

Winter Weather Awareness Day 2025



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It's that time of year again, and Winter is on the way. Now is the time to make sure you are prepared to keep your family safe. Whether it be blizzards, ice storms, or flooding, make sure you and your family are prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

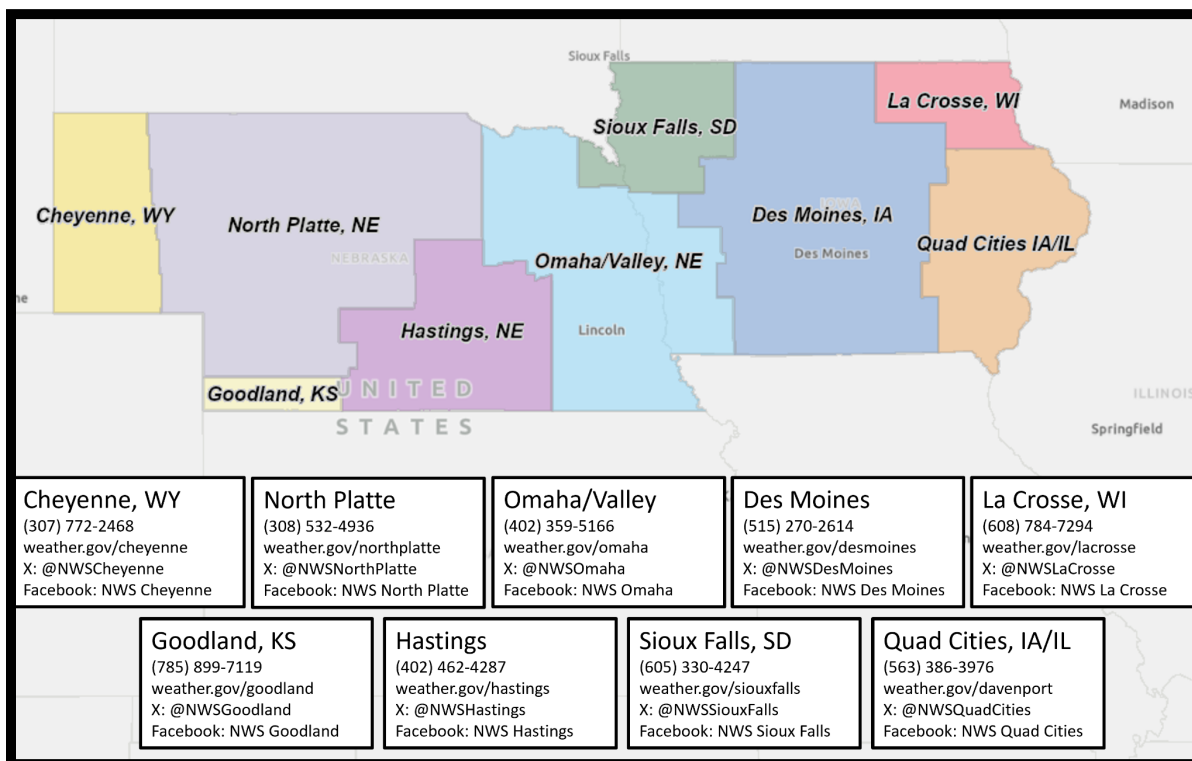




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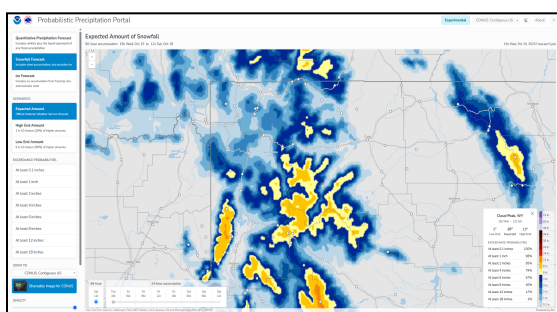
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New This Year

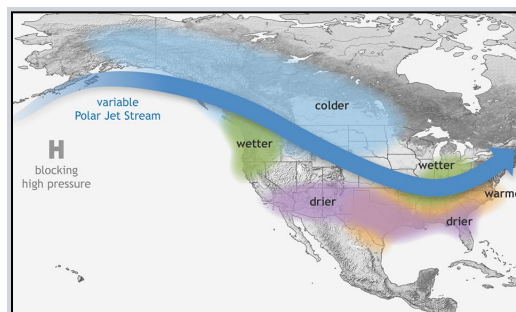
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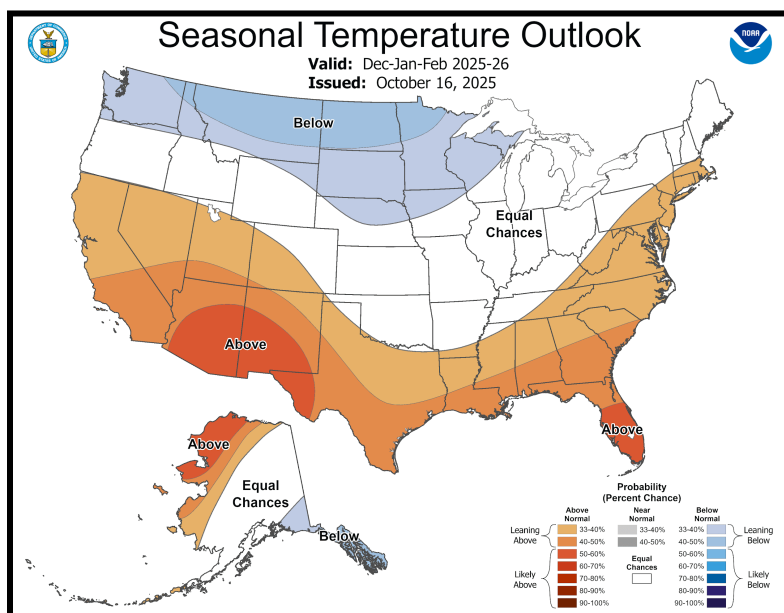


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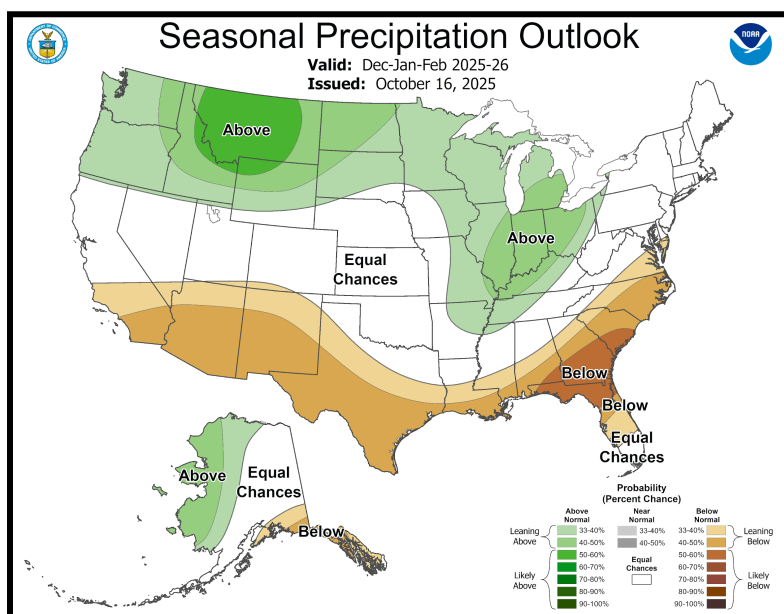


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Last Winter the Continental United States was under the influence of ENSO-neutral conditions. A transition to La Niña brings an increased chance of below-normal temperatures into much of northern Nebraska and Iowa, with equal chances of above normal, near normal, and below normal temperatures across southern Nebraska and Iowa.



The CPC's seasonal temperature and precipitation outlook, valid for December through February, corresponds with the weak winter signals across the region. The temperature outlook is displaying equal chances of above, near normal, and below normal precipitation across Nebraska and western Iowa

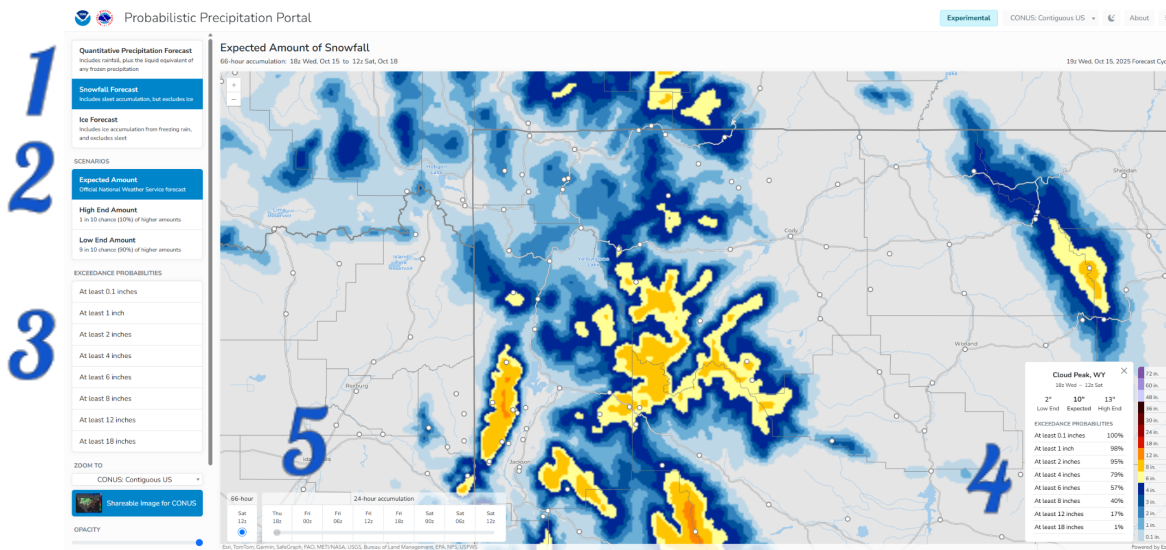


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Probabilistic Precipitation Portal

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1

Select the **forecast element** in the upper left, whether you'd like to see forecasts for rain/total liquid equivalent (quantitative precipitation), snowfall, or ice.

2

You can view the **forecast scenario**, as well as high-end (10% chance of exceedance) and low-end (90% chance of exceedance) scenarios by choosing an option under Scenarios.

3

Under **Exceedance Probabilities**, selecting an option changes the map to show the percent chance that observations will exceed the specified threshold. For example: map displaying chances that you will see at least two inches of snow.

4

To see the forecast as well as exceedance probabilities for a specific location, click on a dot on the map nearest the location of interest. This will display a pop-up box in the bottom right showing the forecast for that location, the high-end, and the low end scenarios. It will also show exceedance probabilities for this location

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Adjust the 24-hour accumulation window by selecting the end time on the timeline on the bottom left of the map, or you can view the total 72-hour accumulation window by selecting 72-hour.



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Winter Safety – Dangers

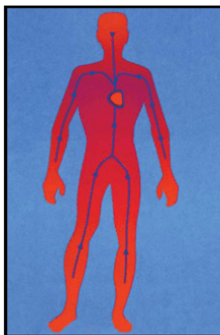
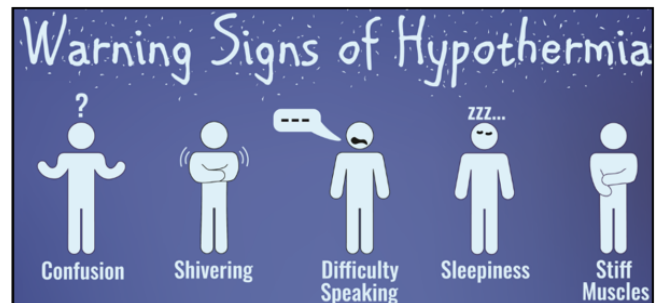


Frostbite

- Damage to body tissue caused by extreme cold.
- Can cause a loss of feeling and a pale appearance in the extremities.
- Your body cuts circulation to the extremities to protect the vital organs.
- Can occur in a matter of minutes

Hypothermia

- It is a potentially dangerous drop in body temperature (below 96°), caused by a prolonged exposure to the cold.
- It can cause long lasting health issues, or could even result in death!
- Age (children and elderly), certain illnesses or even certain medications can make one more at risk.



If you need to provide first aid

- Get indoors as quickly as possible. Seek medical attention!
- Warm the person slowly, starting with the body core. Warming extremities first drives cold blood toward the heart and can lead to heart failure!
- Get the person into dry clothes and in extra layers. Remove any tight items.
- Drink warm liquids. Do not give alcohol, drugs, coffee or anything hot.

Are you prepared for the cold?

- Before heading out the door, make sure you check the forecast so you'll know what to expect.
- Adjust your schedule (if possible) to avoid the coldest part of the day.
- Dress for the cold! Layer your clothes and protect your head and extremities.
- Make sure your pets and livestock have enough food and water!
- Is your home and vehicle prepared?



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Be Prepared Before the Storm Strikes

Home Kit:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio/portable radio
- Extra food and water
- Extra medicine and baby items.
- First-aid supplies.
- Emergency heat source: fireplace, wood stove, space heater.
- Use properly to prevent a fire and remember to ventilate properly.
- Fire extinguisher and smoke alarm.
- Test smoke alarms once a month to ensure they work properly.



Car Kit:

- Mobile phone & charger
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Shovel
- Tow rope
- Jumper cables
- Ice scraper & snow brush
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Boots, mittens, warm clothes
- Tire chains/snow chains
- Flares
- Full tank of gas
- Bag of sand/cat litter
- Water/high-energy snacks

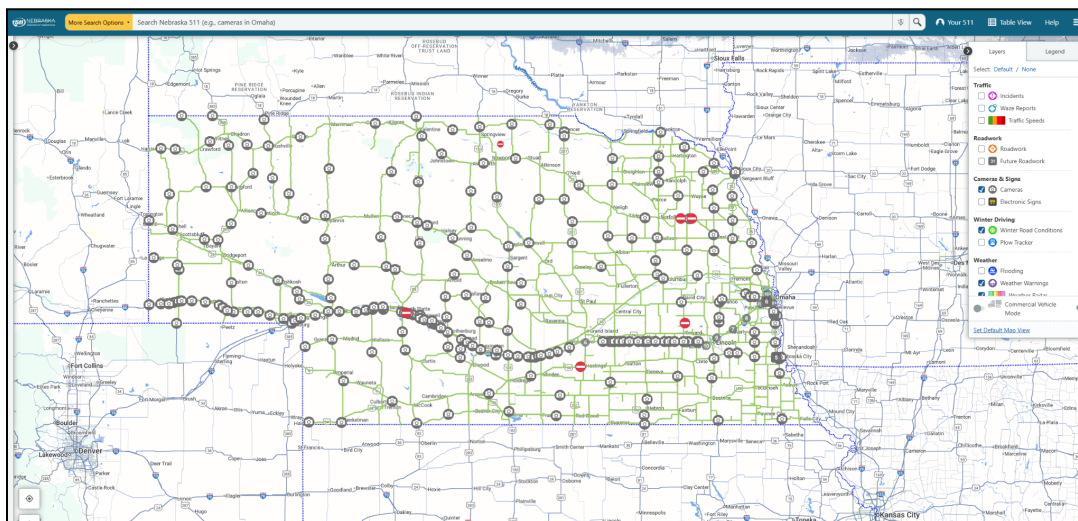




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Winter Safety – Travel

Before you travel, check out the latest road conditions:



511.nebraska.gov

Nebraska: 511.nebraska.gov

When in-state, call 511

When out of state call: 1-800-906-9069



[Apple](#)

[Android](#)

Iowa: 511ia.org

When in-state, call 511

When out of state call: 1-800-288-1047



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**Driving through the states listed below?
Dial 511 for road information.**

South Dakota: www.sd511.org

Out of state: 1-866-MY-SD511 (1-866-697-3511)

Wyoming: map.wyoroad.info/

Out of state: 1-888-WYO-ROAD (1-888-996-7623)

Colorado: www.cotrip.org/home.htm

Out of state: 1-303-639-1111

Kansas: www.kandrive.org/

Out of state: 1-866-511-KDOT (1-866-511-5368)

Missouri: traveler.modot.org/map/

Out of state: 1-888-ASK-MDOT (1-888-275-6636)

National Traffic & Road
Closure Information can
be found at:

www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo/index.htm