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Special Weather Briefing

For Potential Winter Weather - Sunday (1/18/26)

Valid: 2:00 PM Friday (1/16/26)
by NWS Peachtree City/Atlanta



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Main Points / Headlines

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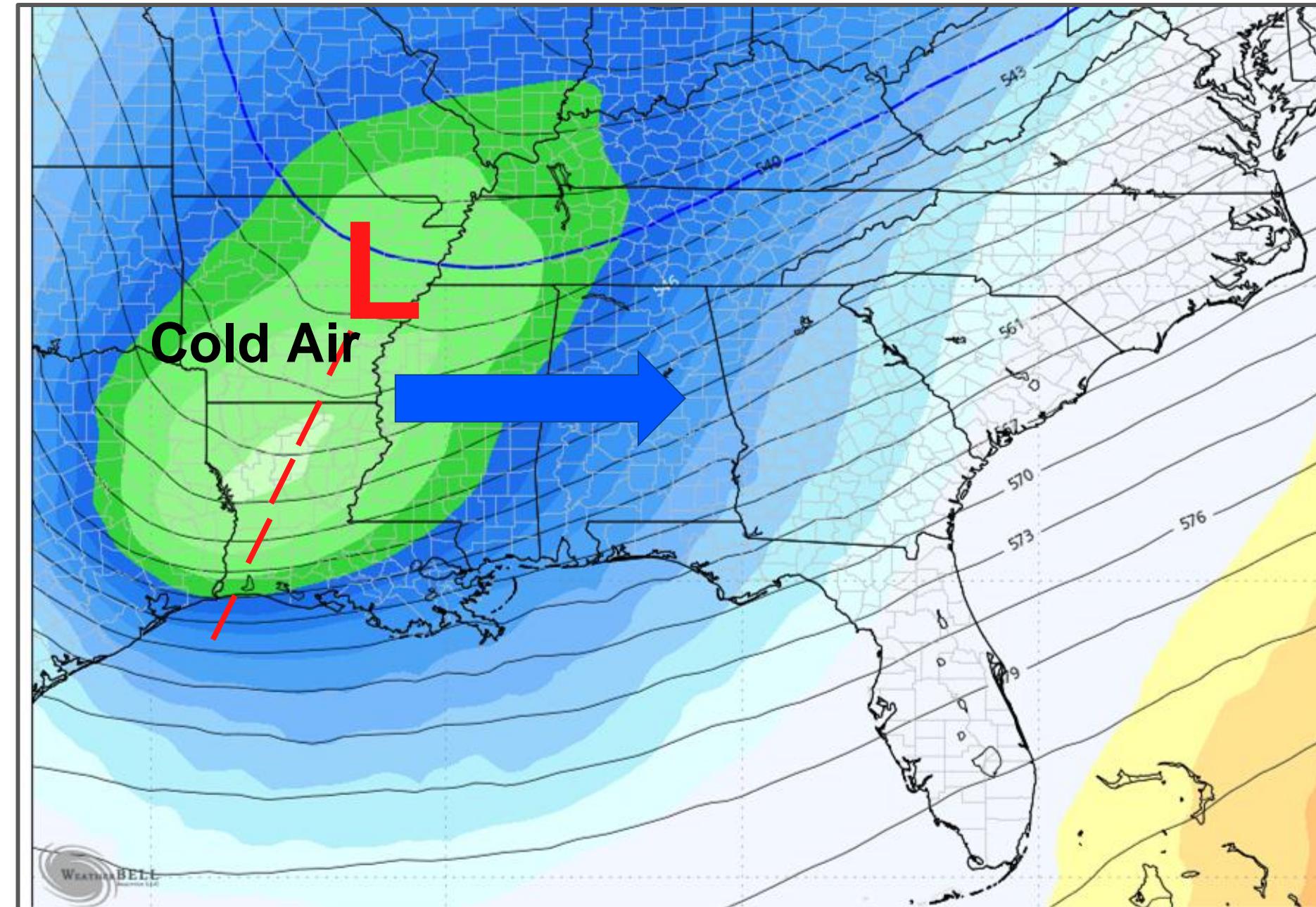
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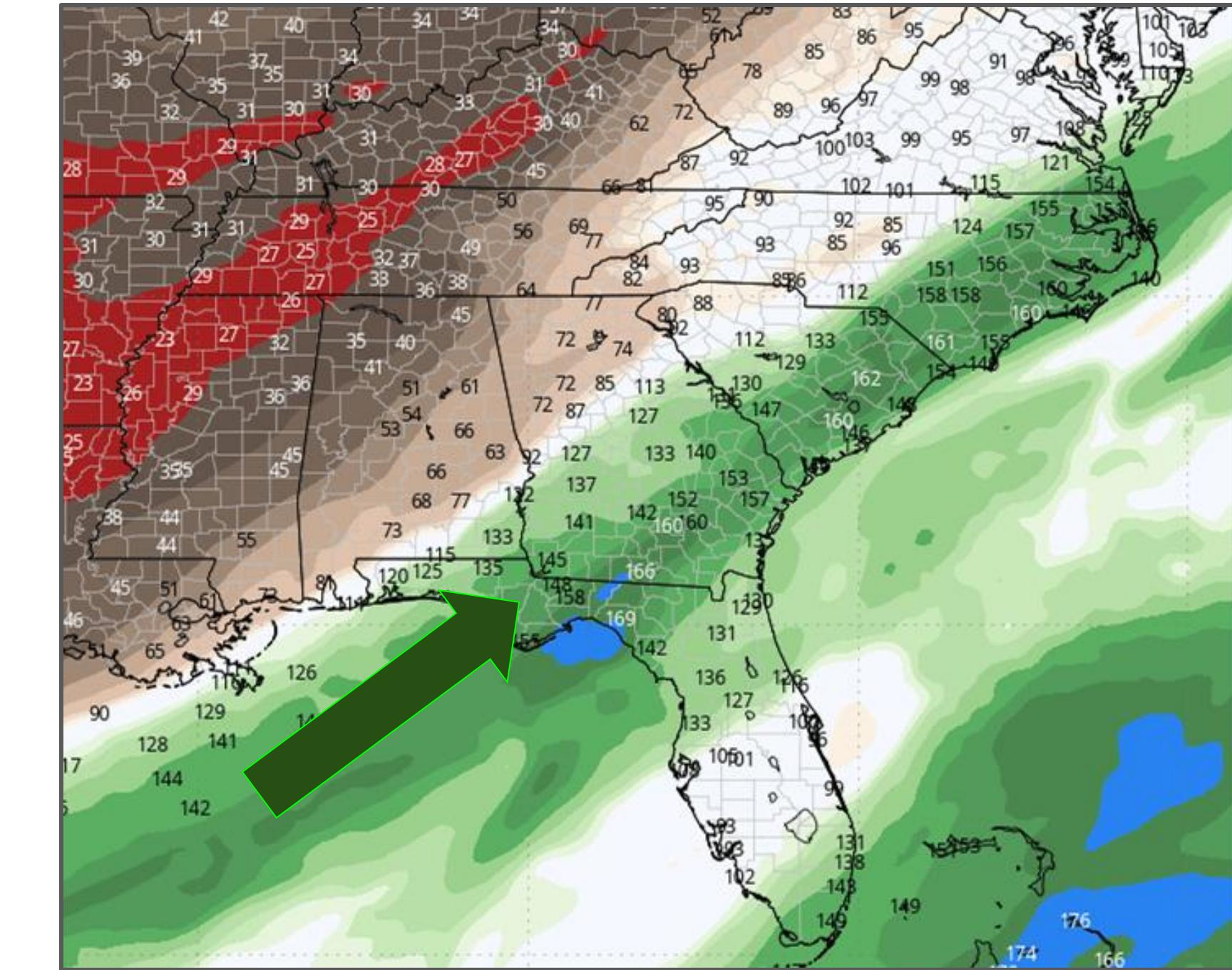
Weather Pattern / Set-up

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This weekend into early Monday



An upper level trough with very cold air will move across the area (Sun-Mon)



Relatively warm/moist air will move in from the Gulf creating an “overrunning” precipitation event along and ahead of the upper trough



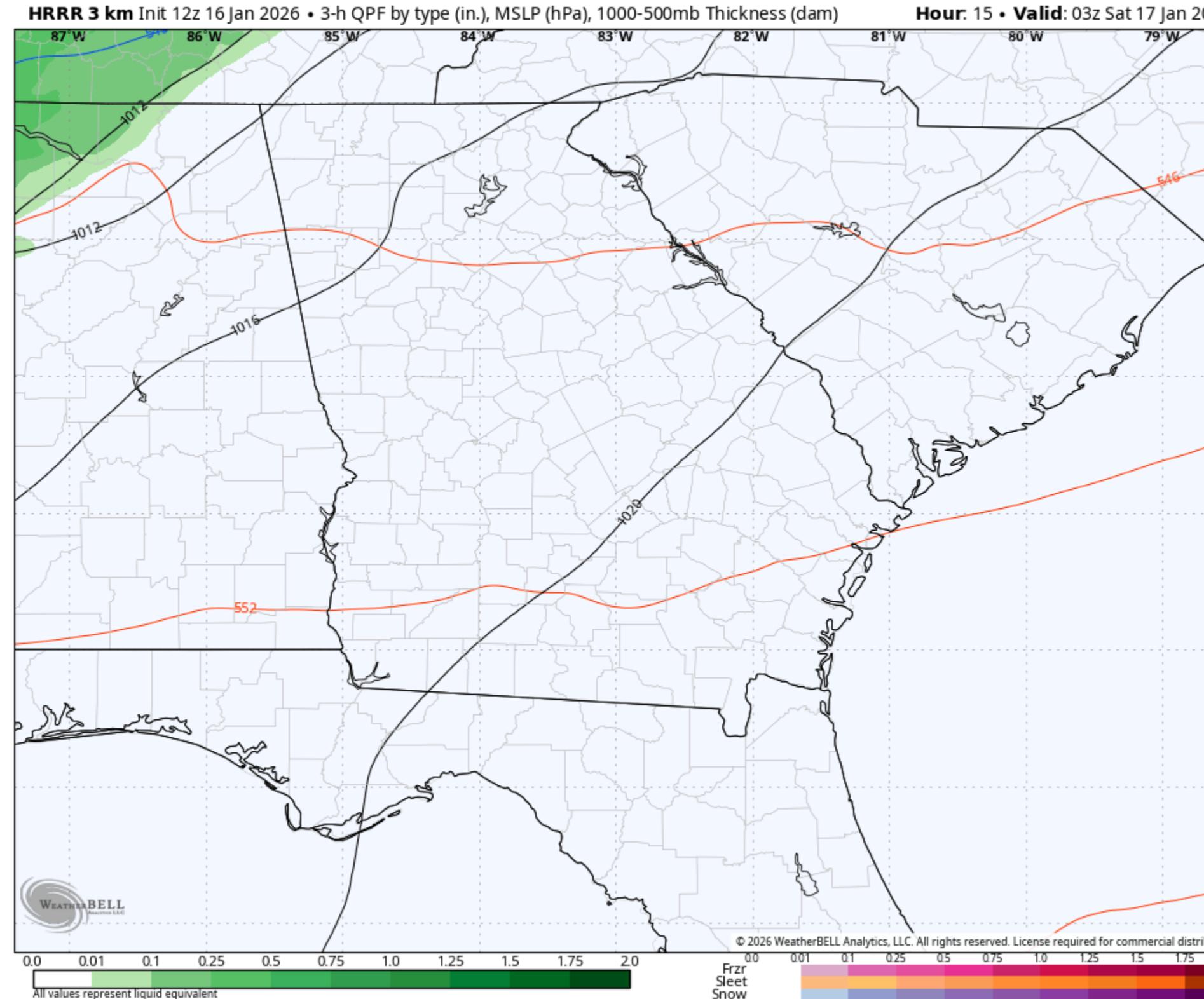
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Tonight - Sat morning

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- Fast-moving system will bring a few hours of light rain to the area (lesser amounts south/east)
- Brief 'wintry mix' possible in the highest of elevations of far north GA
 - No major / widespread impacts
 - A few slick spots as temps drop close to 32F late tonight.



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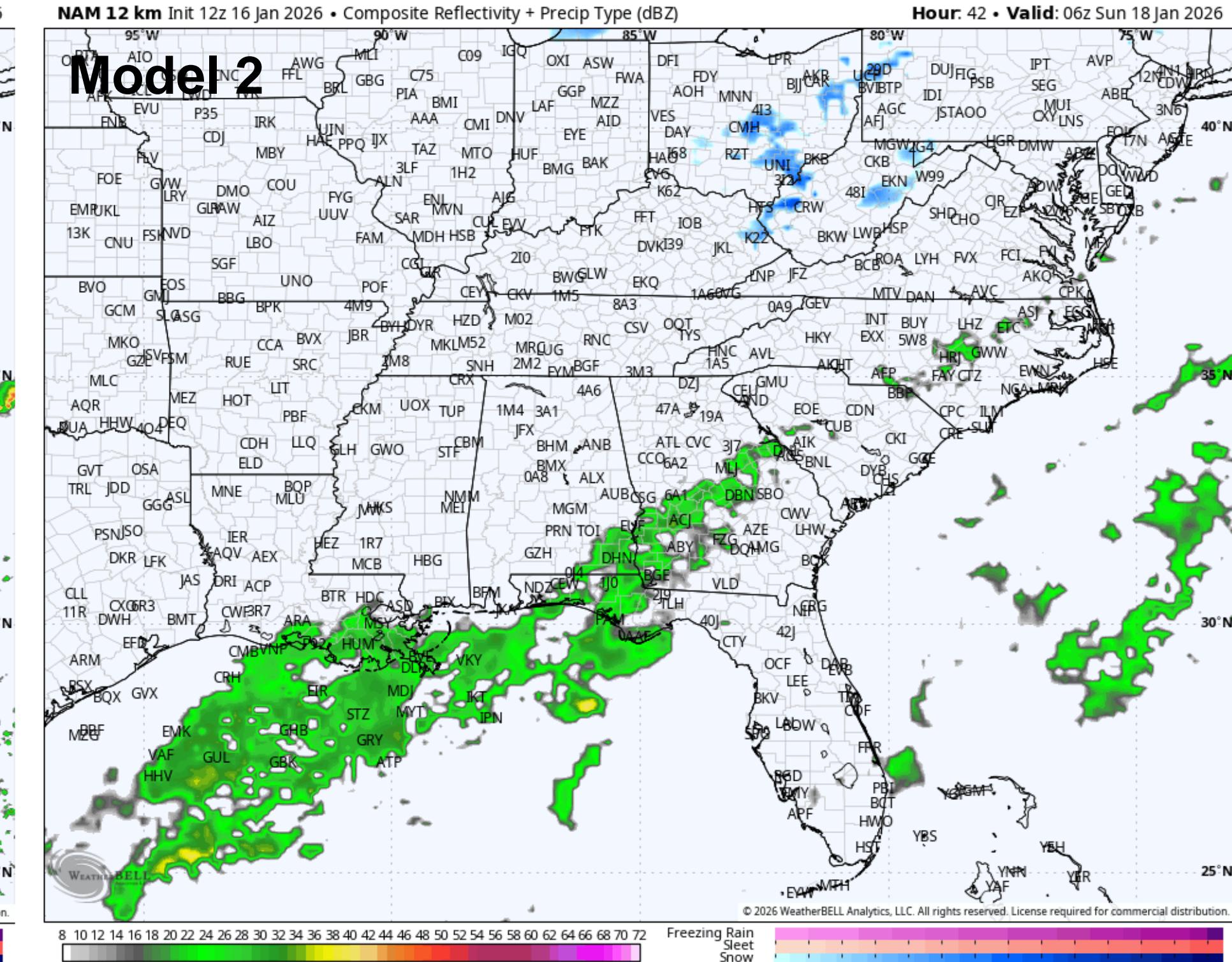
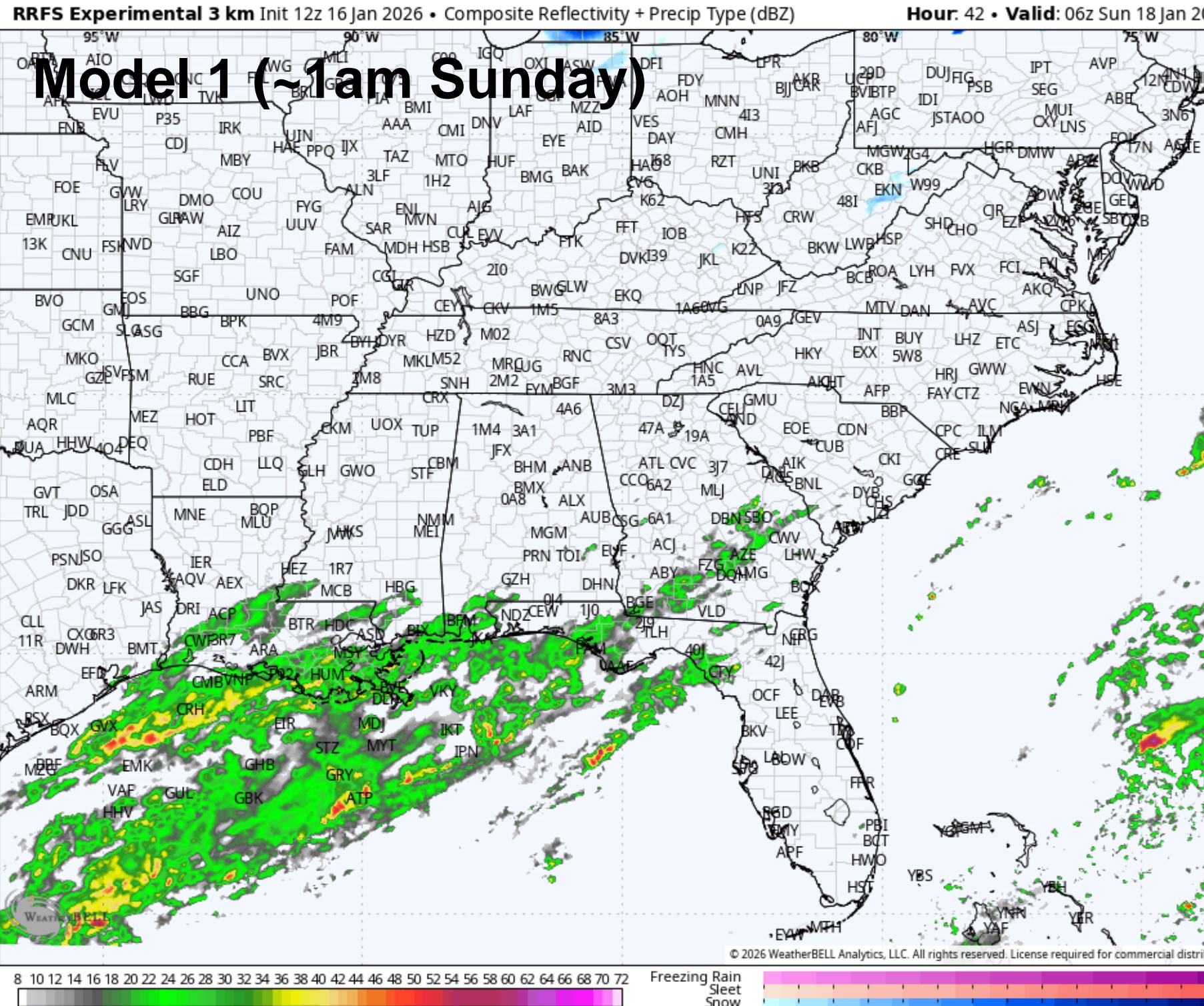
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Winter precip timing (early/onset)

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Saturday night / Sunday morning ~1am to 10am



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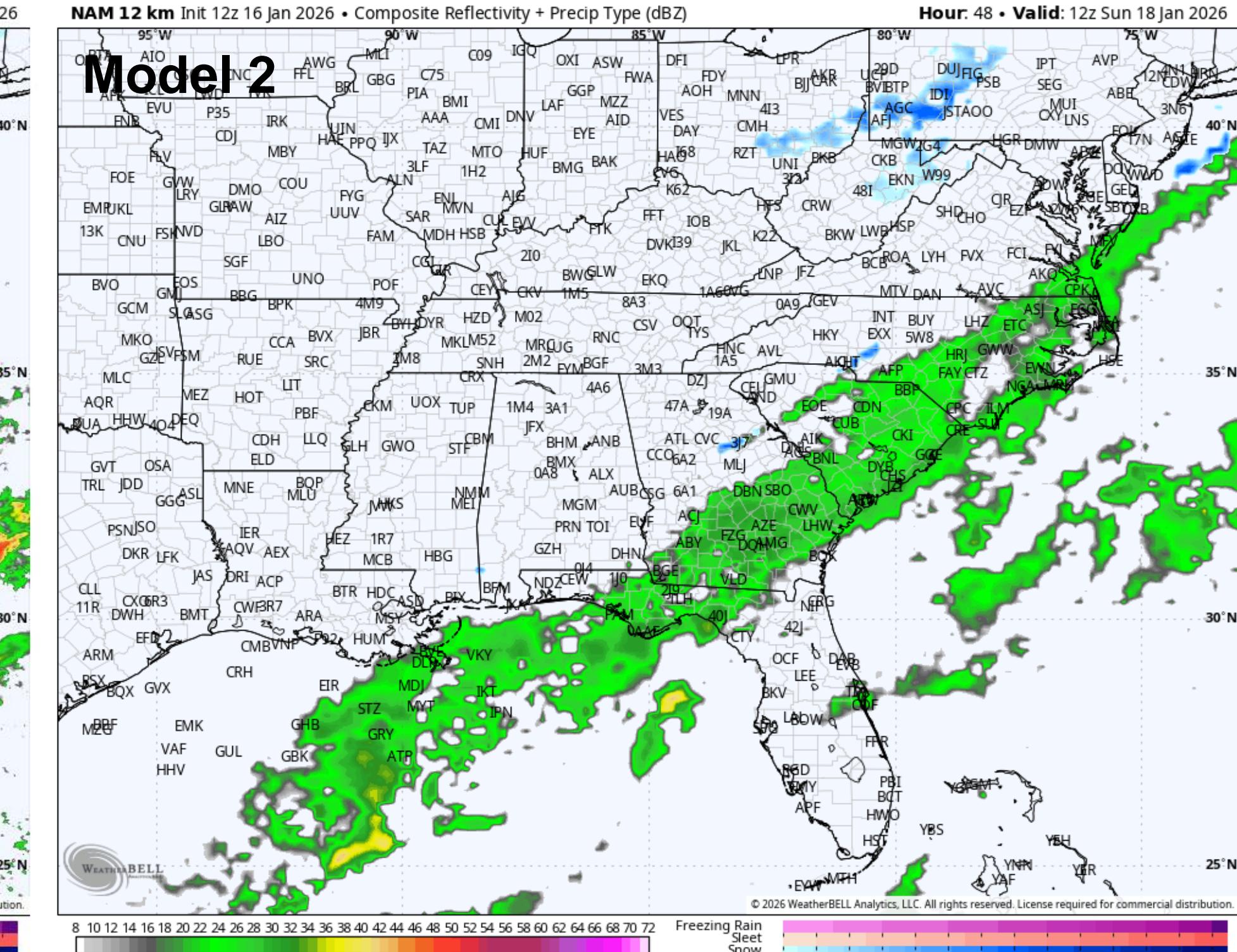
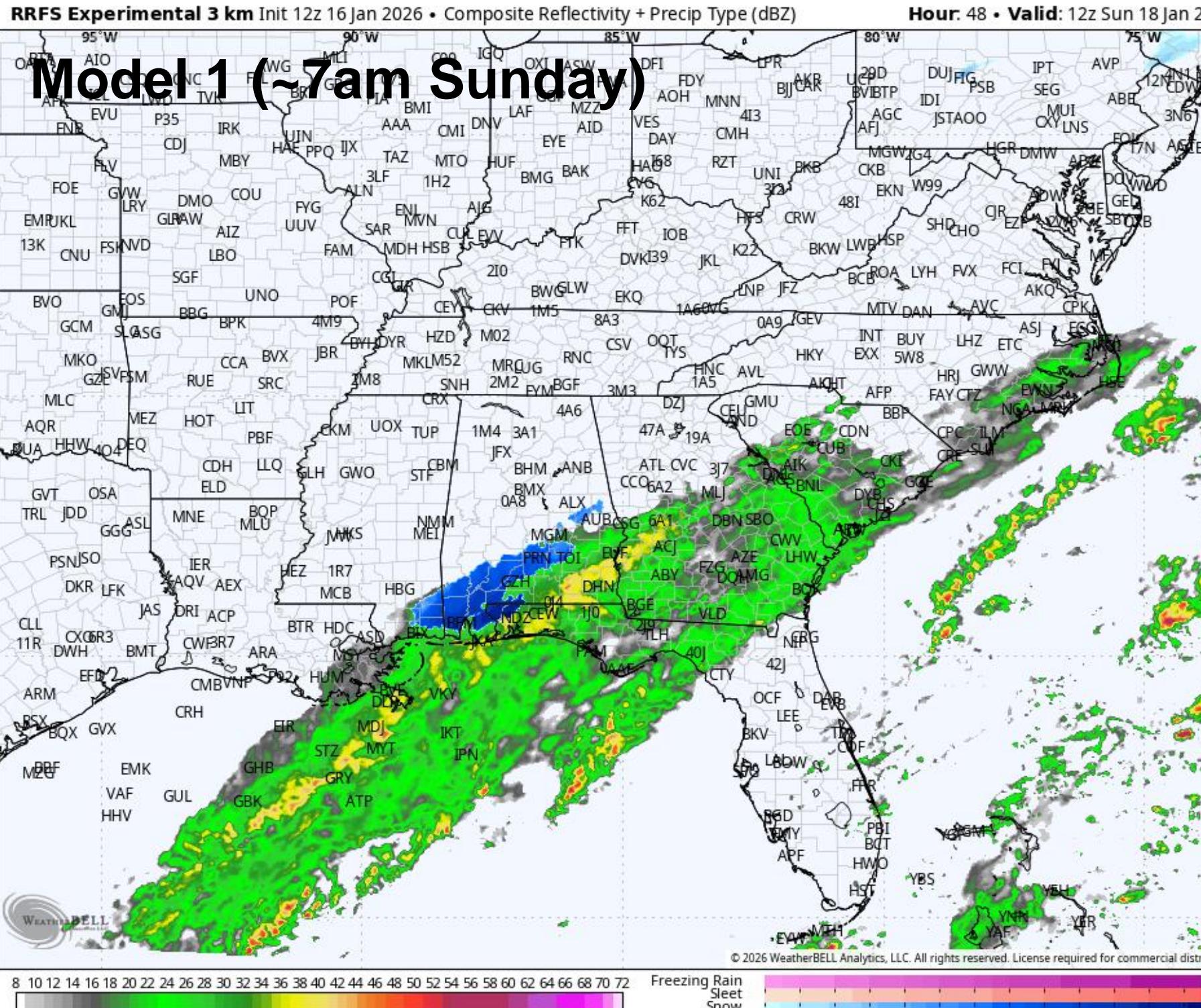
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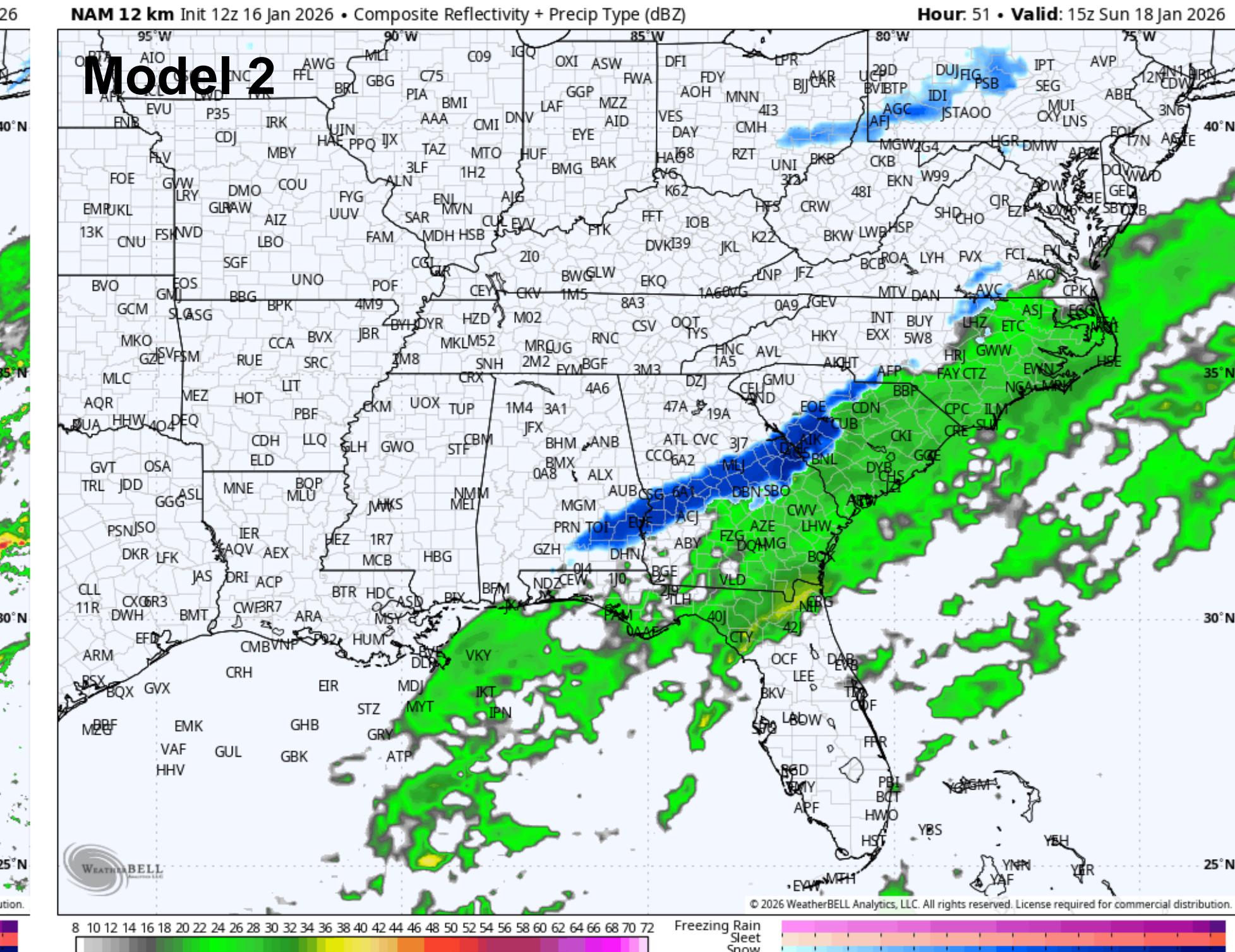
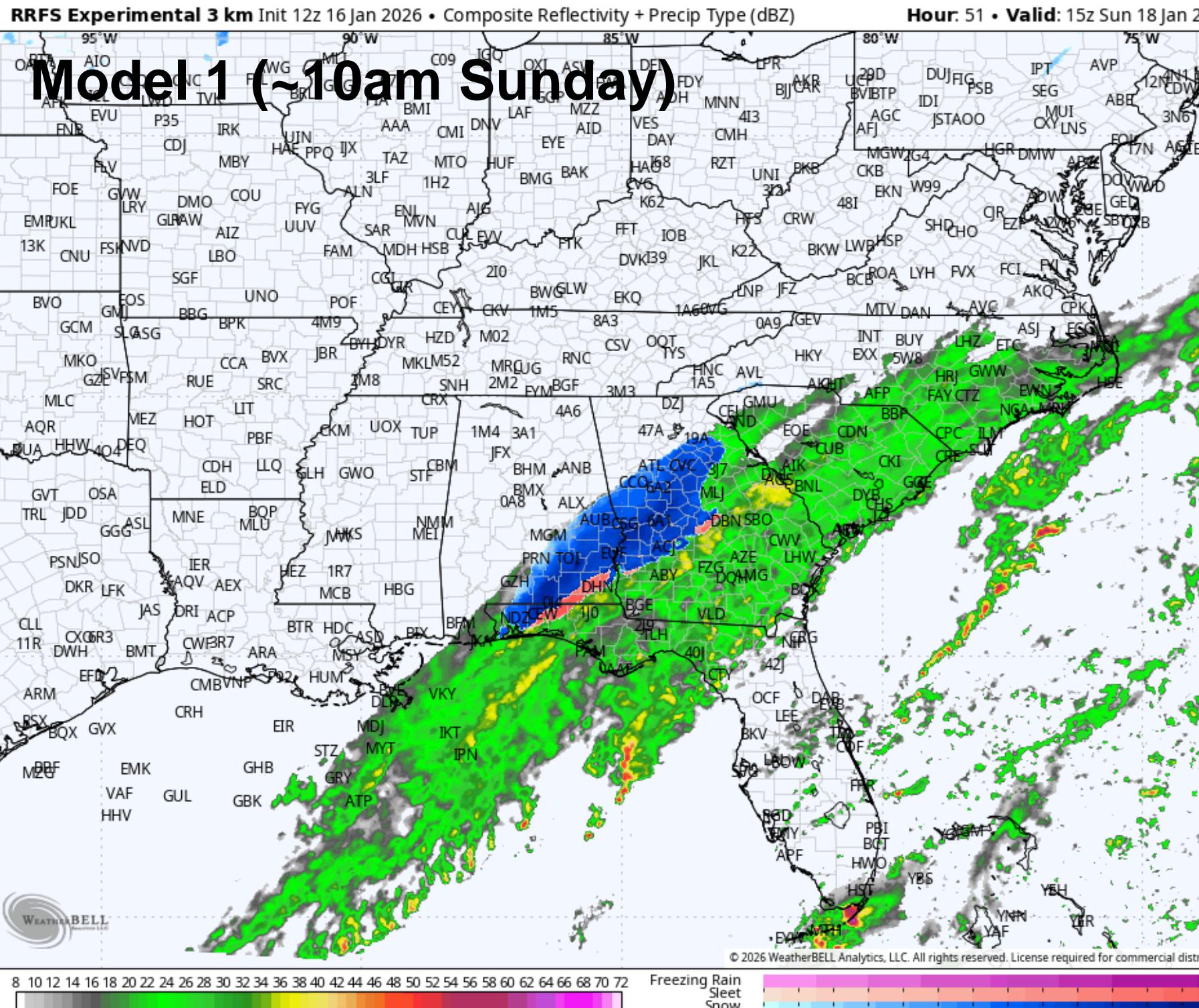
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Winter precip timing

Sunday (~7am to 7pm)

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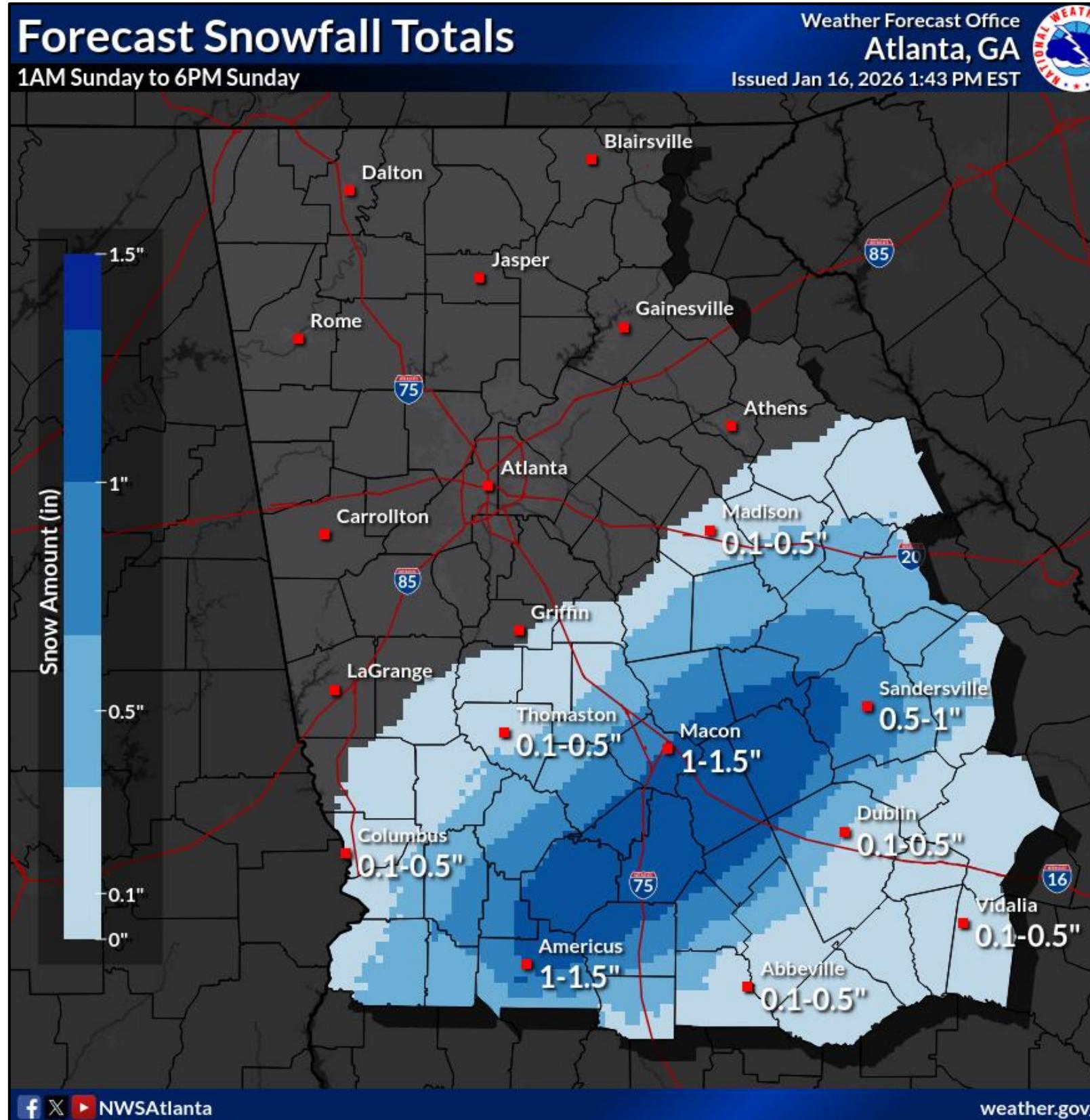
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Snow Forecast (NWS)

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- Latest Snow forecast (from NWS)...
- Keep in mind, this will change and could pivot back to the west & north as newer information comes in
- This along with probabilities and “higher end” amounts are available on our NWS Atlanta Winter page: www.weather.gov/ffc/winter



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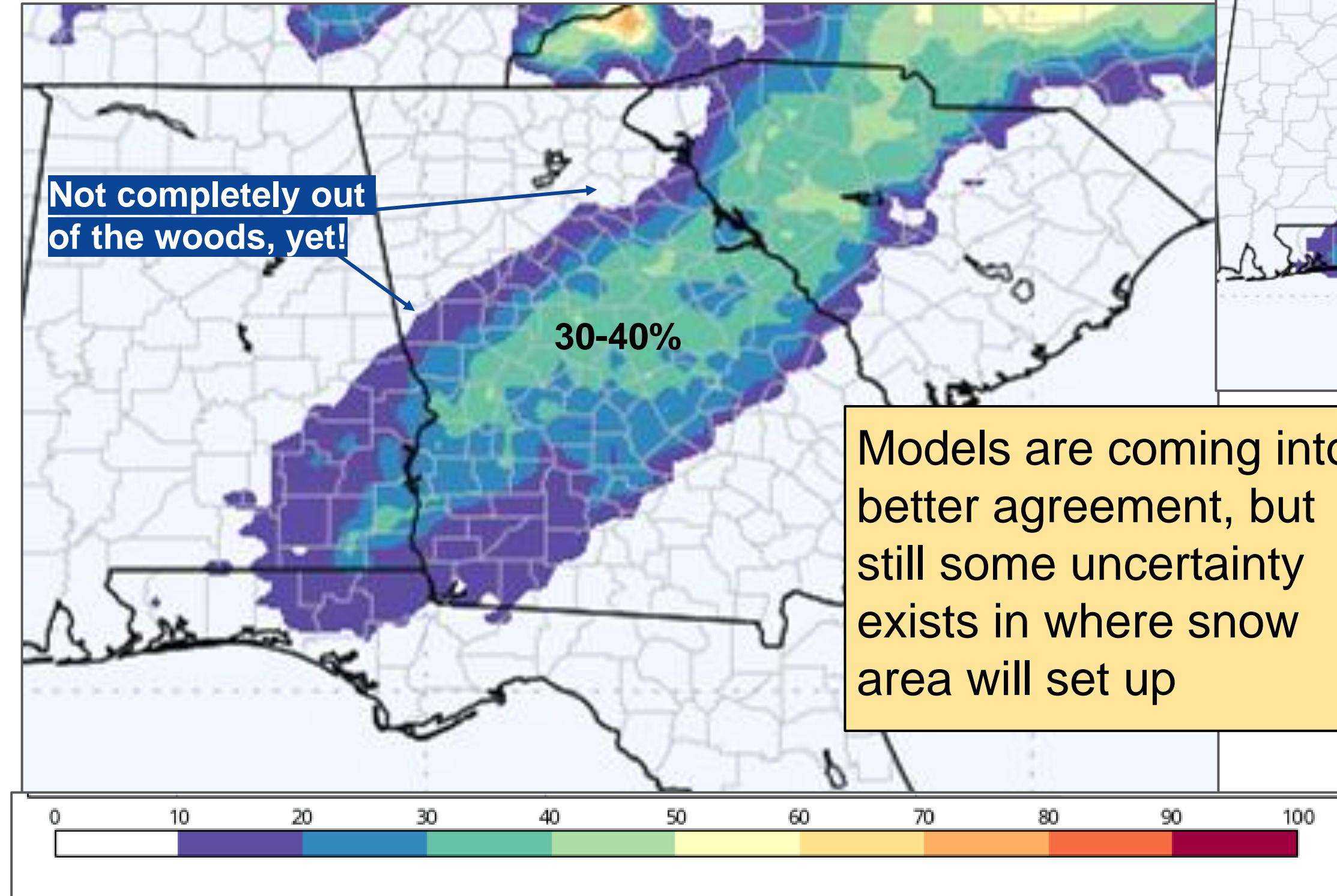
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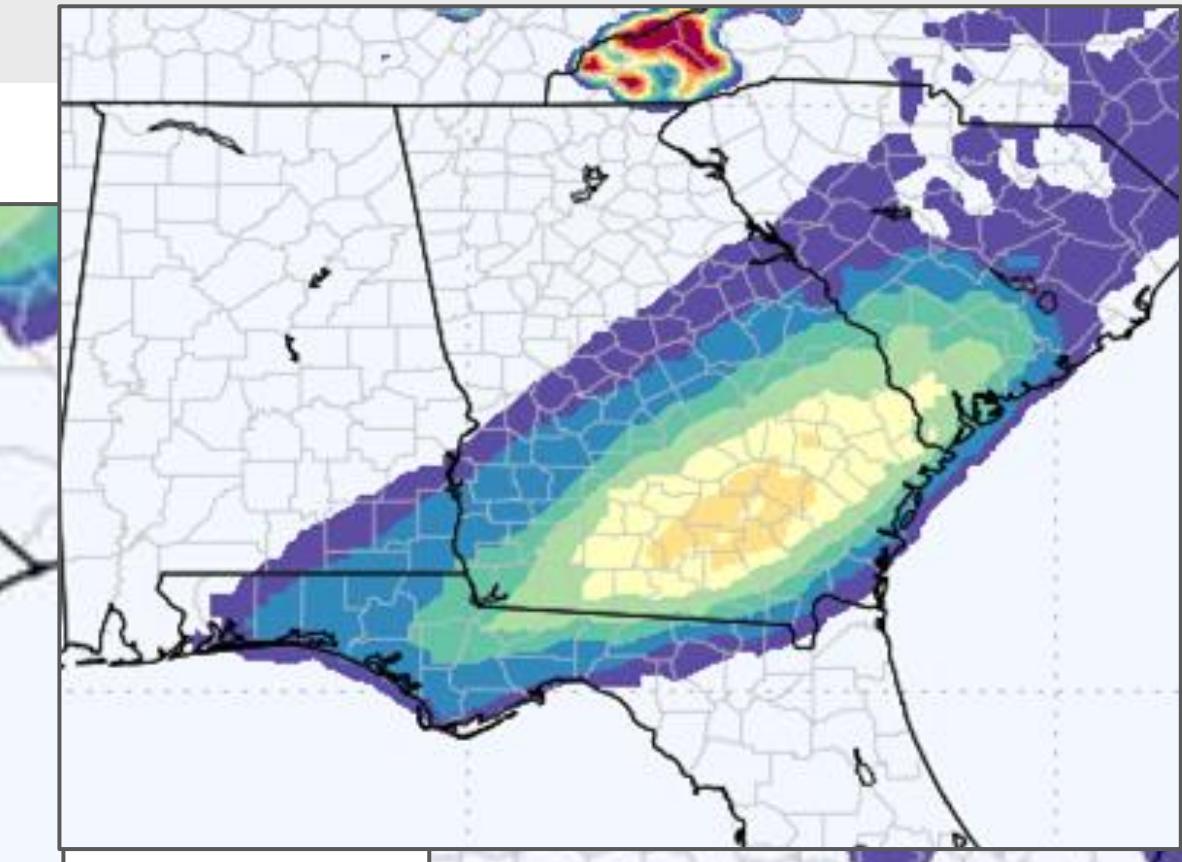
Snow probabilities > 1 inch

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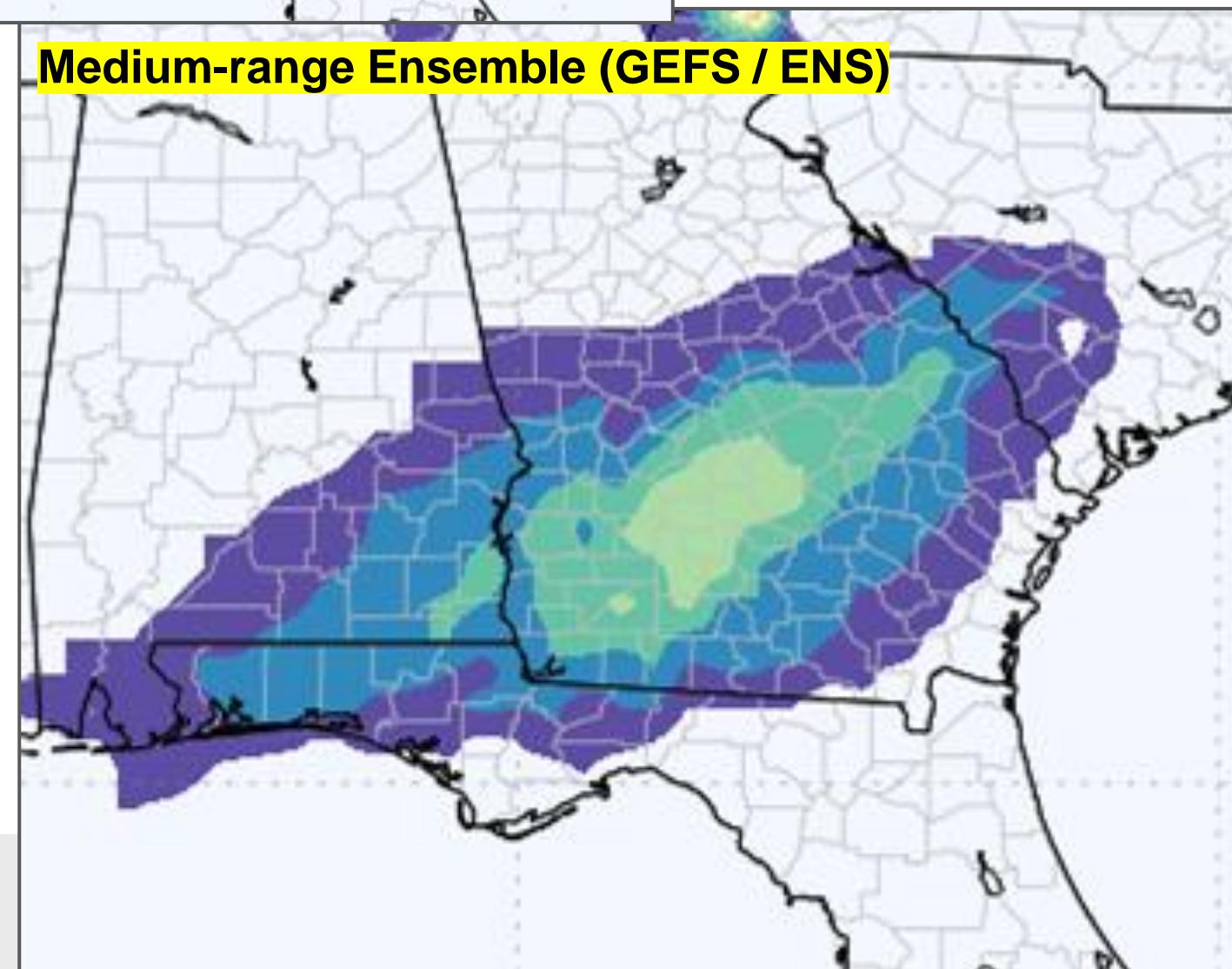
Short-range Ensemble (10 members) Models (15z/Jan16)



Models are coming into better agreement, but still some uncertainty exists in where snow area will set up



Medium-range Ensemble (GEFS / ENS)



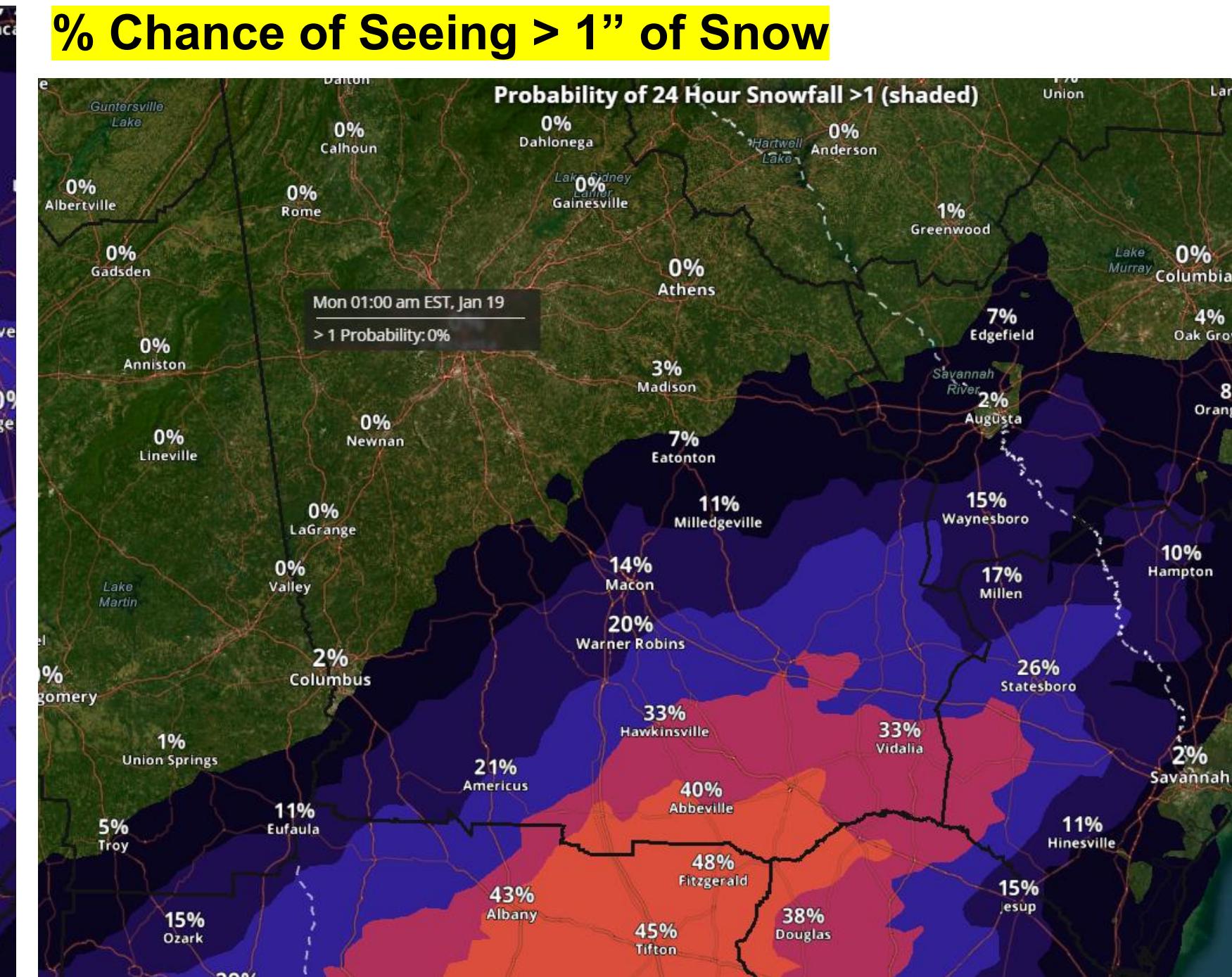
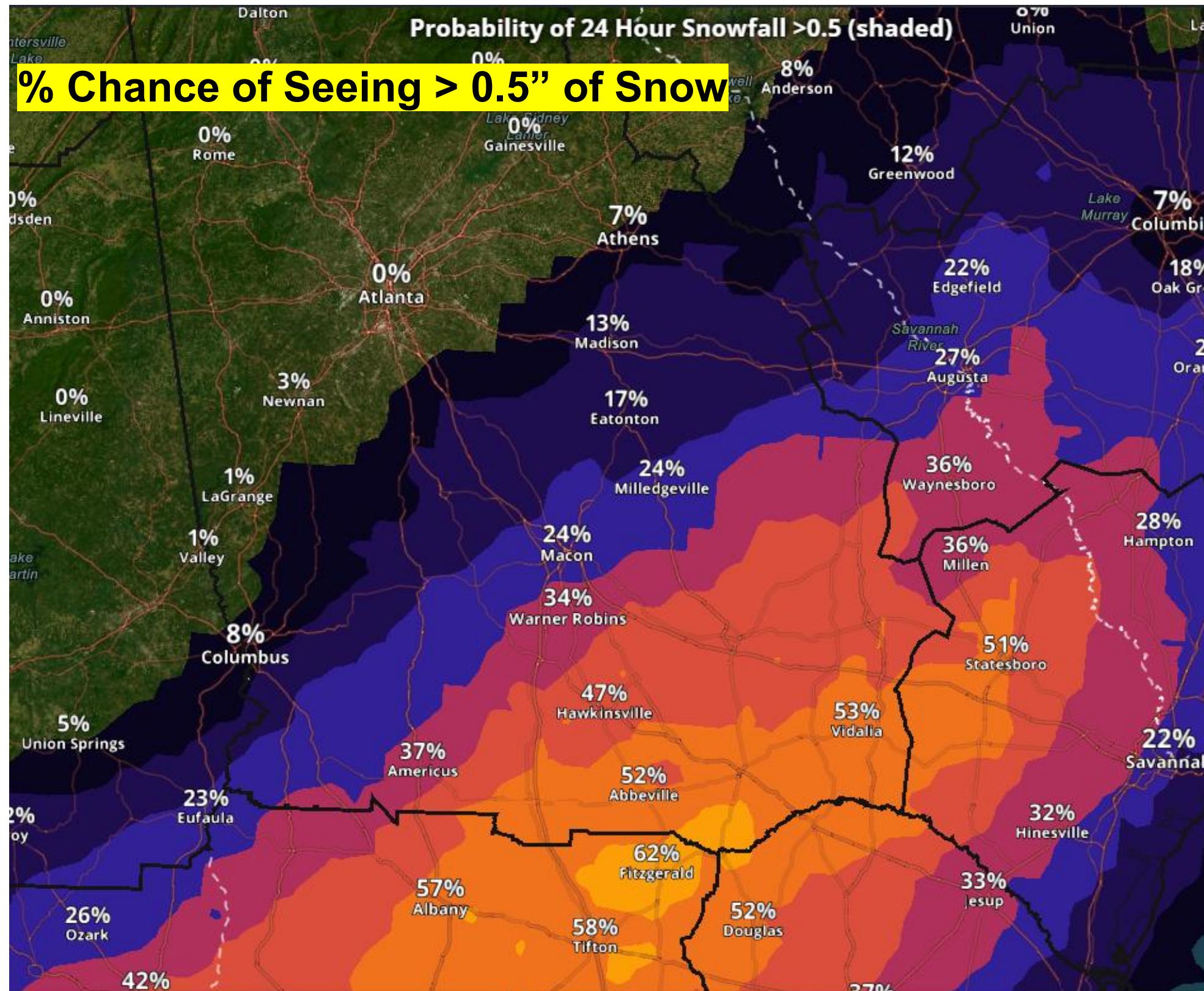
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Snow Amount/Probabilities

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Temperatures

Saturday night through Monday

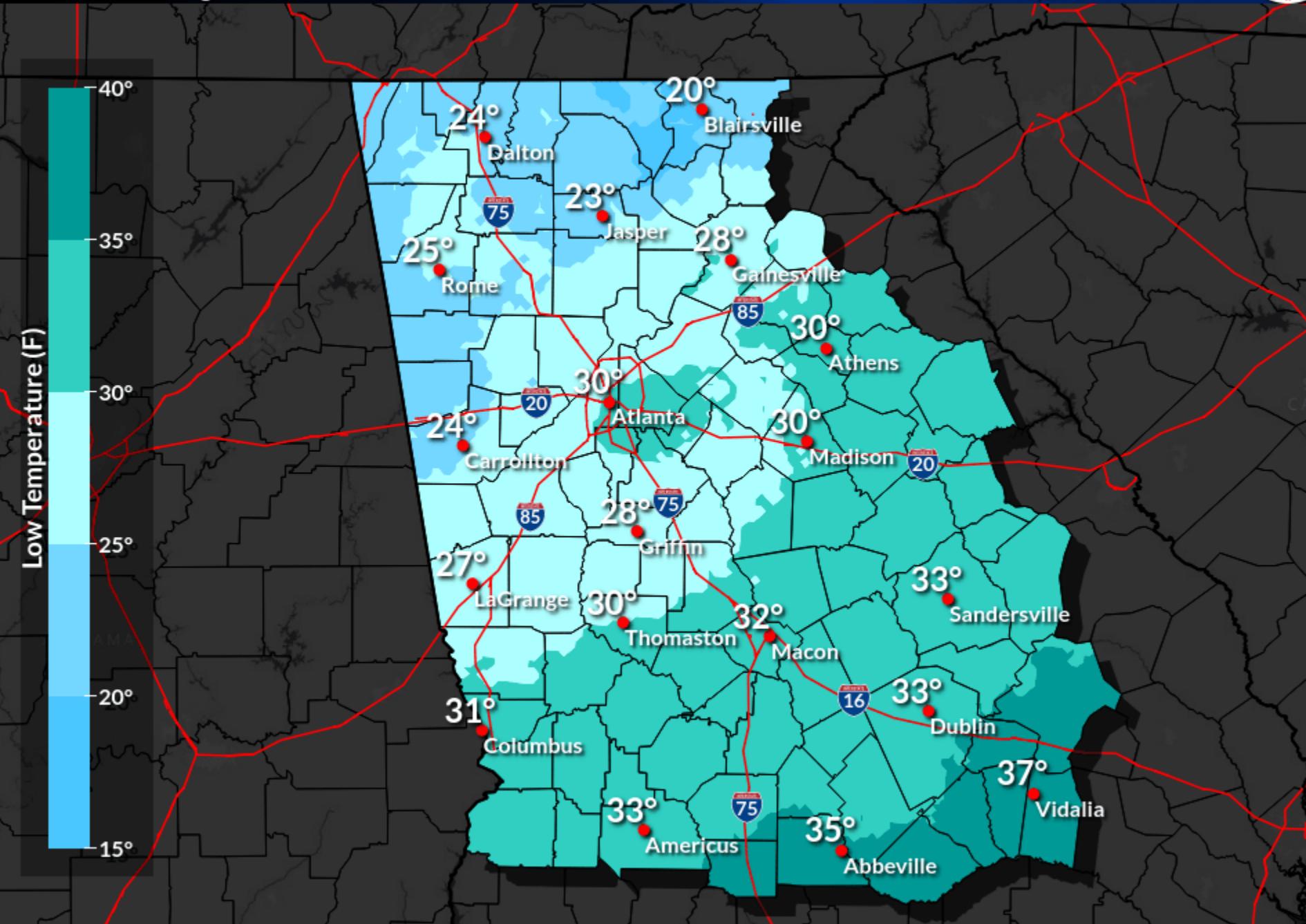
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Tomorrow Night's Low Temperature

Valid Sat 8:00PM through Sun 9:00AM EST

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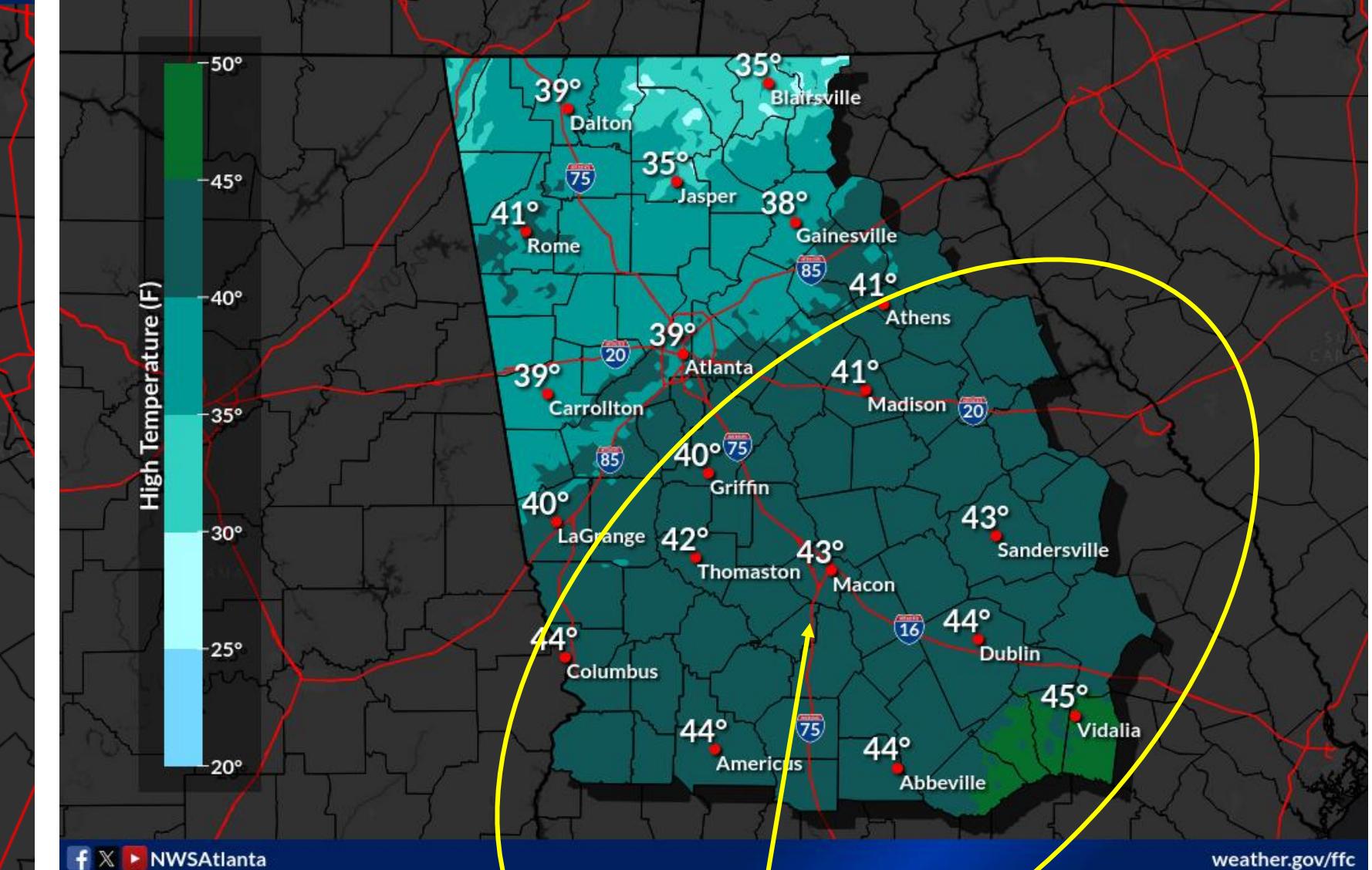


High Temperature Sunday

Valid Sun 8:00AM through Sun 8:00PM EST

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Max Temperatures could be several degrees
colder during rain/snow period



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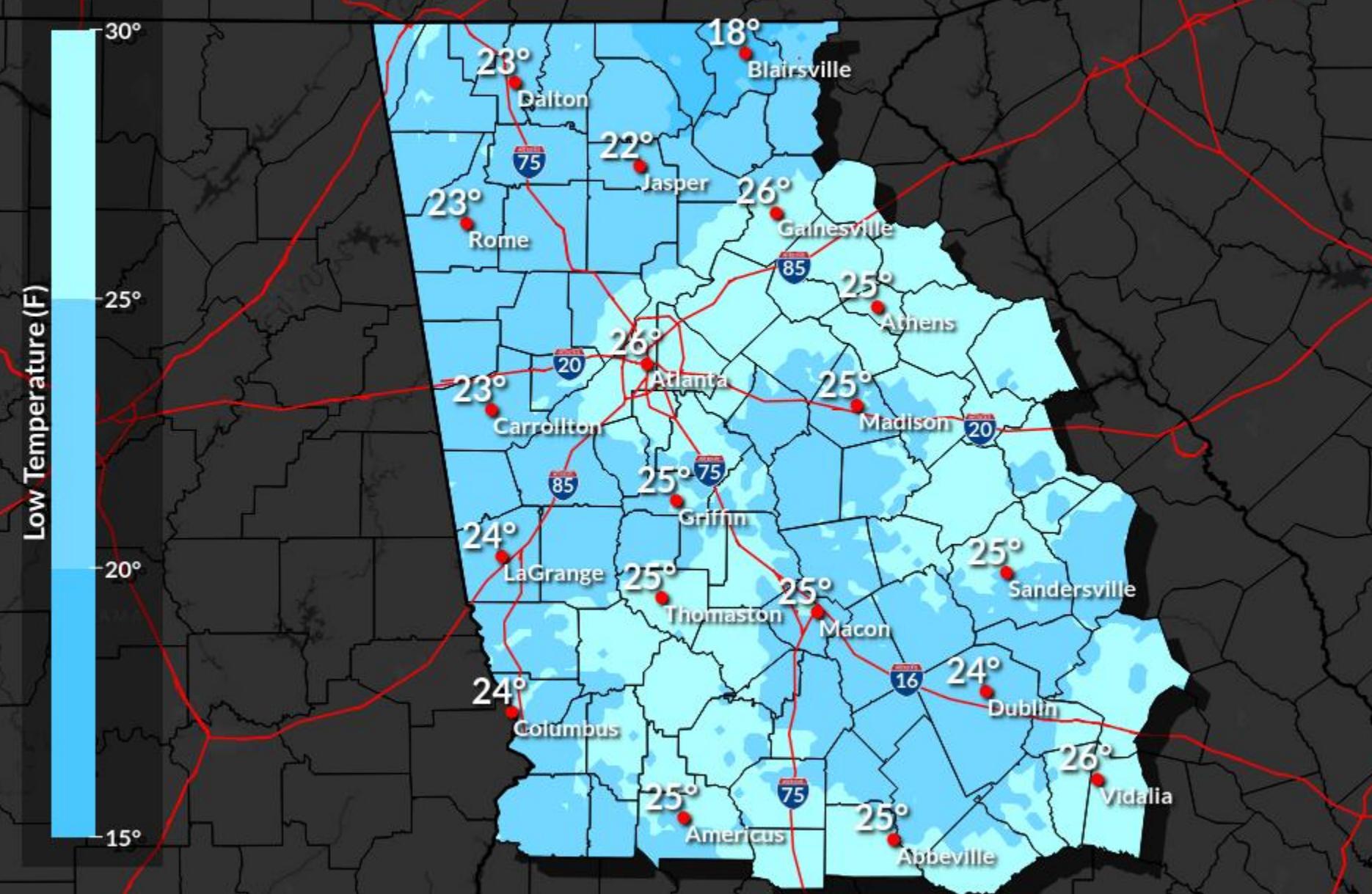
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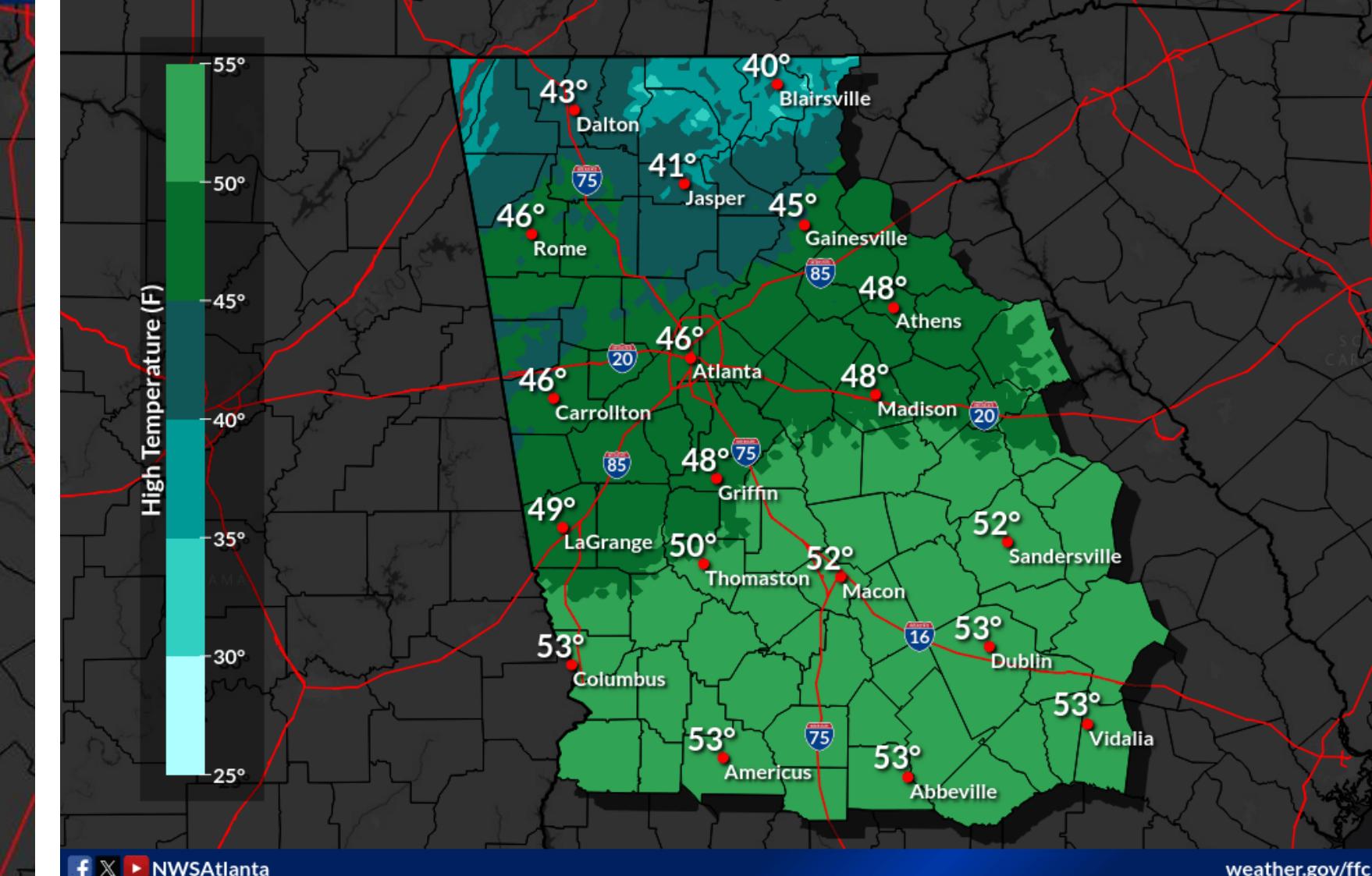


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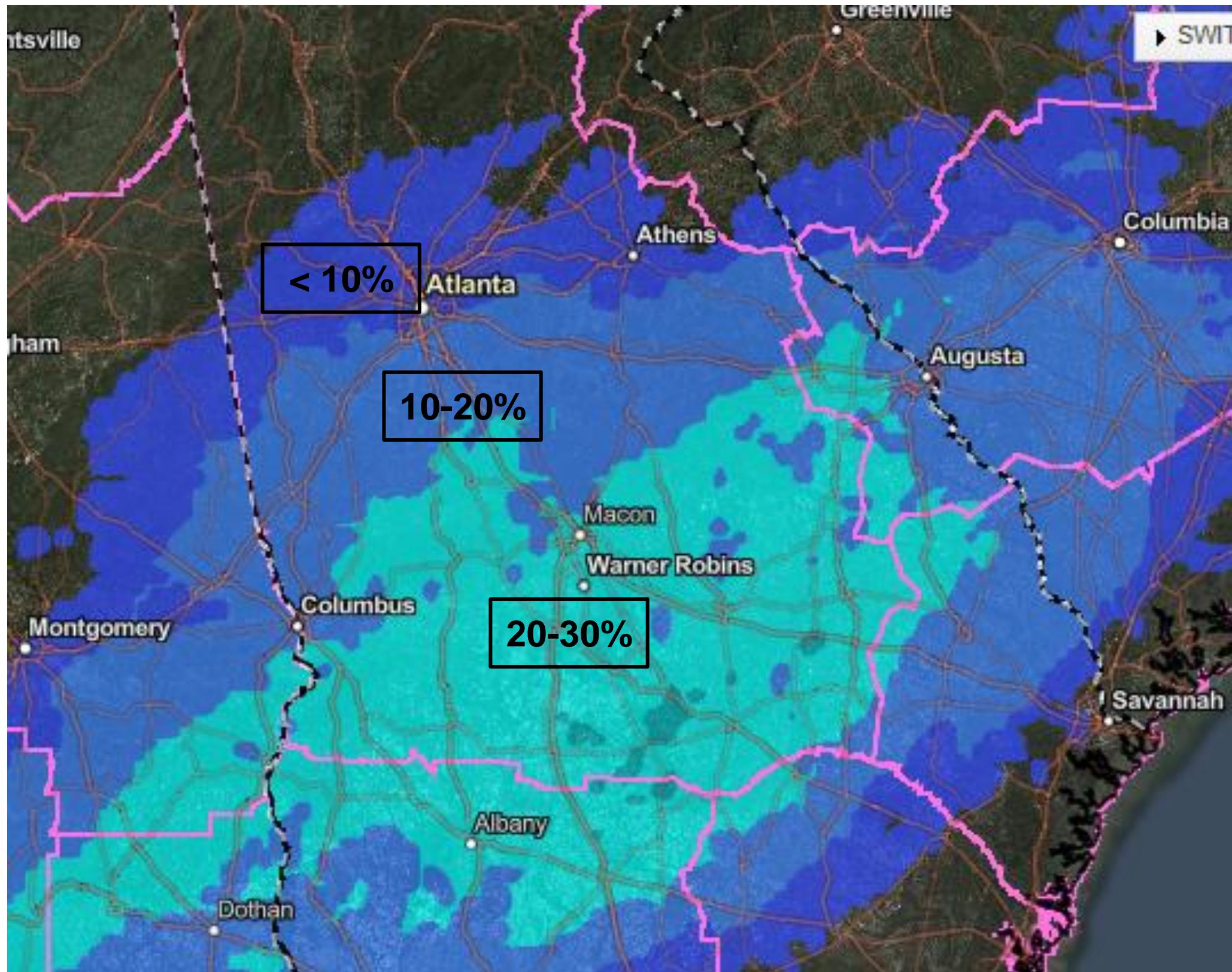
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Potential Impacts (from WSSI)

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https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/prob_wssi.php



Likelihood of Minor Impacts from WPC WSSI

Potential Winter Storm Impacts

Minor Impacts

Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.

- Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.

Moderate Impacts

Expect disruptions to daily life.

- Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving.
- Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.

Major Impacts

Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.

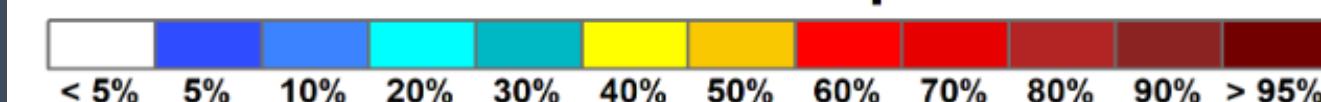
- Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible.
- Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.

Extreme Impacts

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- Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. **Travel is not advised.**
- Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
- Life-saving actions may be needed.

Likelihood of Impact



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Impacts - Areas of Concern

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Sunday into Sunday night



DO NOT LET GUARD DOWN!

- Backside of the precip area remains unknown at this time.
- Any shift (in precip) back to the west could result in accumulating snow

LOW to MODERATE Impact area:

- Higher probability of snow in this zone
- Temperatures expected to be in the mid-upr 30s which will limit accumulations
- Sunday night/Monday morning “refreeze” concern



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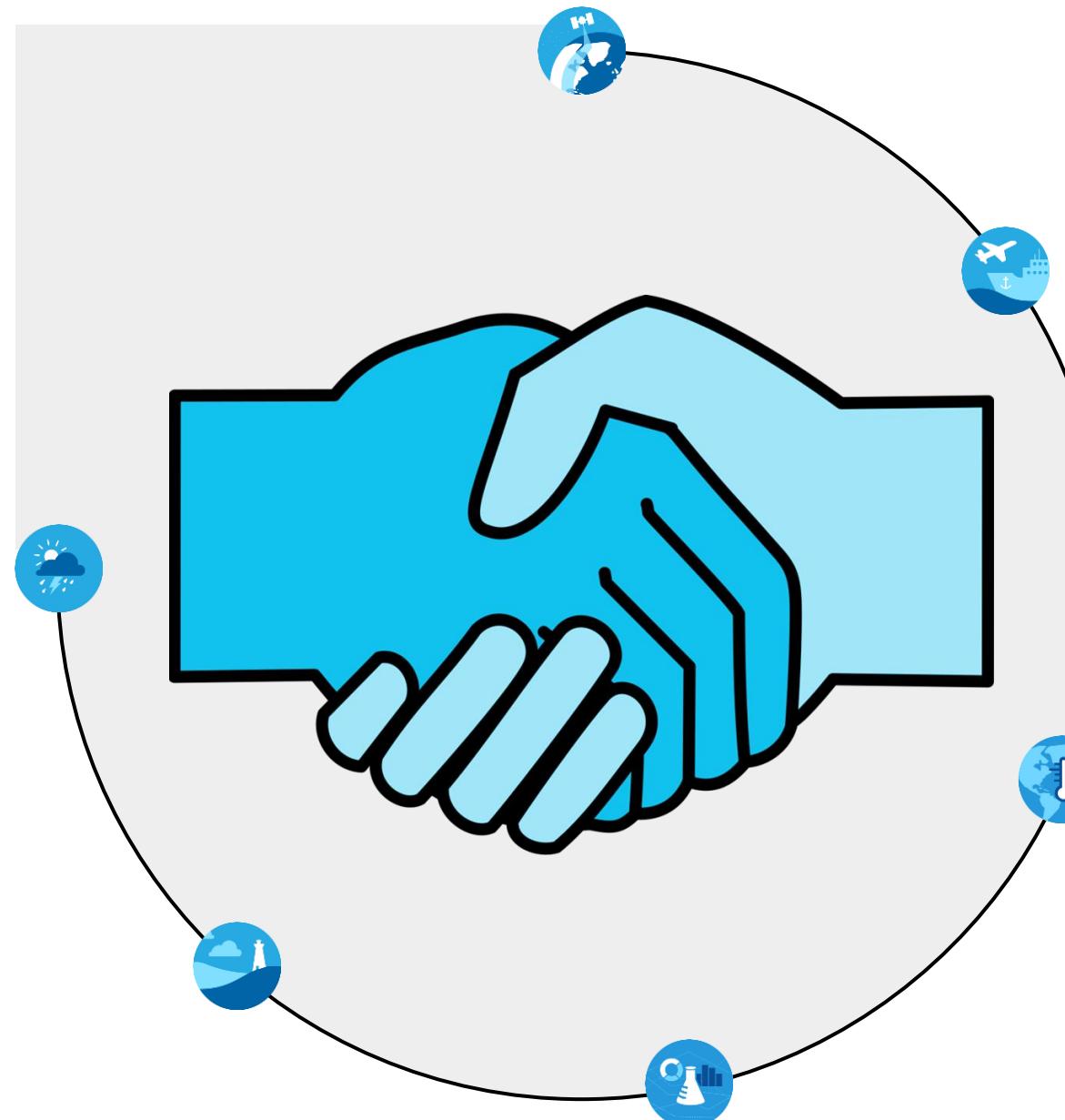
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Contact Info & Additional Briefings

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Additional Briefings? Email updates for sure

YES NO

Contact Information & Reporting

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Email: sr-ffc.mets@noaa.gov

NWS Chat: For EMs, Media & Approved Partners

Reporting Hotline: 866-763-4466 (Voicemail if busy)

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