



# National Weather Service Tallahassee, Florida



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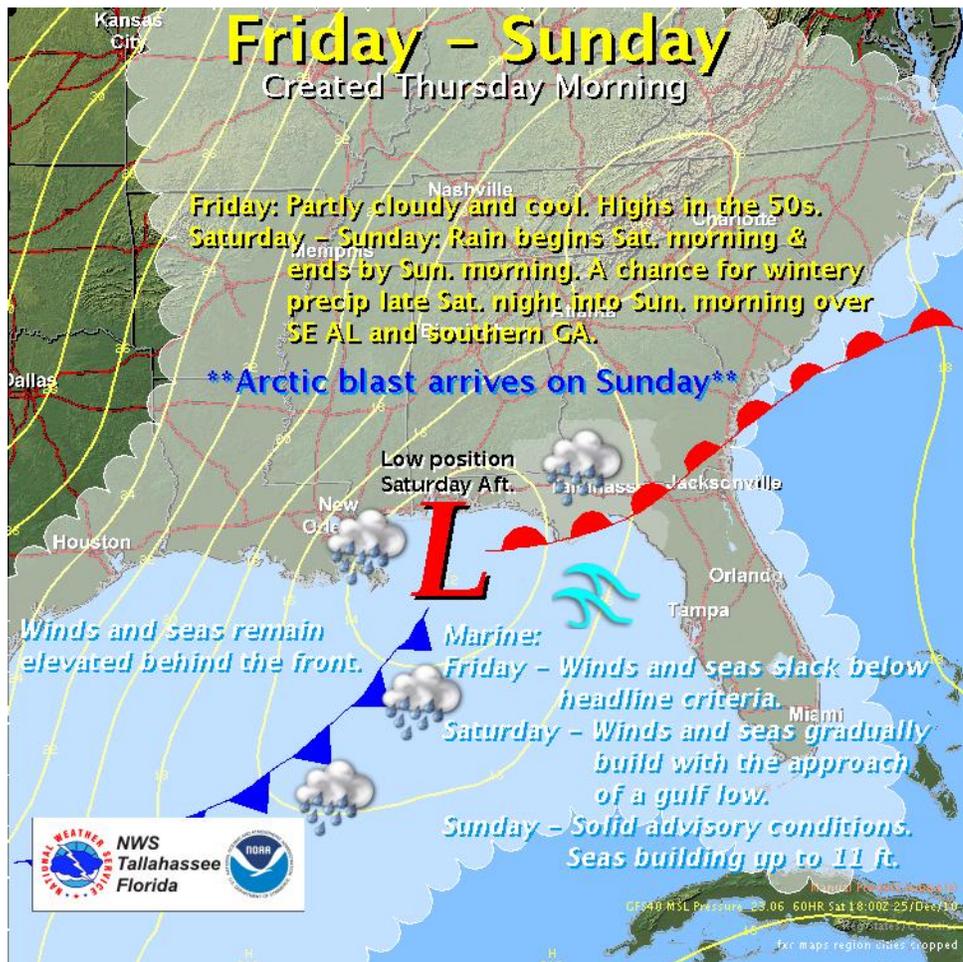
- Christmas weekend storm followed by extended cold outbreak into the middle of next week.

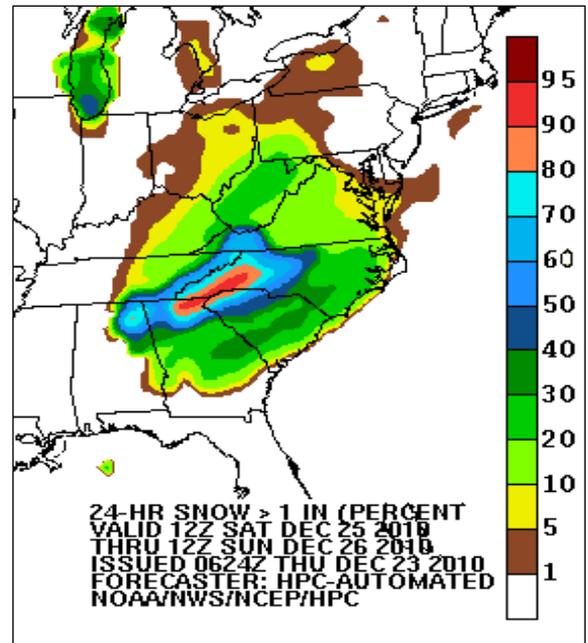
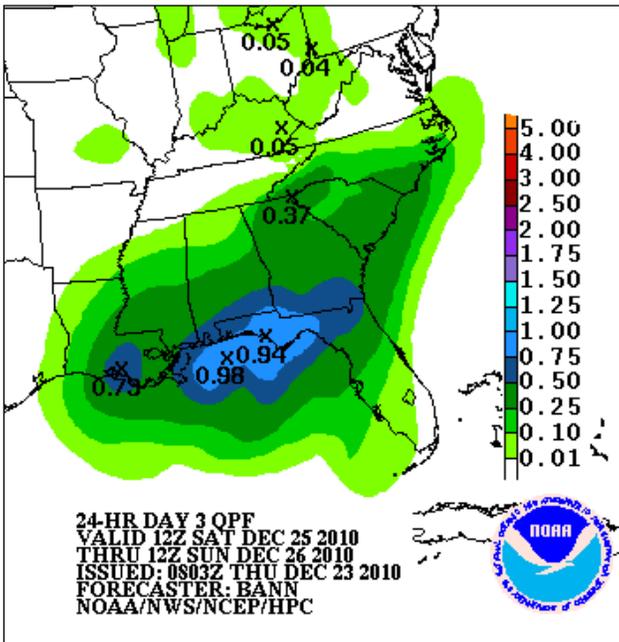
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## Key Points for this event:

- Potent winter storm system will move rapidly across the region Saturday into early Sunday.
- This will bring widespread, cold, rain beginning Saturday afternoon and ending early Sunday morning.
- Certainty remains high that northern counties will see **at least a mix of rain and snow**, with less certainty on amounts and how far south any snow will occur.
- **Accumulating snows are not expected**, although grassy areas may hold some wet snow over parts of southeast AL and southwest GA Sunday morning.
- **Significant travel problems are not anticipated in our area at this time**, although the far northern counties may see a brief period of subfreezing air and wet roads early Sunday morning.
- Temperatures will begin falling Sunday with lows in the lower 20s F Monday, Tuesday and perhaps Wednesday mornings. Afternoon highs will not get out of the 40s F Sunday and Monday.
- 10-15 mph winds Sunday and Monday will accentuate the cold and dip **wind chills well into the teens Monday morning**.

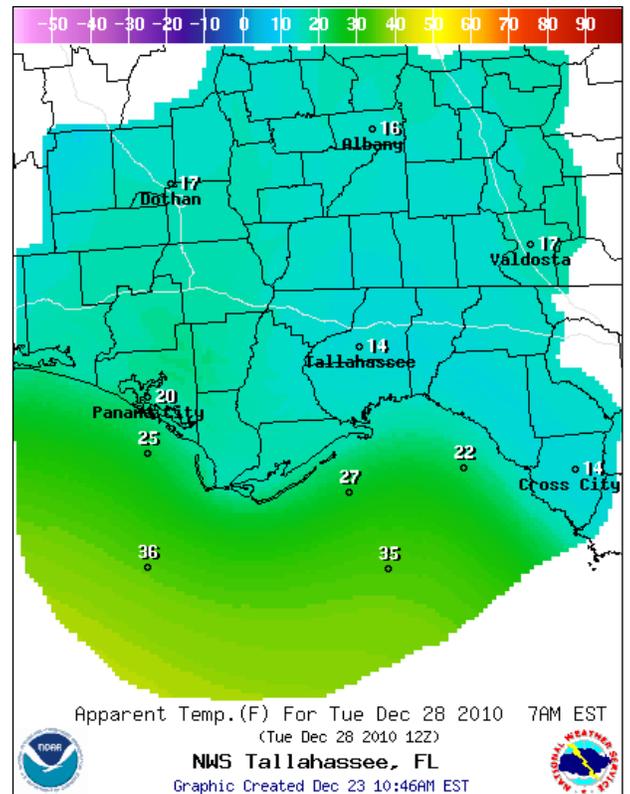
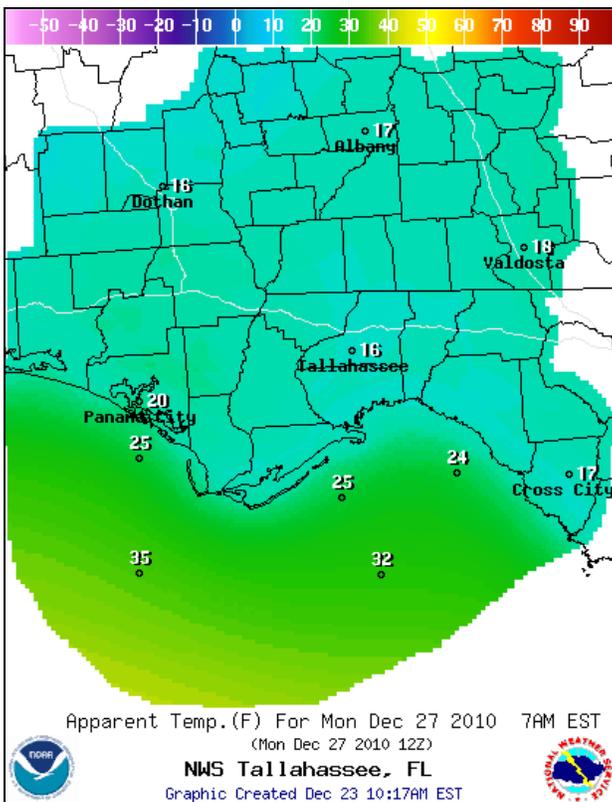
Forecasts are agreeing on a low pressure system organizing along the Gulf Coast Saturday which will race across the FL Panhandle and off the Carolina coast Sunday. Several factors will come together to bring snow to parts of the Deep South, with accumulating snows as far south as Central GA. In the wake of this system, another intrusion of arctic air will plummet across the Southeast U.S. This will bring much below normal temperatures into the middle of next week. Temperatures will likely be similar to what we experienced in the middle of December, with overnight lows in the lower 20s F and afternoon highs in the 40s to lower 50s F. Brisk winds will accentuate the cold and dip wind chills into the lower teens into Sunday and Monday mornings. Depending on the amount of precipitation and how quickly the winds will aid in drying roads, black ice is a possibility early Sunday morning, especially on bridges and overpasses into central GA.





Total precipitation from Christmas morning through Sunday morning.

Percent chance of 1" or more snowfall.



Wind chills 7 am Monday morning

Wind chills 7 am Tuesday morning

**Summary:**

- \*\*Another shot of arctic air is heading our way Saturday night into next week.**
- \*\*A very cold rain event is likely across the whole region Christmas afternoon into early Sunday.**
- \*\*Ice on bridges and overpasses could pose travel problems for holiday travelers Sunday morning into central and northern GA.**
- \*\*A change over to all snow or a rain/snow mix is likely across much of the area, especially into AL and southwest GA. Accumulations will be light or none at all.**
- \*\*Additional briefing packets and web briefings will be made available Christmas Eve.**

The National Weather Service in Tallahassee will continue to monitor this system closely today. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at 850-942-8833 or on our toll free line at 800-598-4562 and ask to speak to a meteorologist. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also reach us on our Southern Linc phone at 1\*77\*184.