



Severe Weather Briefing

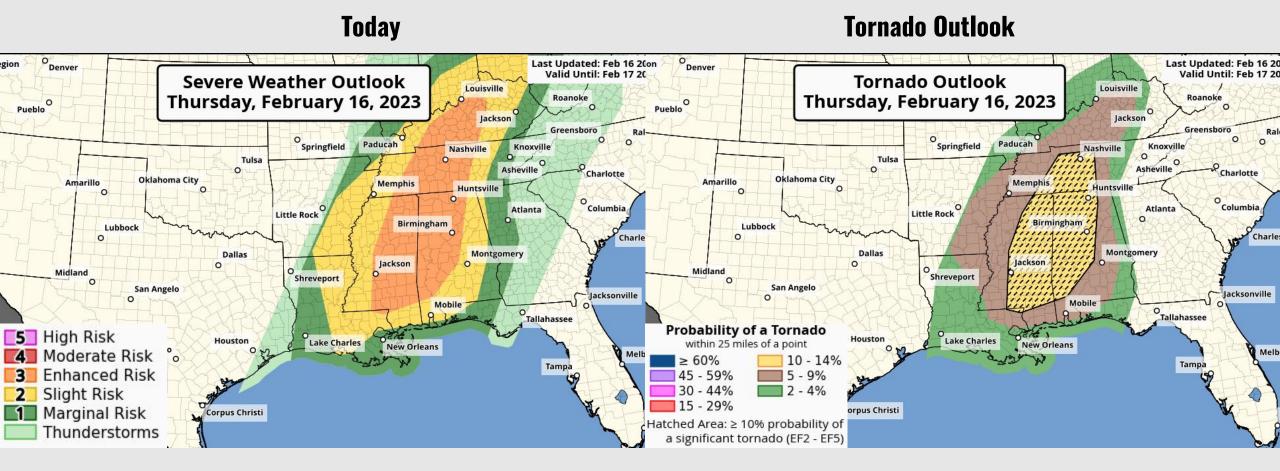
8:45 AM CST UPDATE Thursday February 16th

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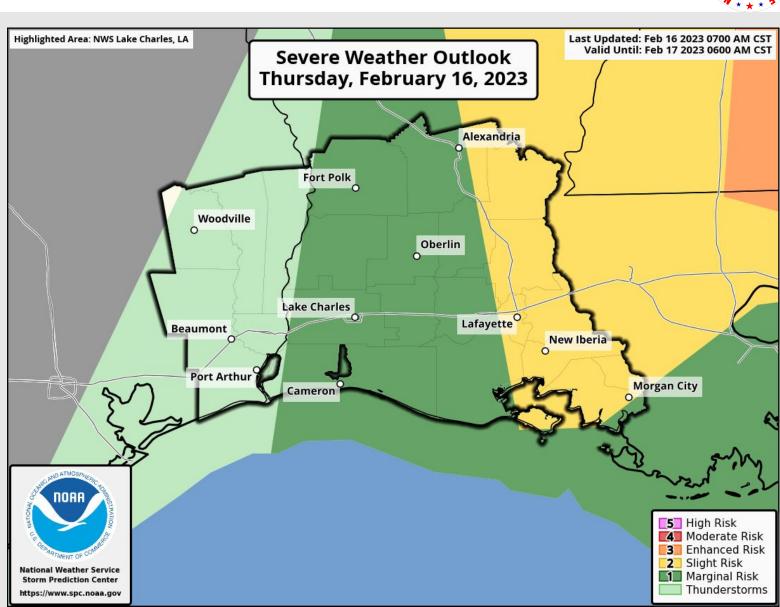




- Slight risk for severe along and east of I-49.
- South central Louisiana upgraded to a slight risk
- Marginal risk for severe thunderstorms east of the Sabine River toward I-49.

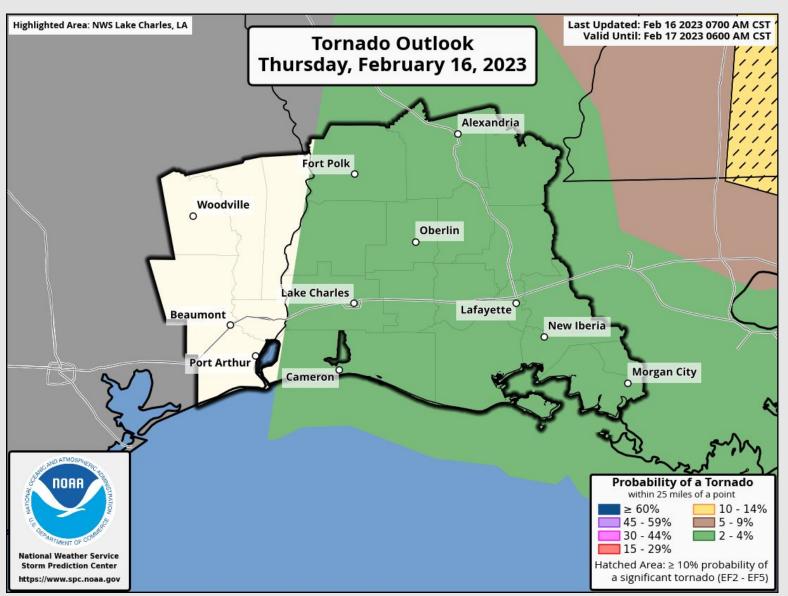
Timing:

- General thunderstorms are ongoing.
- Peak Time Late this afternoon and early evening.
- End Time Late this evening.



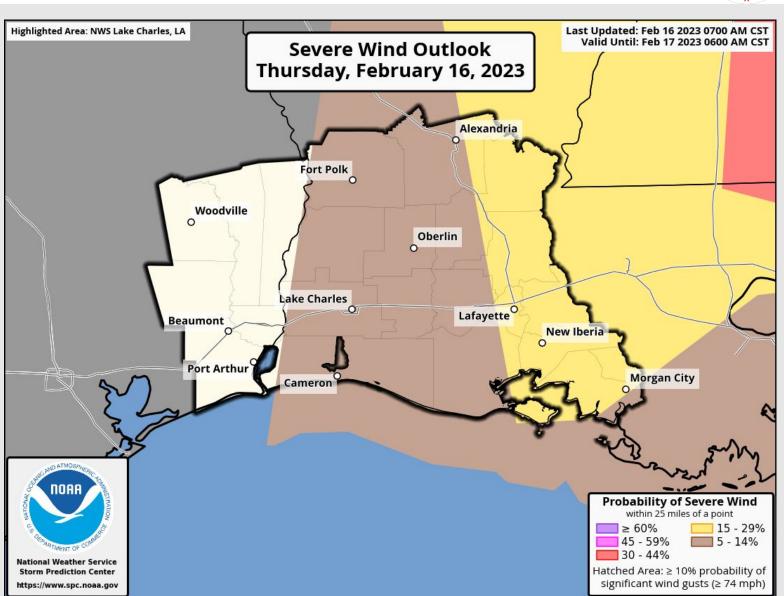


- Overall the risk for tornadoes is low
- 2 4% for areas east of the Sabine River.



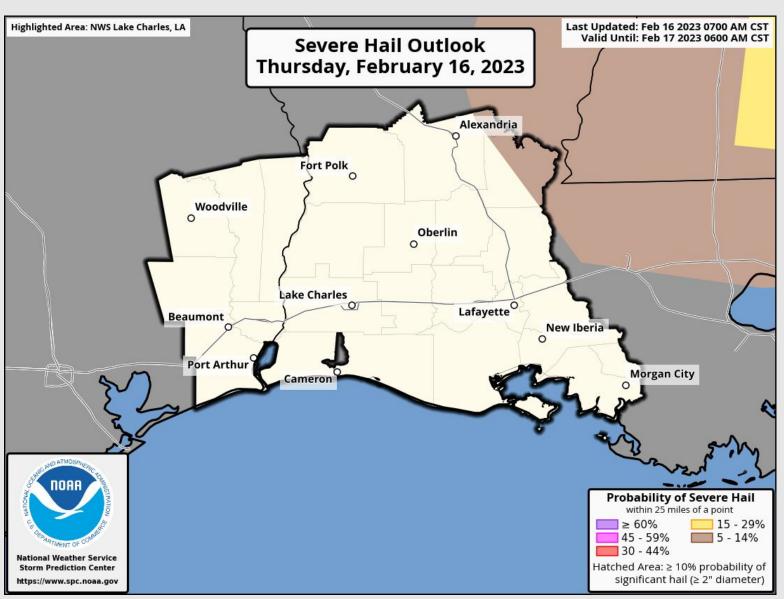


- Damaging wind gusts is the primary risk.
- 15 29% along and east of I-49.
- 5 14% east of the Sabine River toward I-49.

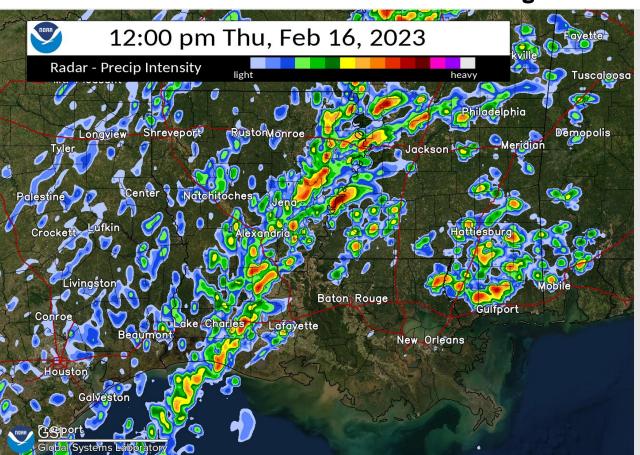


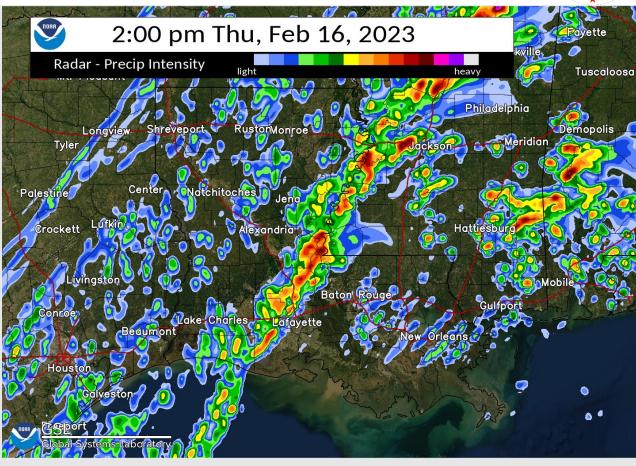


Large hail risk is low.



Timing: Forecasted Radar Model





Storms begin to strengthen by mid day. A few storms east of the Sabine River could become severe.

Storm frequency gradually increases through the early afternoon







Late afternoon to early evening could be the peak of the event.





Approaching the middle evening hours, storms will be mainly confined to south central Louisiana. A few of these storms could be severe.

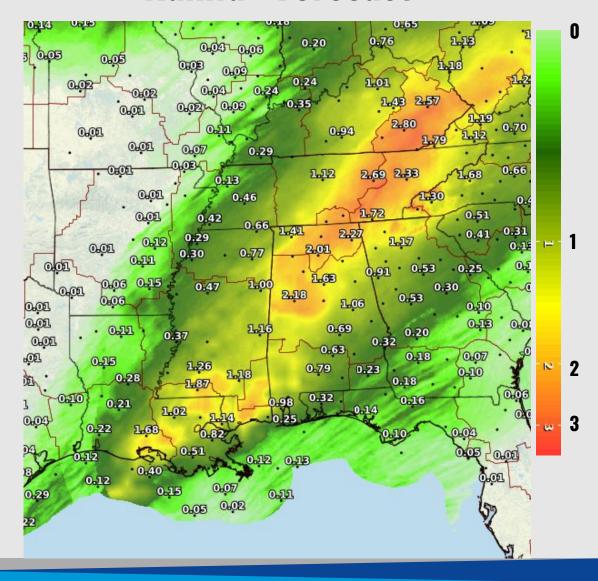
By late evening, the more intense thunderstorms will be exiting east of the forecast area.



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

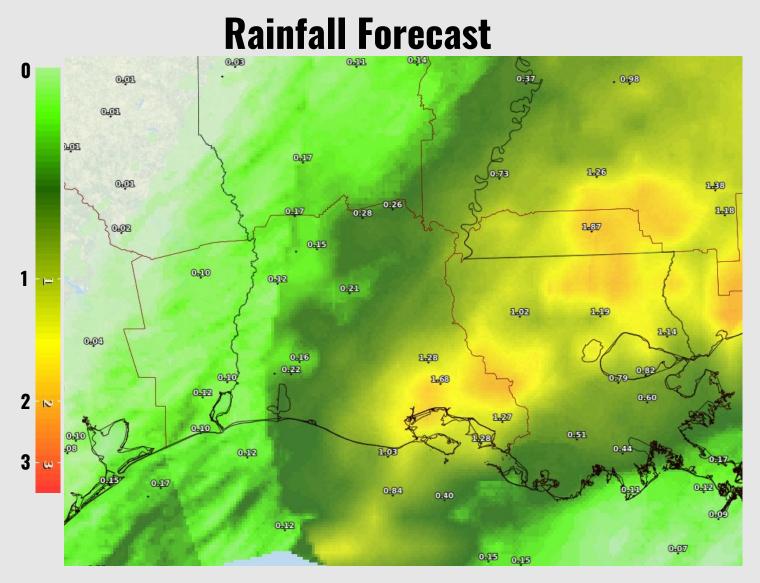


Rainfall Forecast





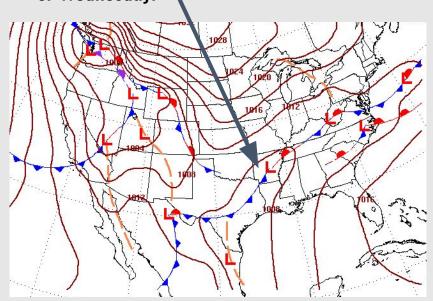
- Flood risk remains very low.
- Rainfall forecast 0.10 to 1.50 inch.
- Heaviest amounts in south central Louisiana
- Lighter amounts over southeast Texas.





Key Message:

- Rain ends Thursday Thursday evening
- Chilly temperatures Friday and Saturday
- Warming trend Sunday into early next week
- Another strong system possible next Tuesday or Wednesday.





Chilly Friday and Saturday, then warming up early next work week.