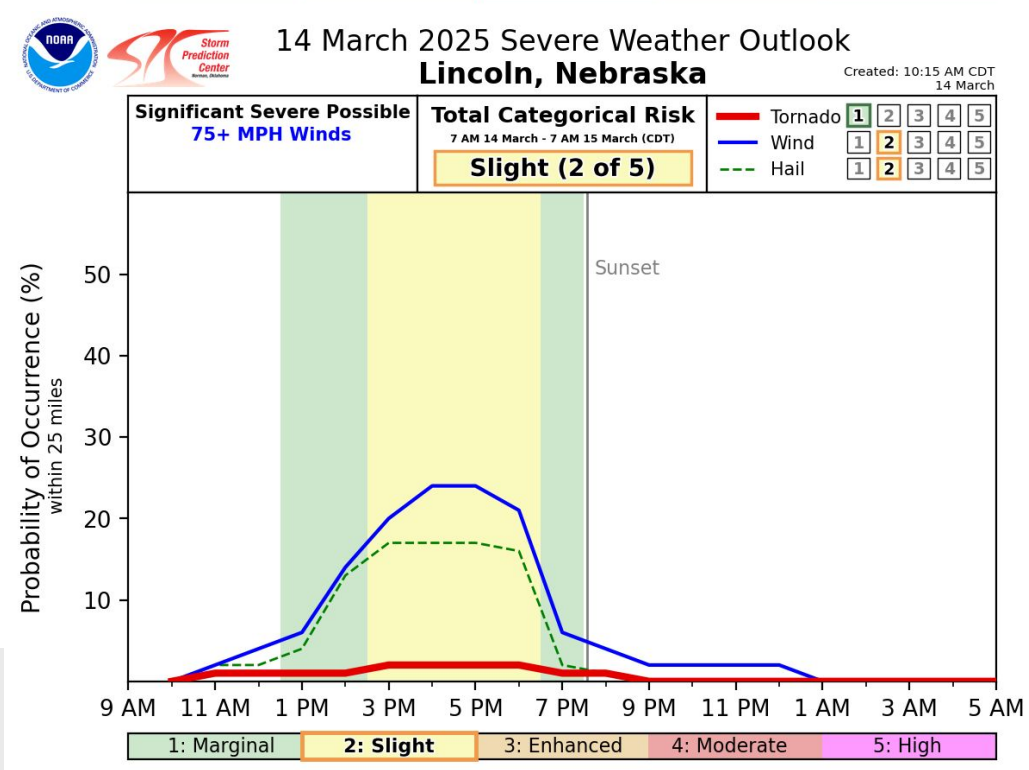
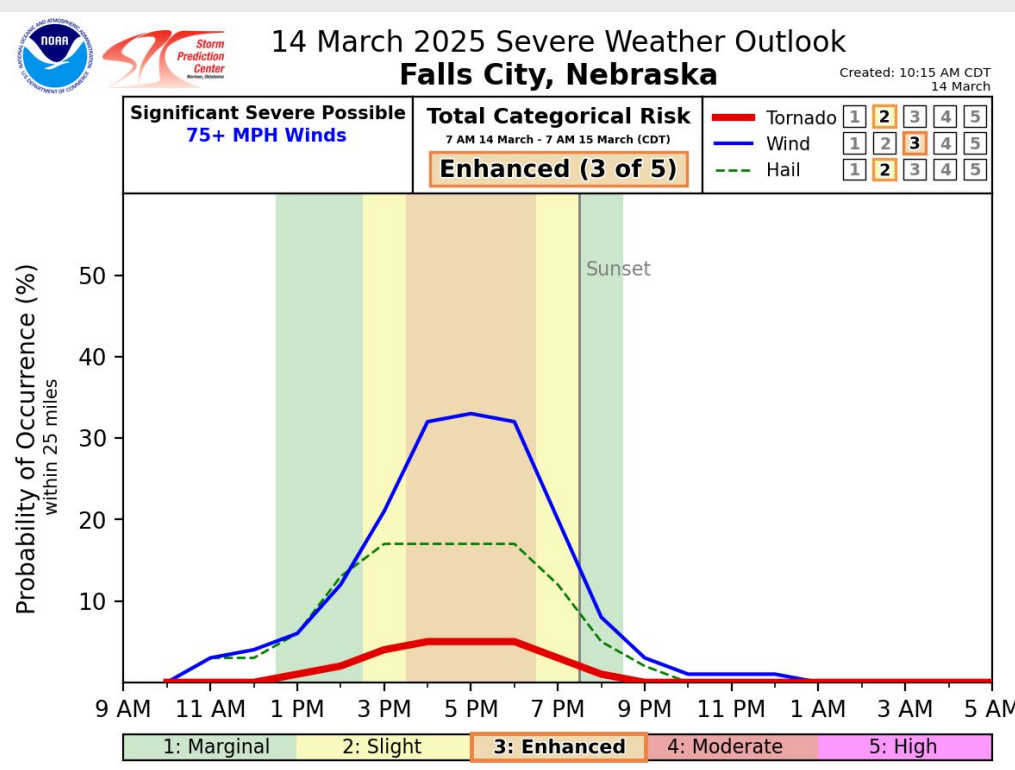
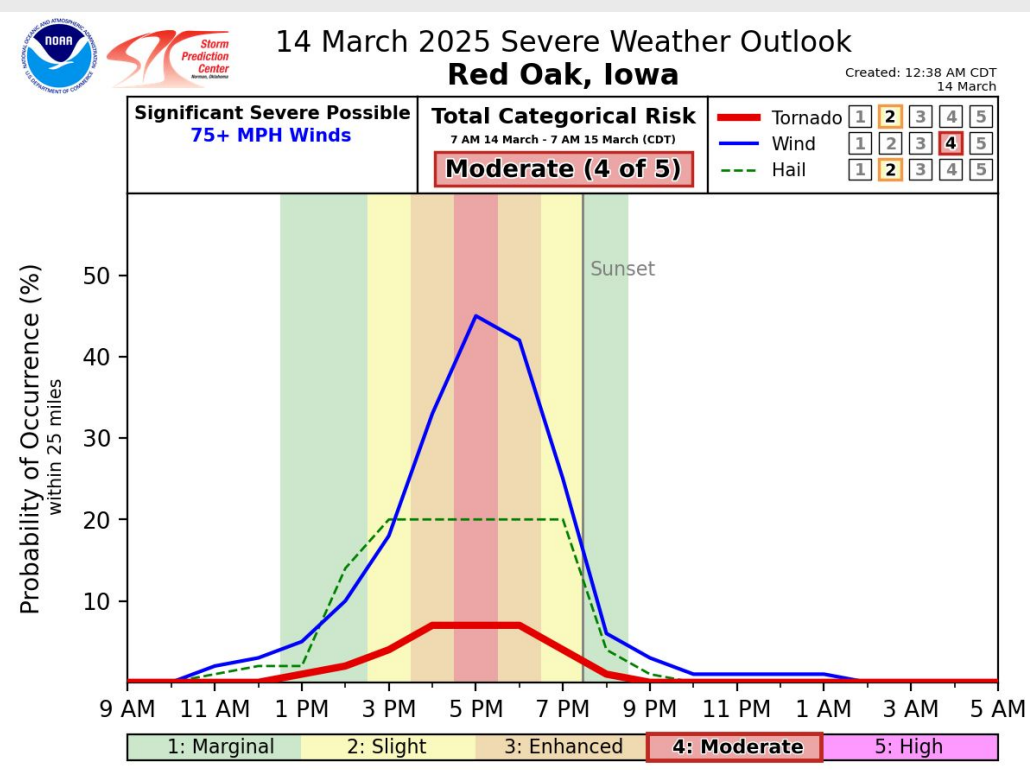
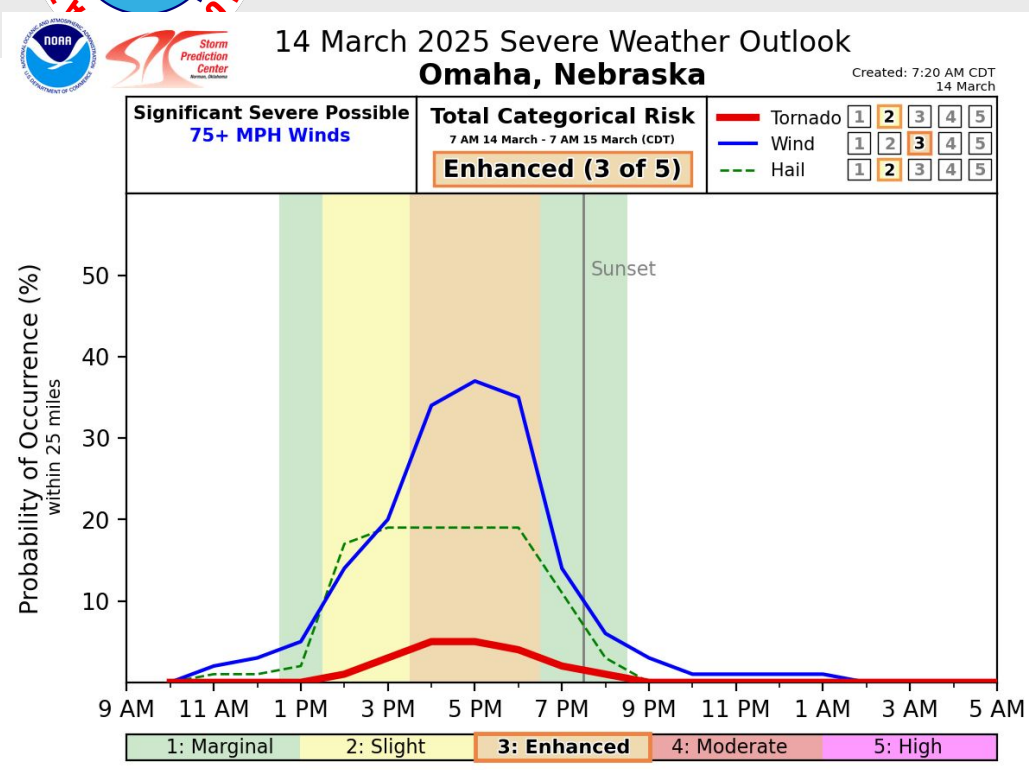
- **Greatest Threat: Damaging Wind Gusts**
- **Gusts stronger than 80 mph will be possible**

- **An isolated tornado can't be ruled out**



Severe Storm Threat Timing

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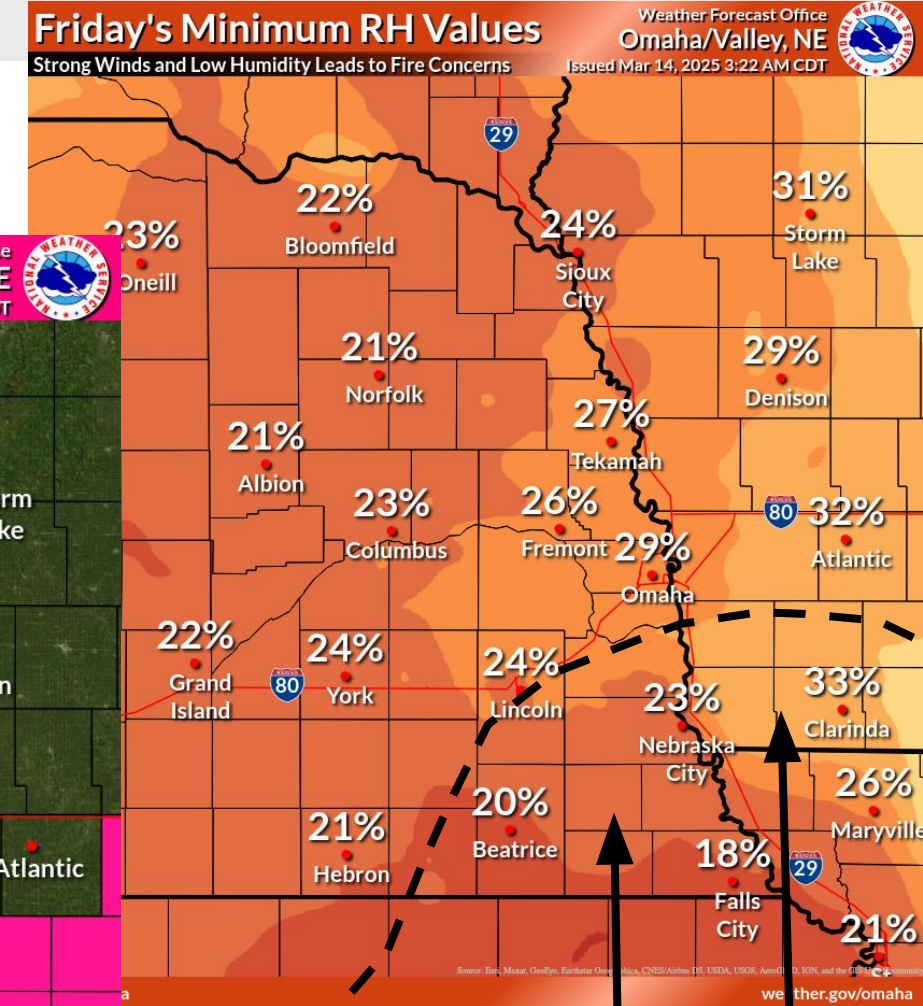
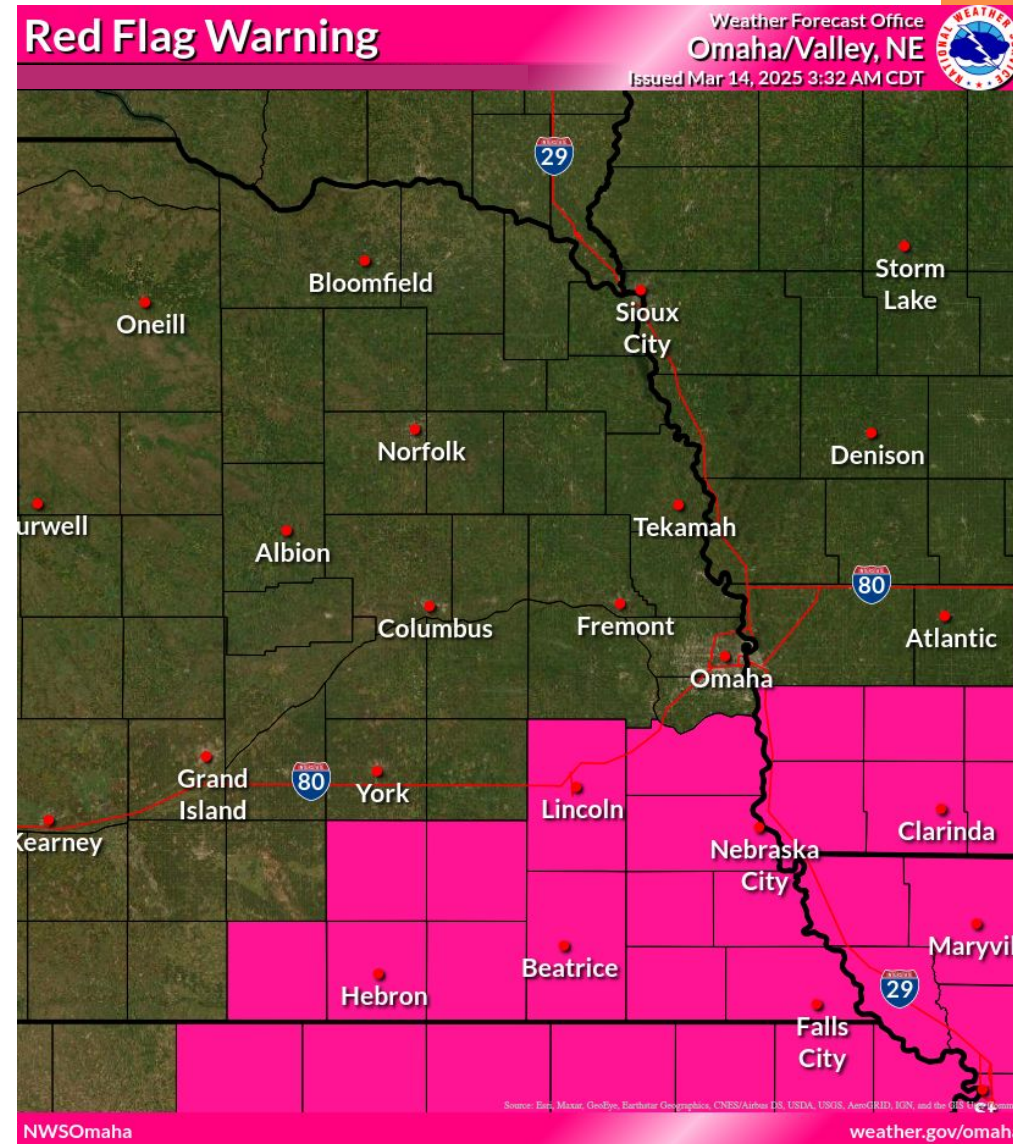
Critical Fire Danger Forecast

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Key Messages

- **Red Flag Warning** in effect today from 1pm through 8pm tonight across southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa.
- Wind gusts of up to 50 mph coincide with very dry air in southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa to lead to a period of critical fire danger.
- Primary focus time 4 PM - 7 PM

Fire Danger Forecast Confidence



Greatest potential for even lower humidity south of the dashed line.





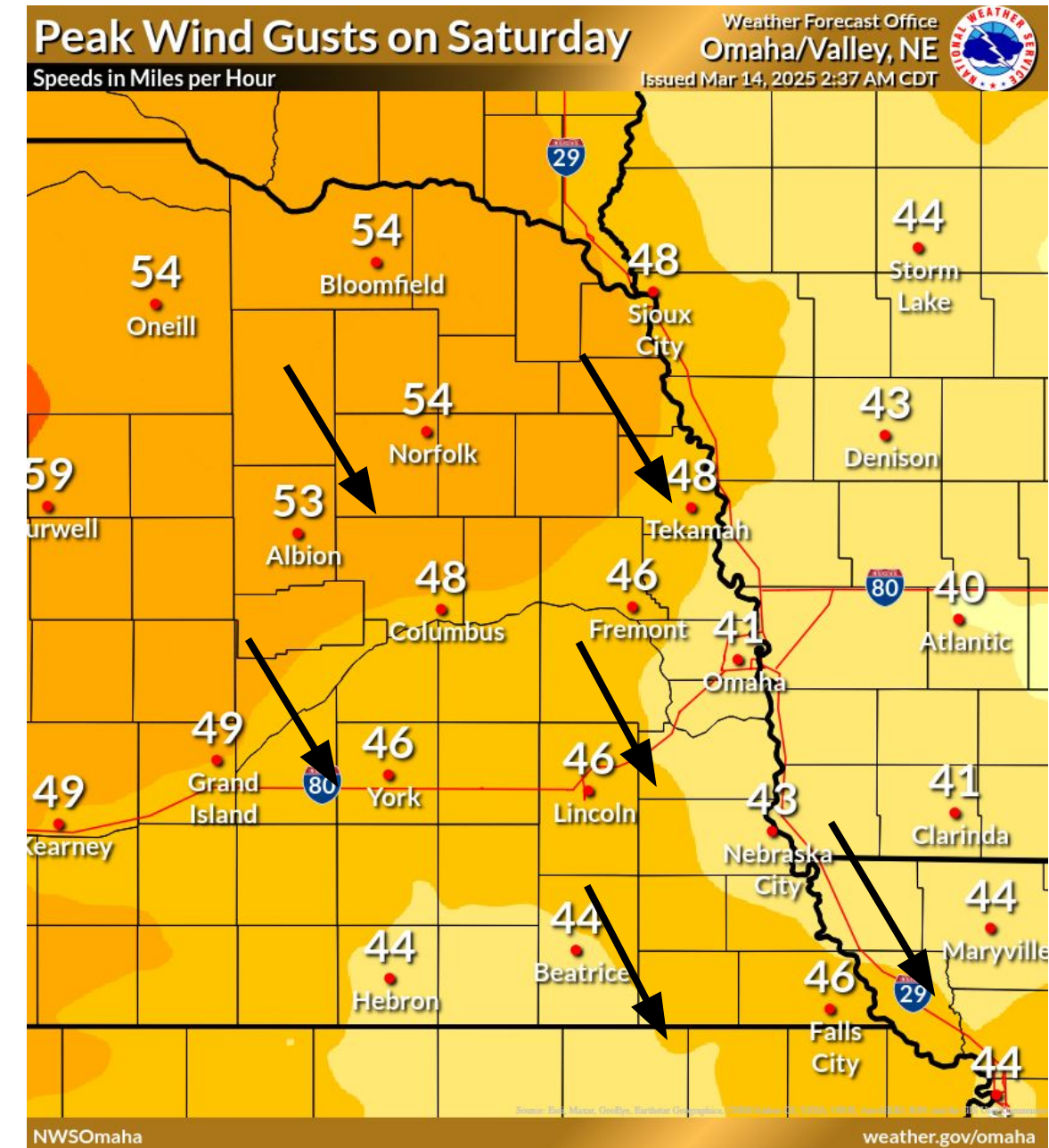
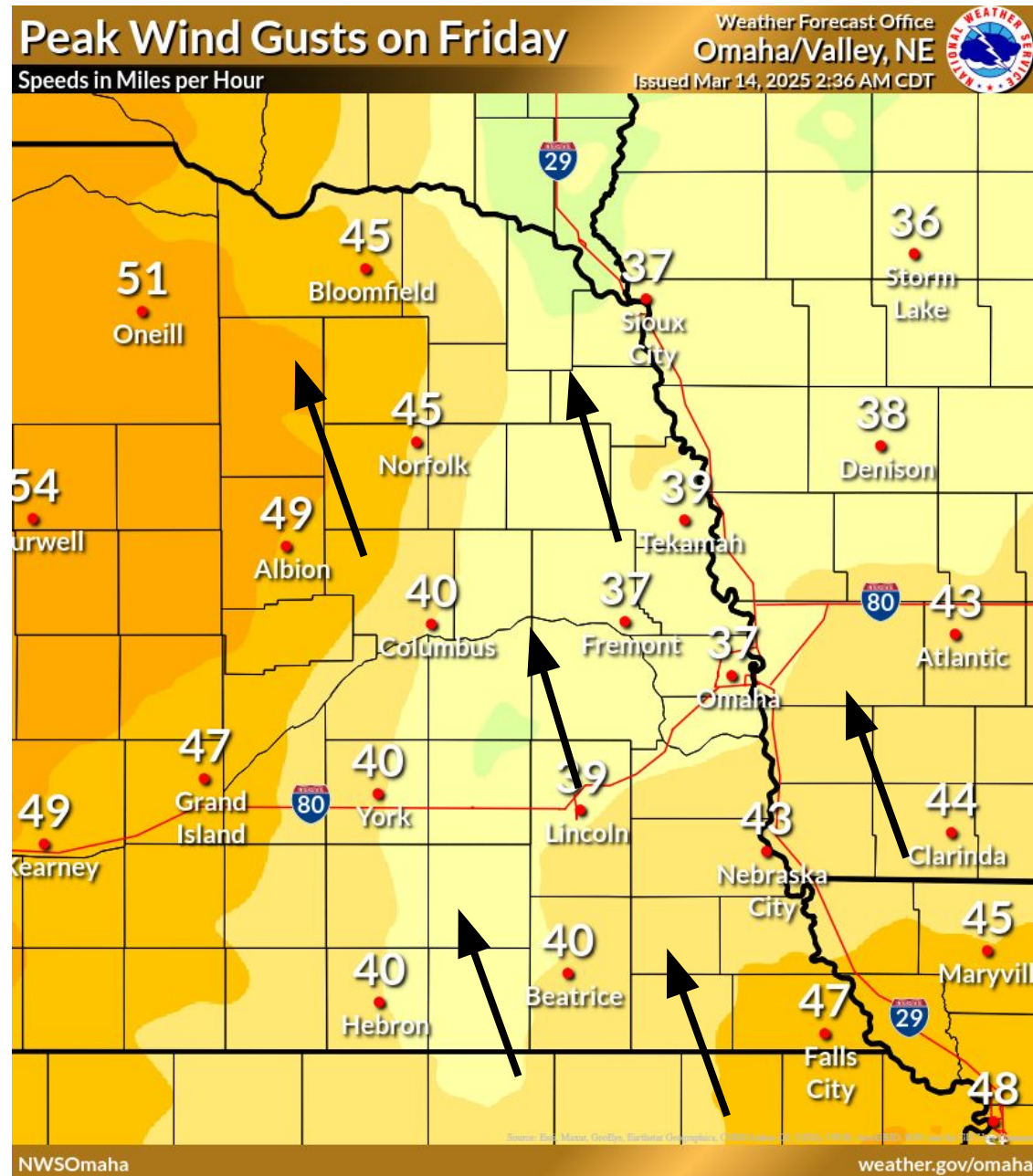
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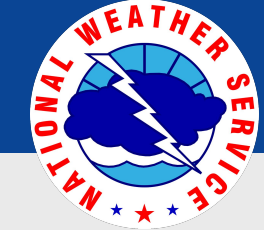
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Friday's southerly winds are replaced by even stronger northwesterly winds Saturday

Note

→ These wind gust forecasts are for widespread winds, not those associated with thunderstorms which would be isolated and often even stronger.





Powerful Winds Continue into Saturday

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Key Messages

→ **Friday:**

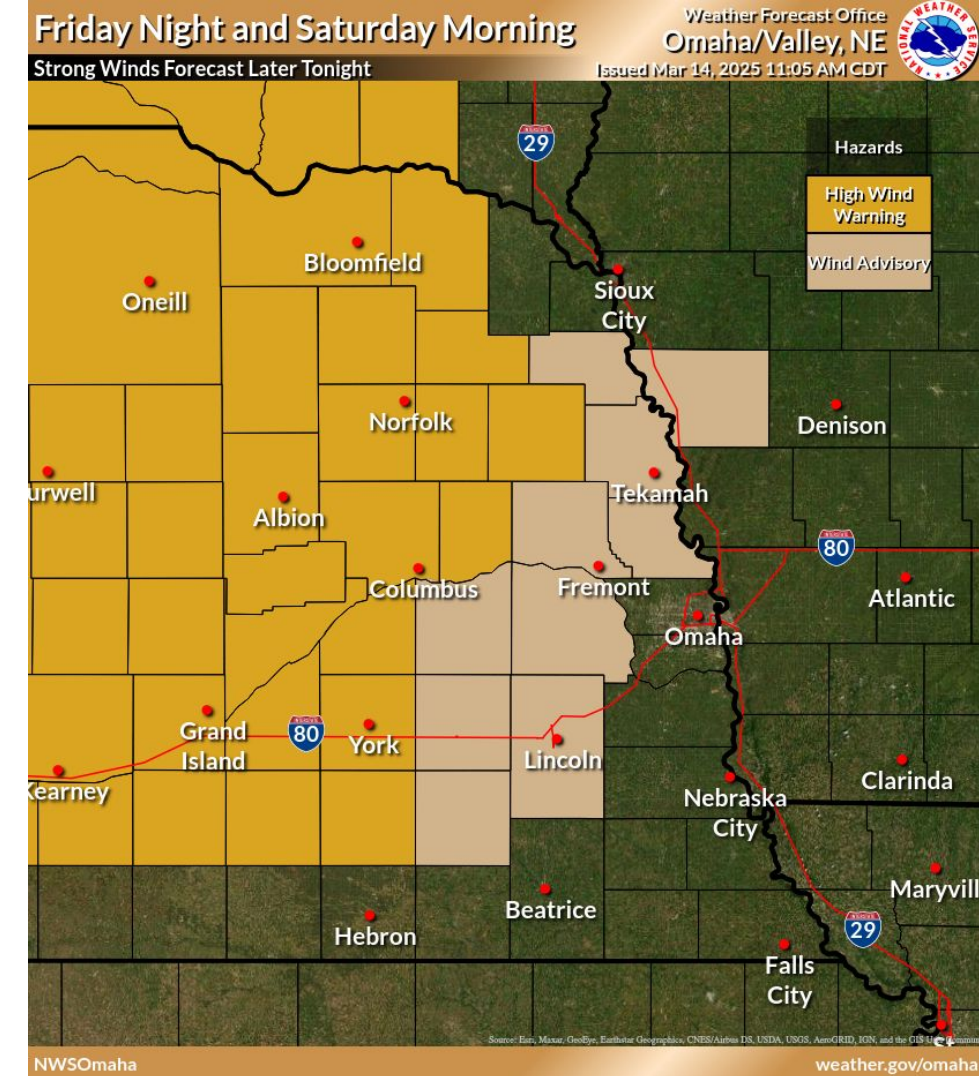
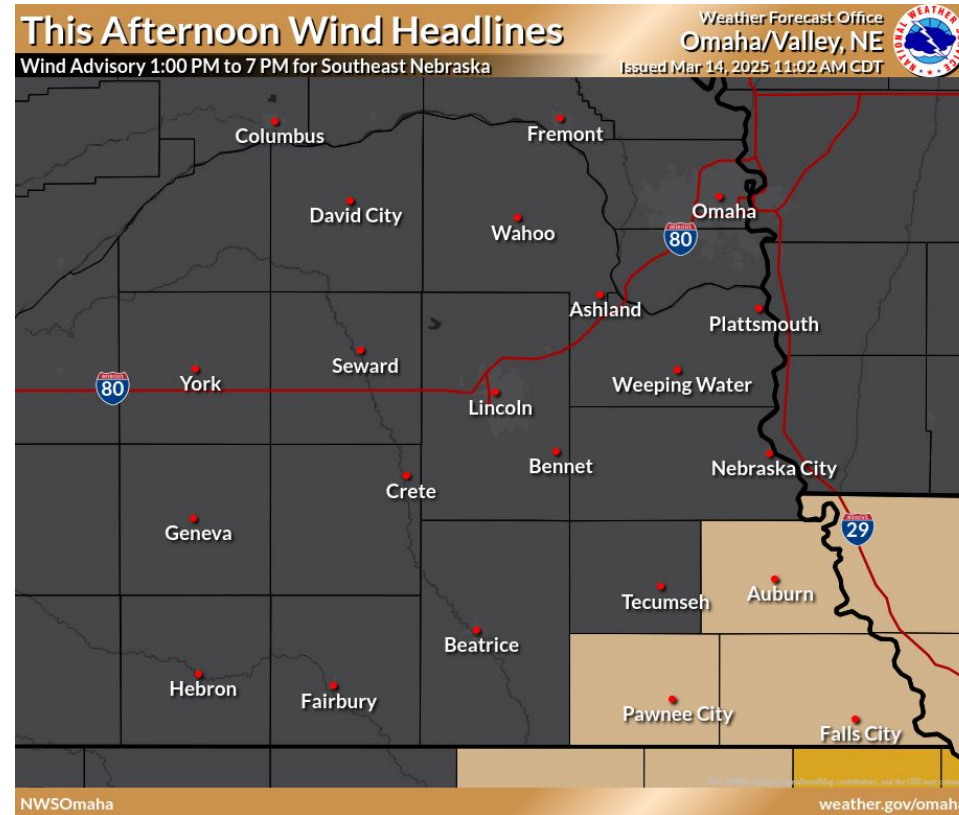
Wind Advisory for 40-50 mph gusts in effect across far southeast Nebraska this afternoon.

→ **Tonight into Saturday:**

High Wind Warning for up to 60 mph gusts in effect across portions of northeast Nebraska 10 PM Friday night through 1 PM Saturday.

Wind Advisory for up to 50 mph gusts in areas just east of the High Wind Warning 1 AM tonight to 1 PM Saturday

Wind Headlines in Effect





Snow, Potential Travel Impacts

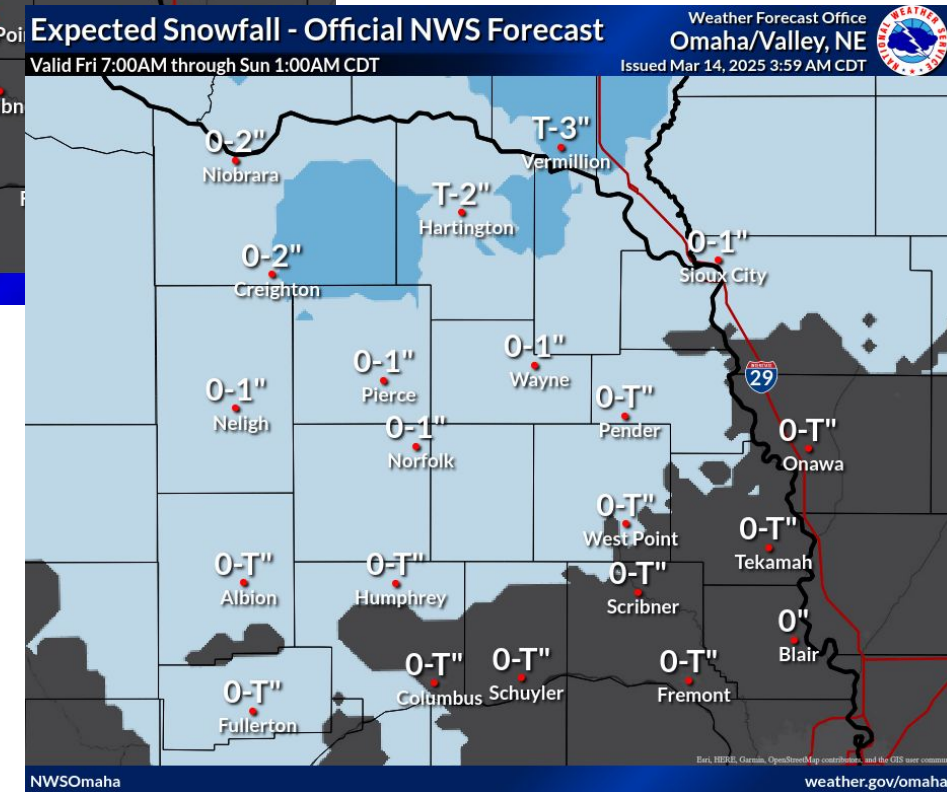
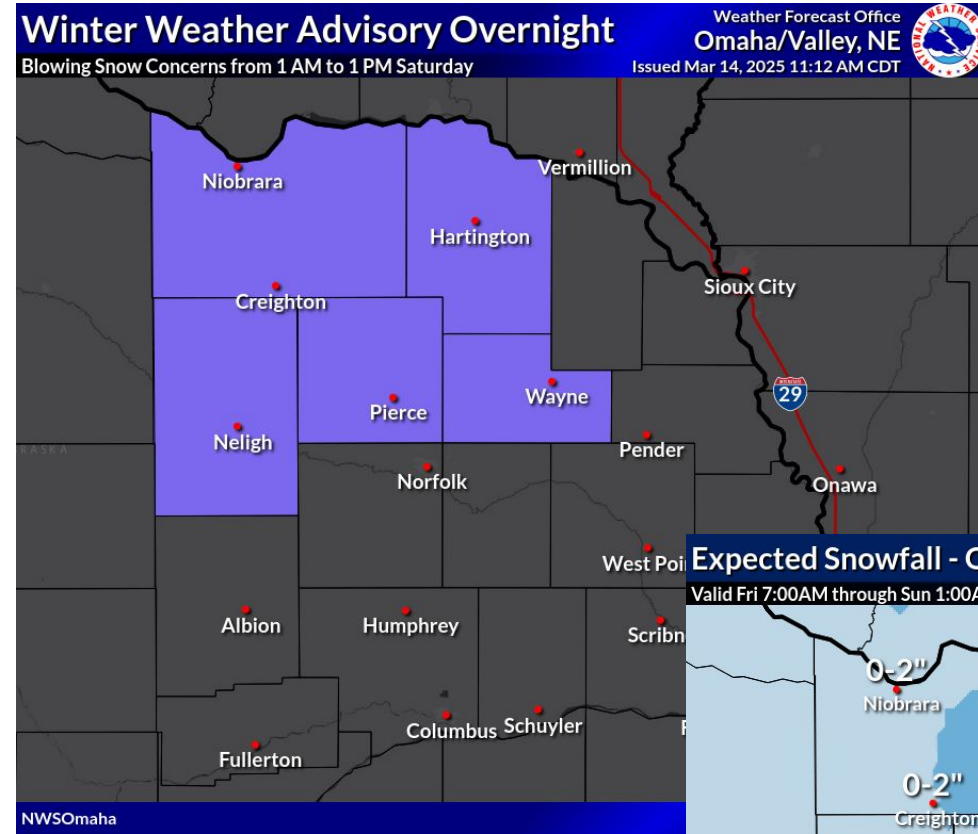
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Friday Night Into Saturday

Key Messages

- **Winter Weather Advisory** now in effect 4 AM to 10 AM Saturday
- Rain will switch to snow from northwest to southeast Friday night into early Saturday.
- It will be a wet snow.
- Highest potential for snow accumulation in northeast Nebraska: Up to 2".
- **Primary travel impacts will be due to blowing snow** – any snow combined with the strong winds could lead to periods of *near-blizzard conditions* especially in open areas.

Snow Forecast Confidence





Timing The Snow

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Key Messages

- Rain changes over to snow early Saturday morning, likely beginning after midnight.
- **Pink** boxes highlight the locations and timing most likely for rain to change to snow and produce reduced visibility.
- Precipitation should wrap up by lunch on Saturday in most locations.

	Weather Forecast												
	3/14 Fri					3/15 Sat							
	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm
Clarinda	0%	25%	70%	25%	20%	25%	35%	25%	15%	15%	15%	15%	10%
Columbus	0%	0%	50%	35%	90%	90%	40%	30%	25%	25%	10%	10%	5%
Fairbury	0%	5%	20%	20%	65%	30%	20%	15%	15%	15%	10%	10%	5%
Falls City	10%	15%	35%	10%	25%	25%	30%	15%	10%	20%	20%	20%	10%
Fremont	0%	25%	35%	20%	60%	75%	75%	30%	25%	25%	10%	10%	5%
Harlan	0%	40%	65%	75%	20%	45%	60%	45%	35%	35%	15%	15%	5%
Hartington	0%	0%	50%	60%	90%	95%	90%	70%	60%	60%	10%	10%	5%
Lincoln	0%	10%	35%	10%	55%	65%	45%	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	5%
Nebraska City	0%	20%	40%	10%	50%	40%	40%	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	5%
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Niobrara	0%	0%	40%	75%	90%	75%	75%	65%	40%	40%	5%	5%	0%
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Red Oak	0%	35%	65%	35%	15%	40%	45%	30%	25%	25%	10%	10%	10%
Shenandoah	0%	35%	50%	20%	20%	35%	35%	20%	15%	15%	10%	10%	10%
Tecumseh	5%	20%	25%	5%	50%	40%	35%	15%	15%	15%	10%	10%	5%
Tekamah	0%	25%	40%	35%	50%	65%	80%	35%	35%	35%	15%	15%	5%
Wayne	0%	5%	50%	35%	90%	95%	80%	65%	45%	45%	10%	10%	5%
West Point	0%	10%	35%	25%	75%	90%	75%	45%	30%	30%	10%	10%	5%

Created: 4 am CDT Fri 3/14/2025. Shows most impactful weather for the period beginning at the time shown. Weather symbols display where Probability of Precipitation ≥ 0%.

- Rain +
- Thunderstorms +
- Wintry Mix +
- Snow +

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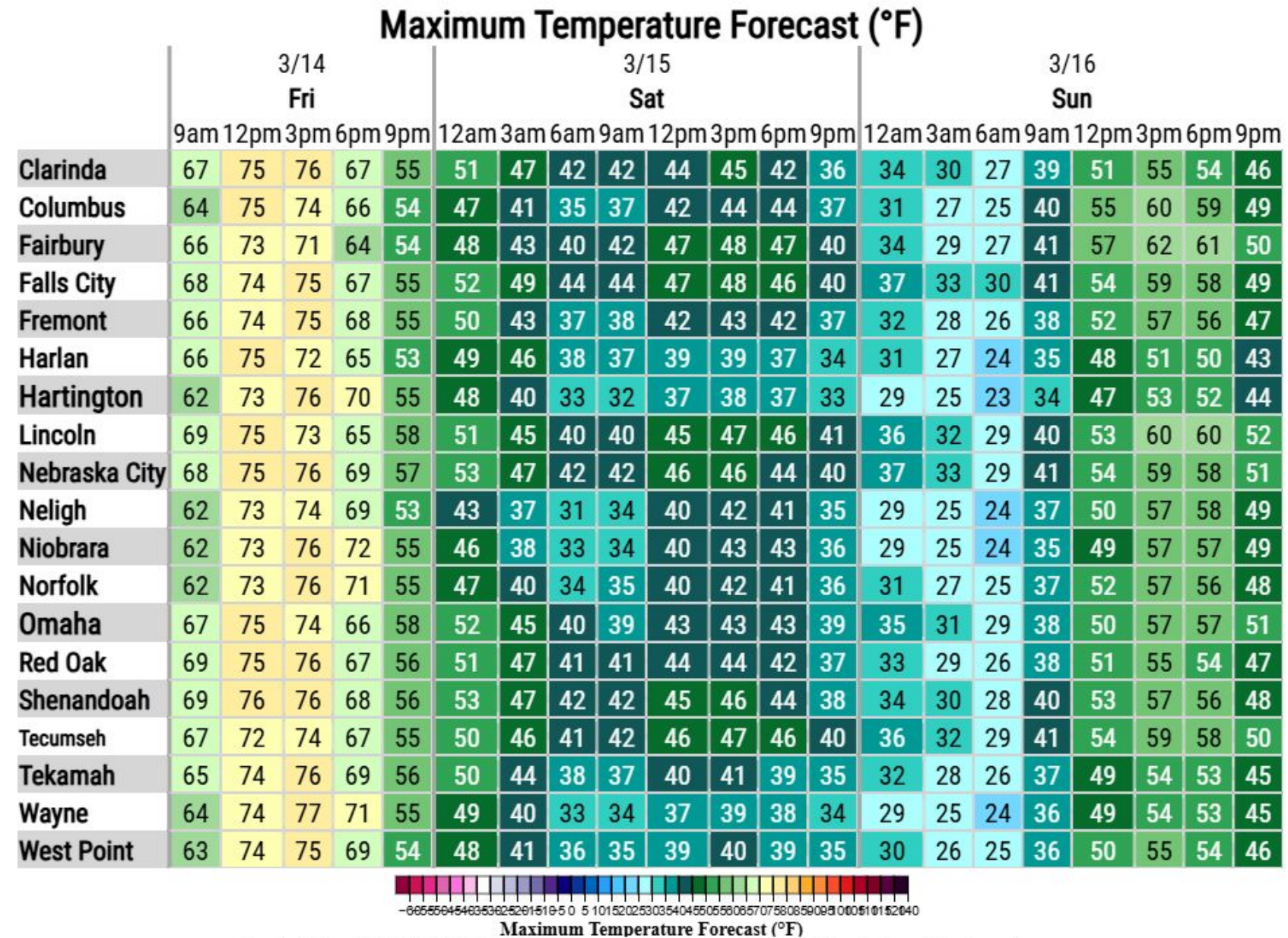


Temperature Forecast

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Key Messages

- Relatively warm temperatures will result in a wetter snow.
- The warm temperatures could also prevent snow from sticking as it first starts.
- Temperatures rise back above freezing Saturday, so any snow that falls should melt somewhat quickly.
- **Primary travel impacts will be due to blowing snow**—any snow combined with the strong winds could lead to whiteout conditions, despite light accumulations.



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Points to Remember

- Many potential hazards with this storm system and small shifts in track could lead to large changes in impacts.
- Stay informed. Please reach out to us with additional questions.

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Be Prepared.



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Take Action!

