



Winter Weather Briefing

January 21, 2026
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For Southeast South Carolina and Southeast Georgia

Decision Support Briefing

→ As of 2 PM Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Key Messages

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- Very cold temperatures will occur early next week.



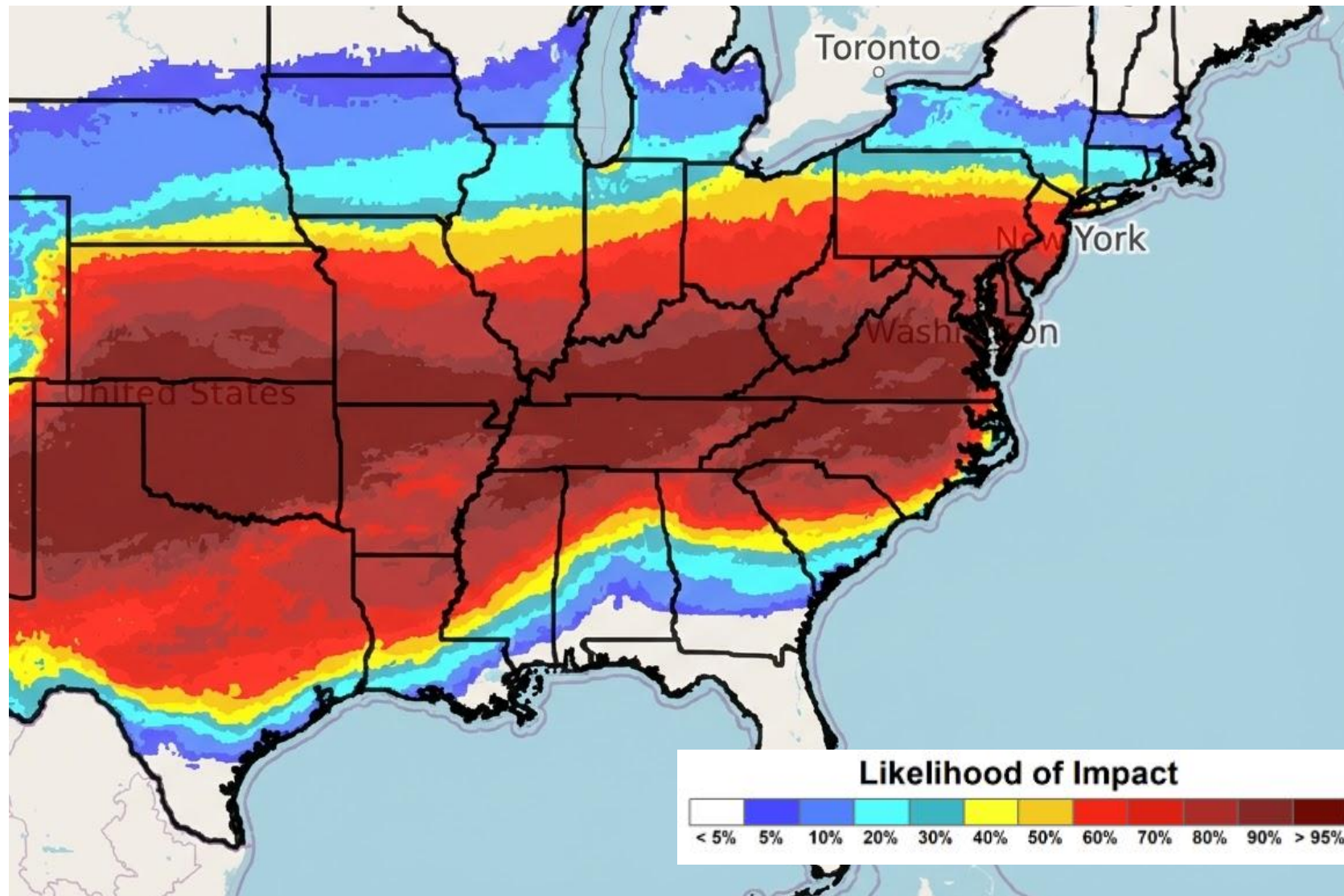


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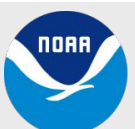
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Powerful storm system, but local impacts uncertain.

Likelihood of At Least Minor Winter Weather Impacts This Weekend



- A large, powerful storm system will sweep across the eastern U.S. this weekend. Our area currently looks to be near the southern periphery of winter weather impacts from this system.
- Uncertainty is very high with both the temperature and precipitation characteristics of the storm along the Southeast coast.
- Be *very skeptical* of individual model runs, which tend to gain the most traction on social media.

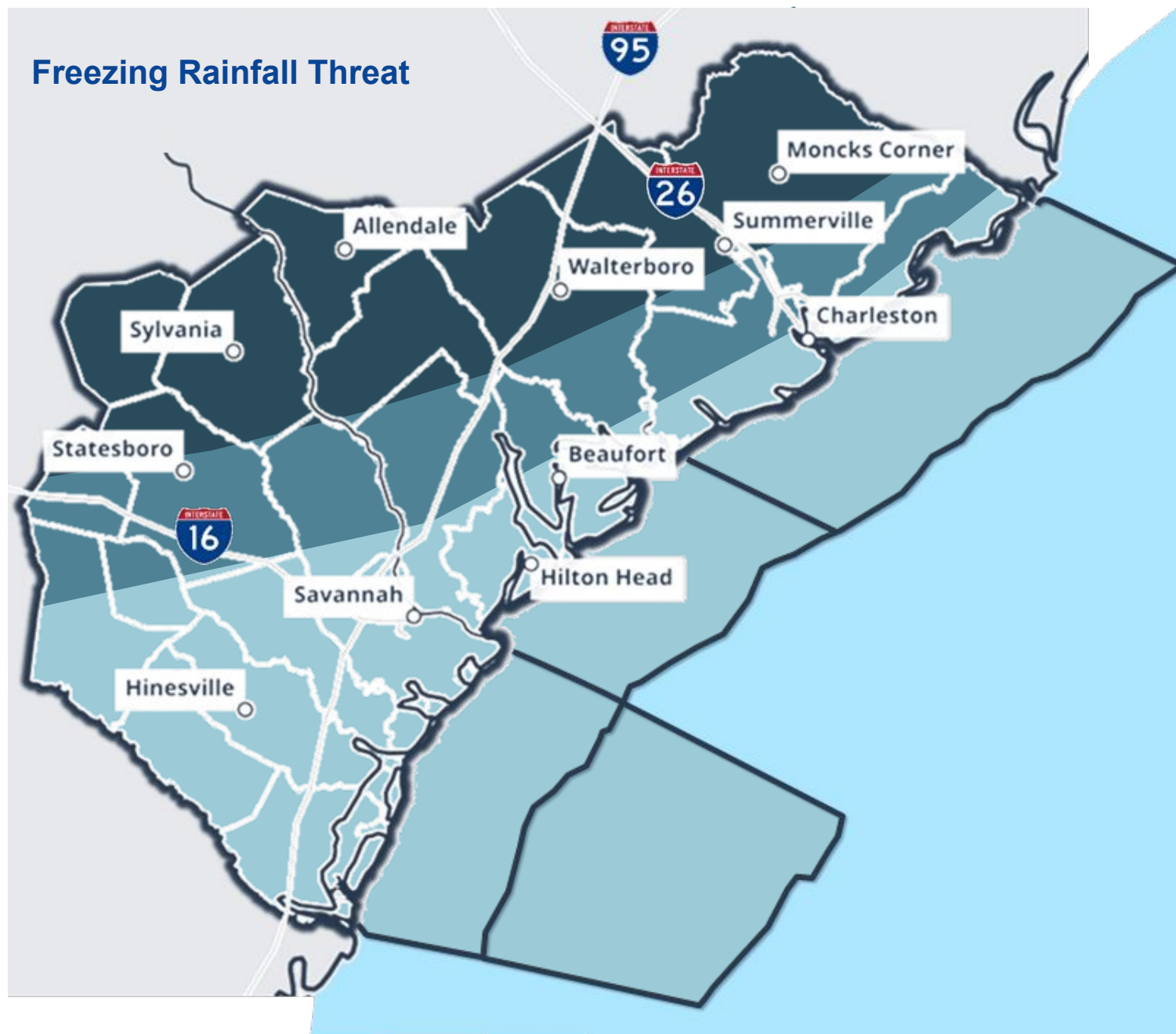




Threats

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Rain vs. freezing rain is the greatest forecast challenge



- Freezing rain is the primary threat this weekend.
- Ice accumulation probabilities have trended down, but there is still significant uncertainty.
- Greatest accumulation would occur on elevated surfaces including bridges.

Inland SE GA to Inland Portions of Charleston Metro
Moderate chance of freezing rainfall
40-60% chance of ice accumulation (at least 0.01")

US Hwy 17 Corridor in SC, I-16 Corridor in SE GA
Low-end chance of freezing rainfall
20-40% chance of ice accumulation (at least 0.01")

Immediate SC Coast, South of I-16
Freezing rainfall is unlikely
Less than 20% chance of ice accumulation (at least 0.01")

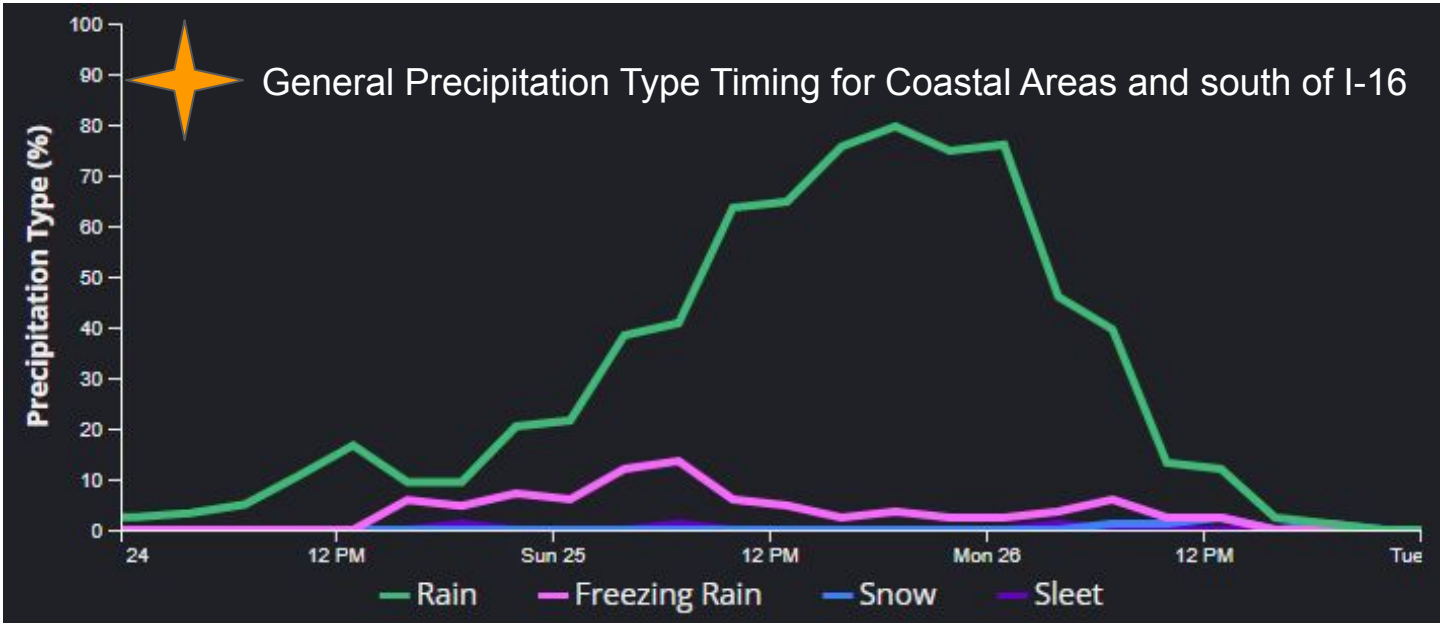
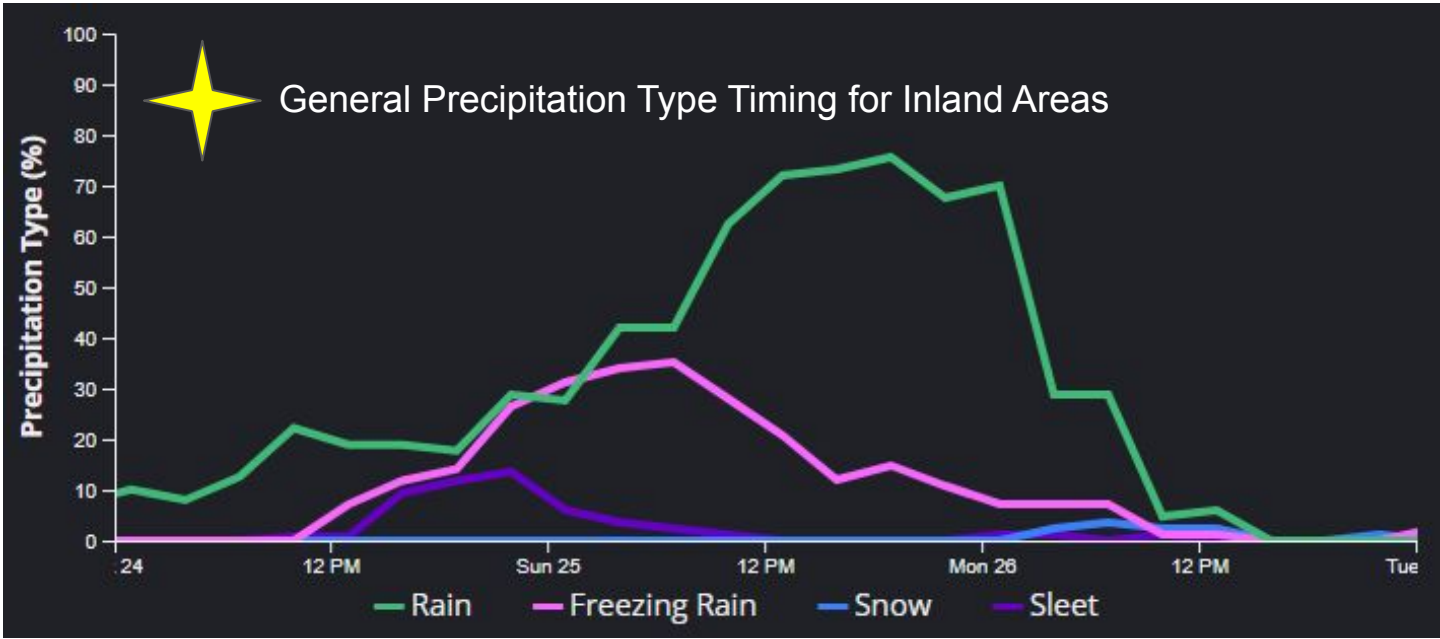
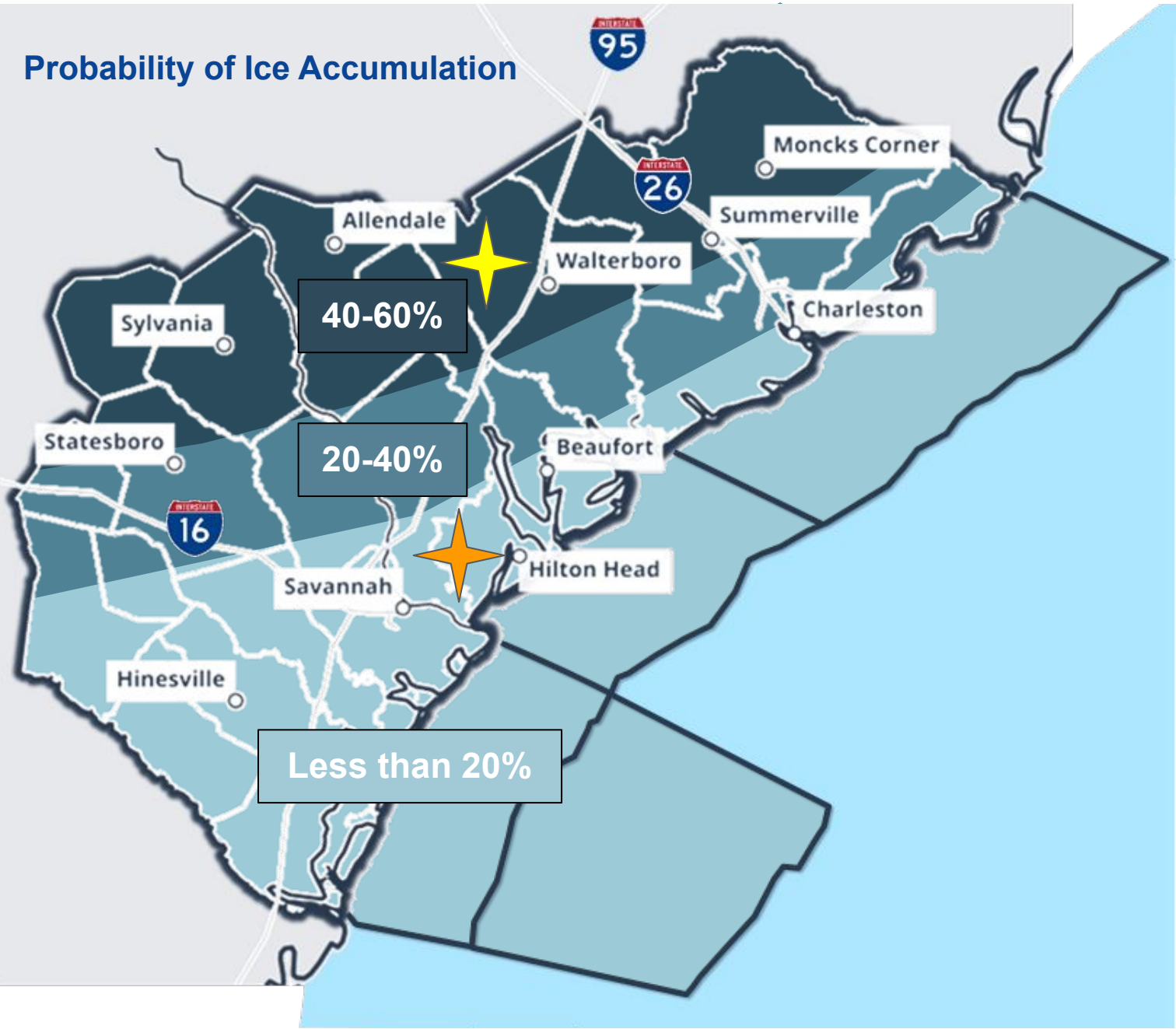




Timing

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Greatest impacts late Saturday into Monday morning.





Cold Temperatures

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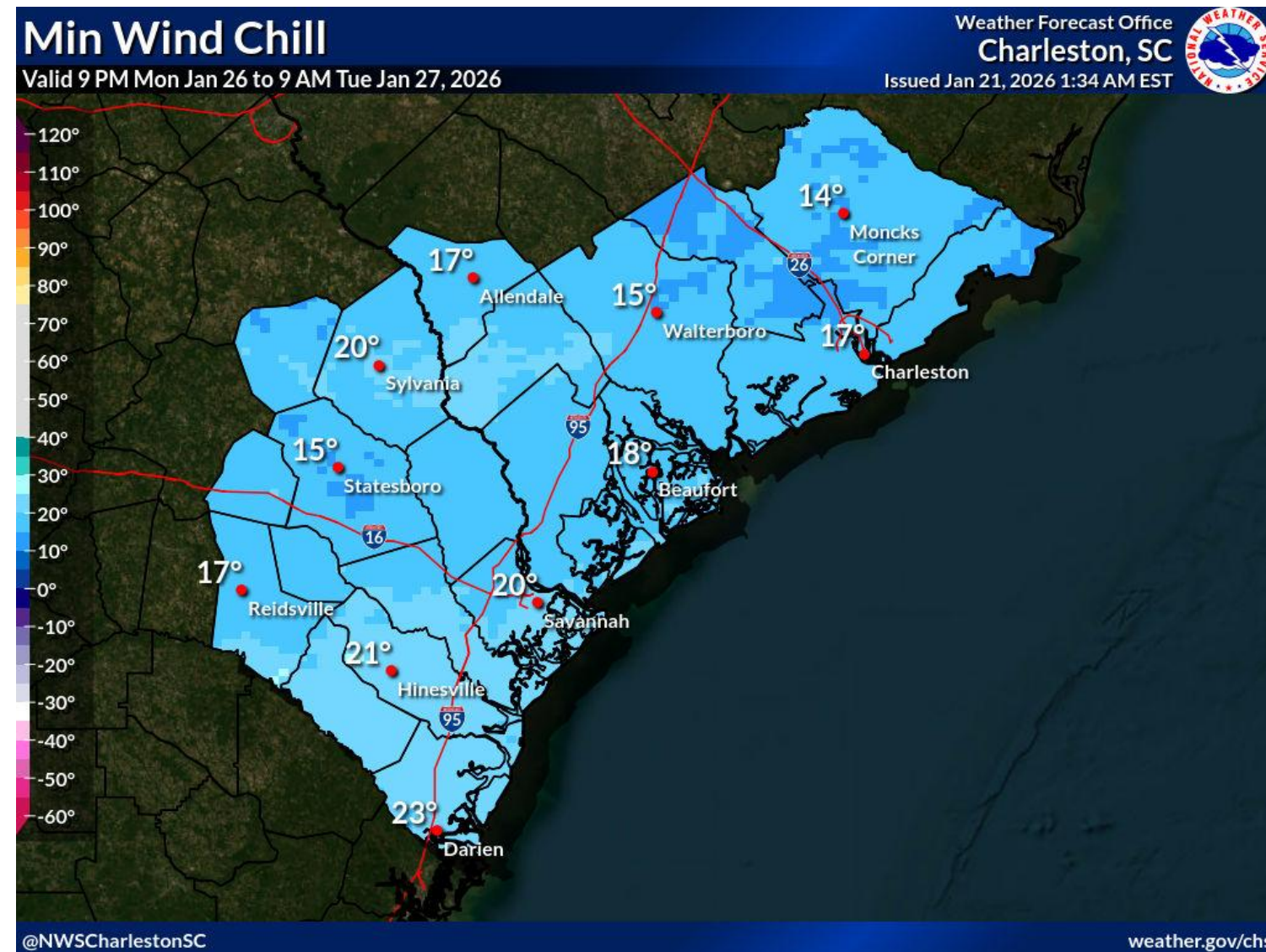
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Dangerous cold snap possible early next week.

- **Temperatures:** Lows will drop into the upper teens inland to mid-upper 20s along coastal areas Monday night into Tuesday morning
- **Wind Chills:** Northwest wind around 10 mph will make it feel significantly colder, with wind chills expected to stay in the teens across much of the area.
- **Cold Weather Advisories** likely (50 - 75%) needed.

Additional Impacts/Highlights

- Cold temperatures could limit melting, causing any winter accumulations to persist into early next week.
- Wind chill values in the upper teens could occur away from coastal areas again Tuesday night into Wednesday morning.

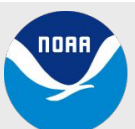


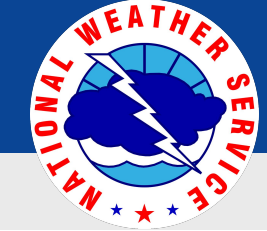


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