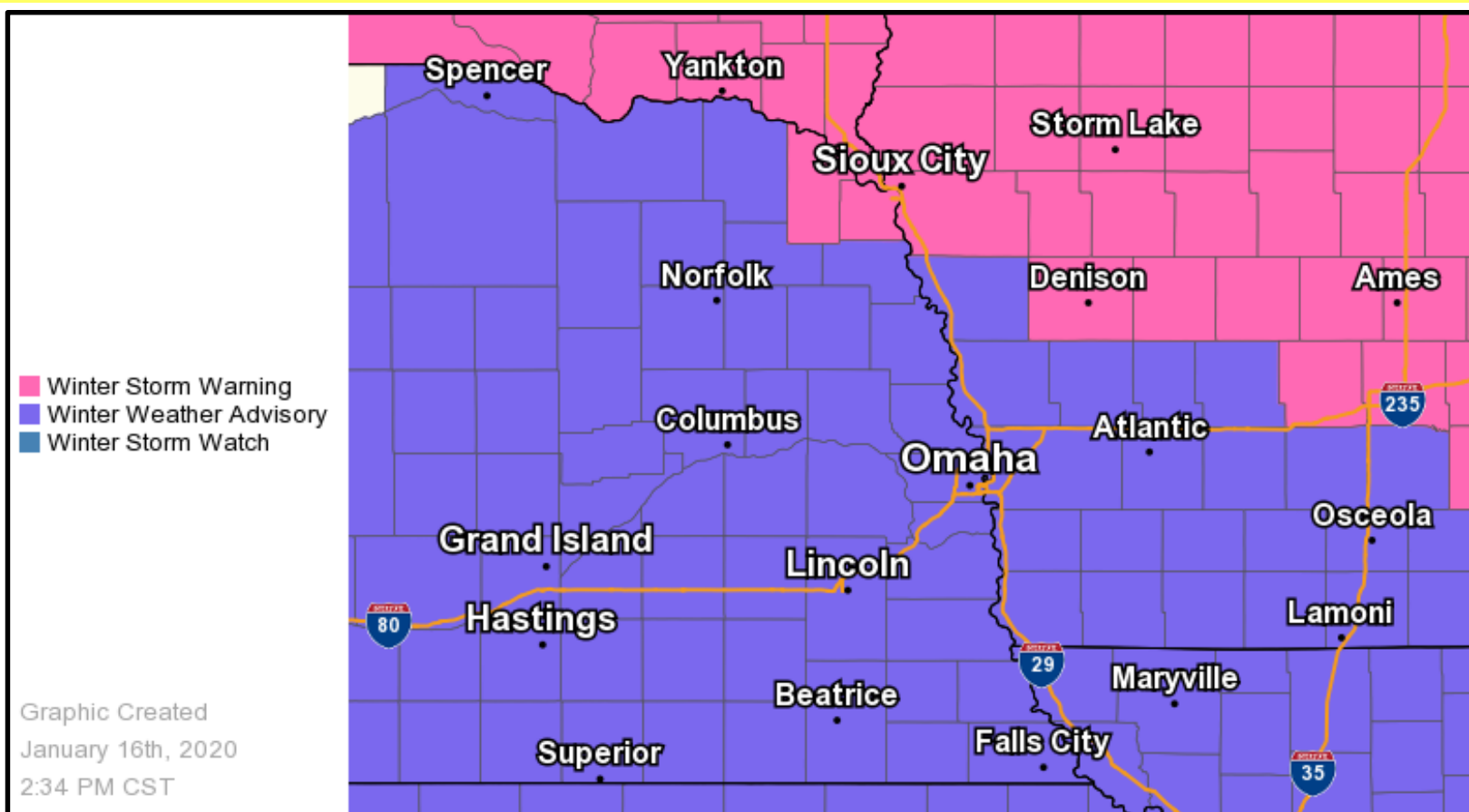


Wintry Mix & Accumulating Snow Friday



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Important Forecast Changes

- Updated timing, precipitation type, and accumulation information.
- Additional focus on blowing snow and flash freeze potential.

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Key Points



- Hazardous travel conditions likely tonight through Friday night.
- A few inches of snow likely. Greatest amounts northeast.
- Light ice accumulation with some freezing drizzle expected.
- Flash freeze of any wet roads likely Friday night.
- Blowing/drifting snow with strong winds Friday night/Saturday



- Entire area will be impacted to some extent.
- Snow amounts will increase the farther north and east you are.
- Areas near/south of an Albion to Blair to Harlan line may briefly rise above freezing late Friday.

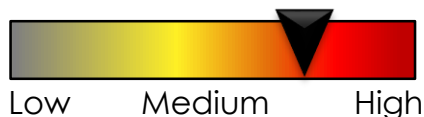


- Please see next page for detailed timing information.
- Snow begins tonight after midnight.
- Precipitation should be over by sunrise on Saturday.

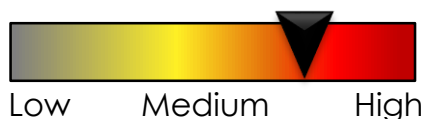


- Hazardous travel conditions are likely.
- Isolated power outages possible mainly in western Iowa and northeast Nebraska. Widespread power outages are not expected BUT with such strong winds, it won't take much ice accumulation to result in power outages.
- Even after snow ends, and even if temperatures rise above freezing, temperatures will rapidly cool Friday night, and a flash freeze of any wet roads is likely along with some blowing/drifting.

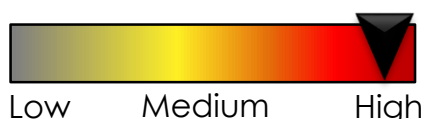
Forecast Certainty & Considerations:



Confidence in snow amount ranges is pretty high. Some potential for isolated amounts 5-6"



Ice amounts mainly less than 0.15"



Timing of start time of precipitation

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Detailed Timing Information

Weather Type Key

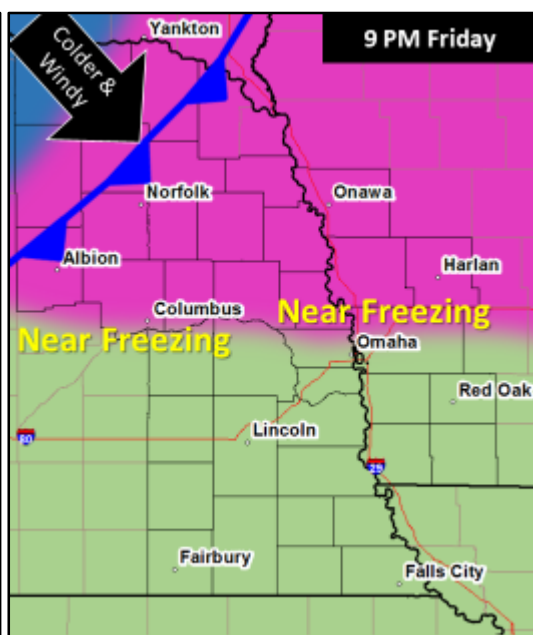
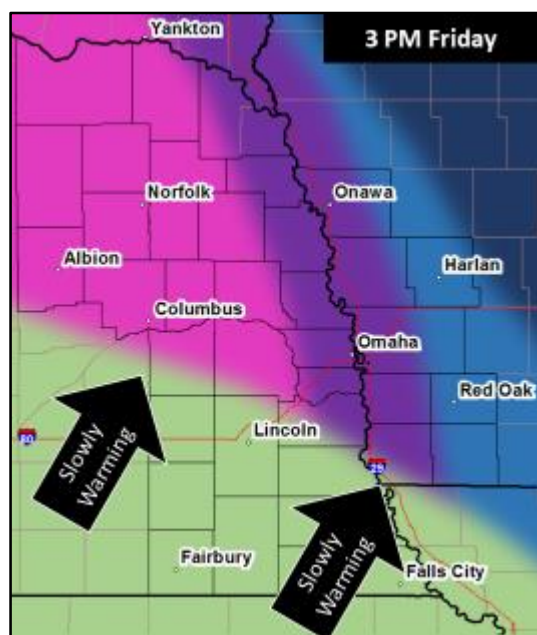
Drizzle

Freezing Drizzle

Snow or Freezing Drizzle

Light to Moderate Snow

Moderate to Heavy Snow



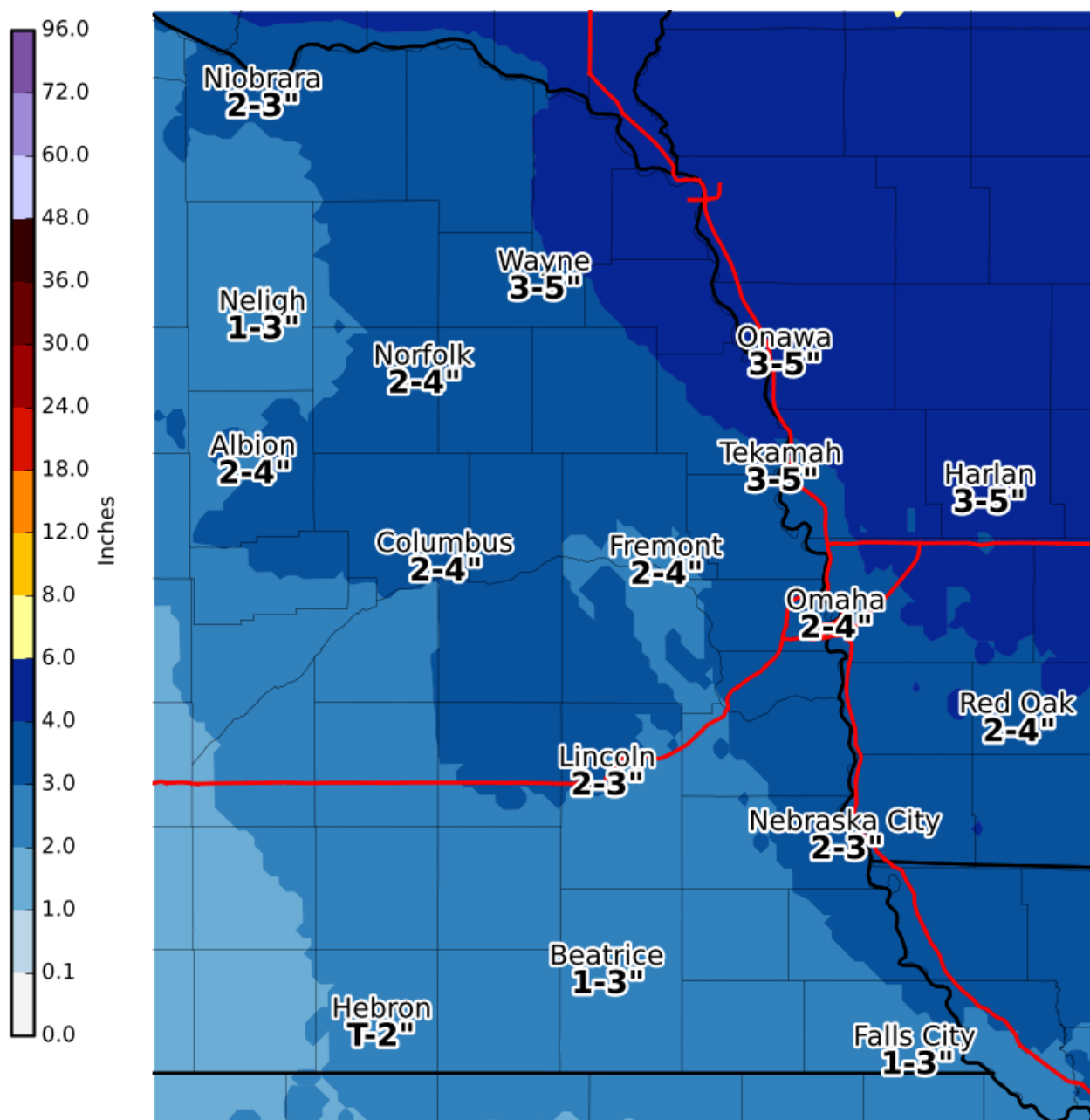
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Most Likely Snow Accumulations

- Have pretty high confidence in these snow amount ranges.
- IF snow lasts longer into Friday afternoon (after 3 PM, especially), then amounts could end up toward the high end of the range or slightly higher.
- IF snow ends and turns to drizzle earlier in the day, then amounts could end up on the low end of the range or slightly lower.

Expected Snowfall - Official NWS Forecast

Valid: 01/16/2020 06:00 PM - 01/18/2020 06:00 AM CST



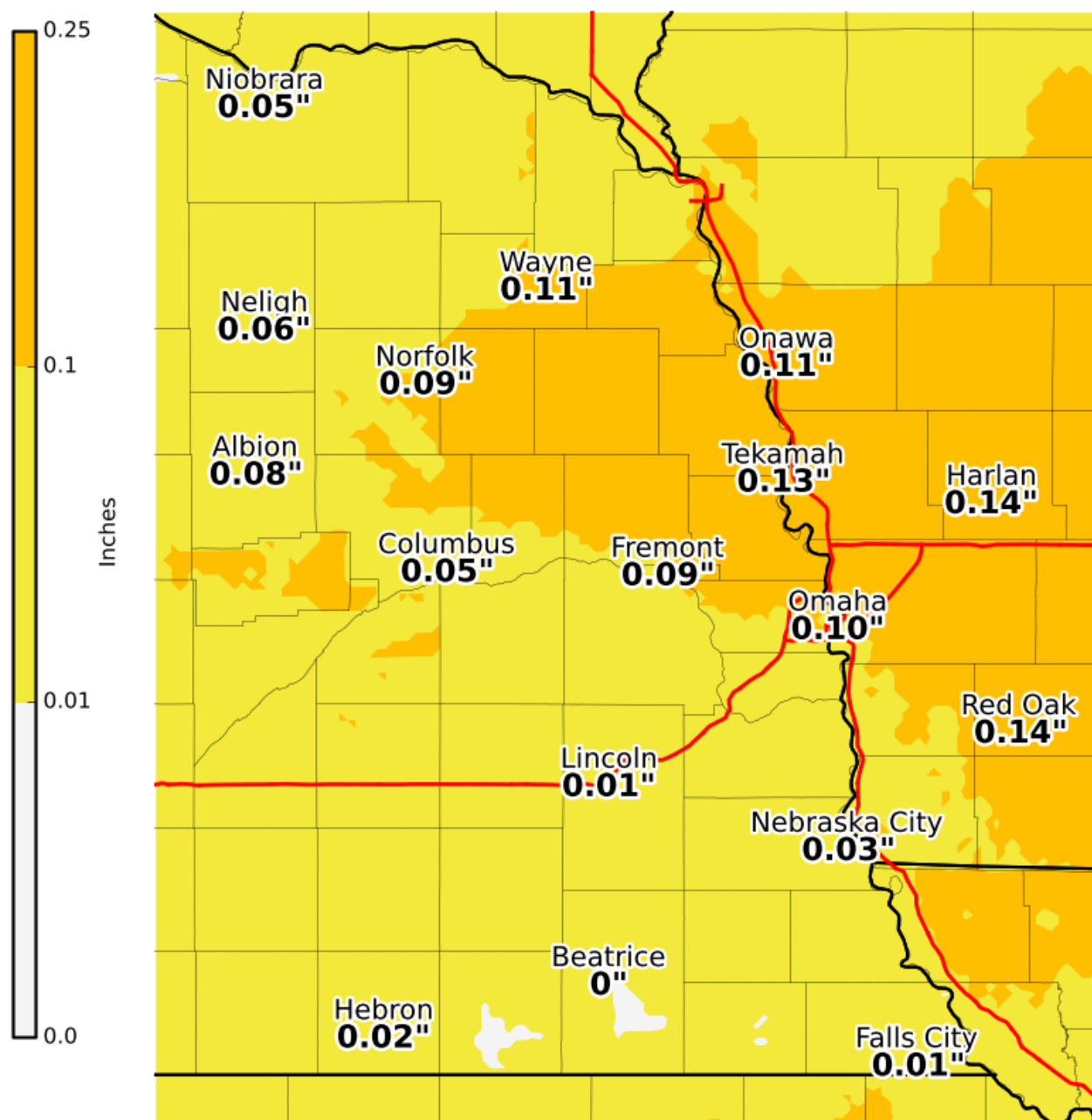
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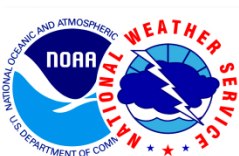
Most Likely Ice Accumulations

- Usually, ice accumulations this light do not cause power outages or tree damage.
- However, there is potential for wet snow to stick to power lines in addition to ice.
- If this occurs on Friday, then the strong winds arriving on Friday night could cause galloping power lines and a higher likelihood of power outages.

Expected Ice Accumulation- Official NWS Forecast

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