



Early Season Bitter Cold Temperatures Dec 14-16, 2016



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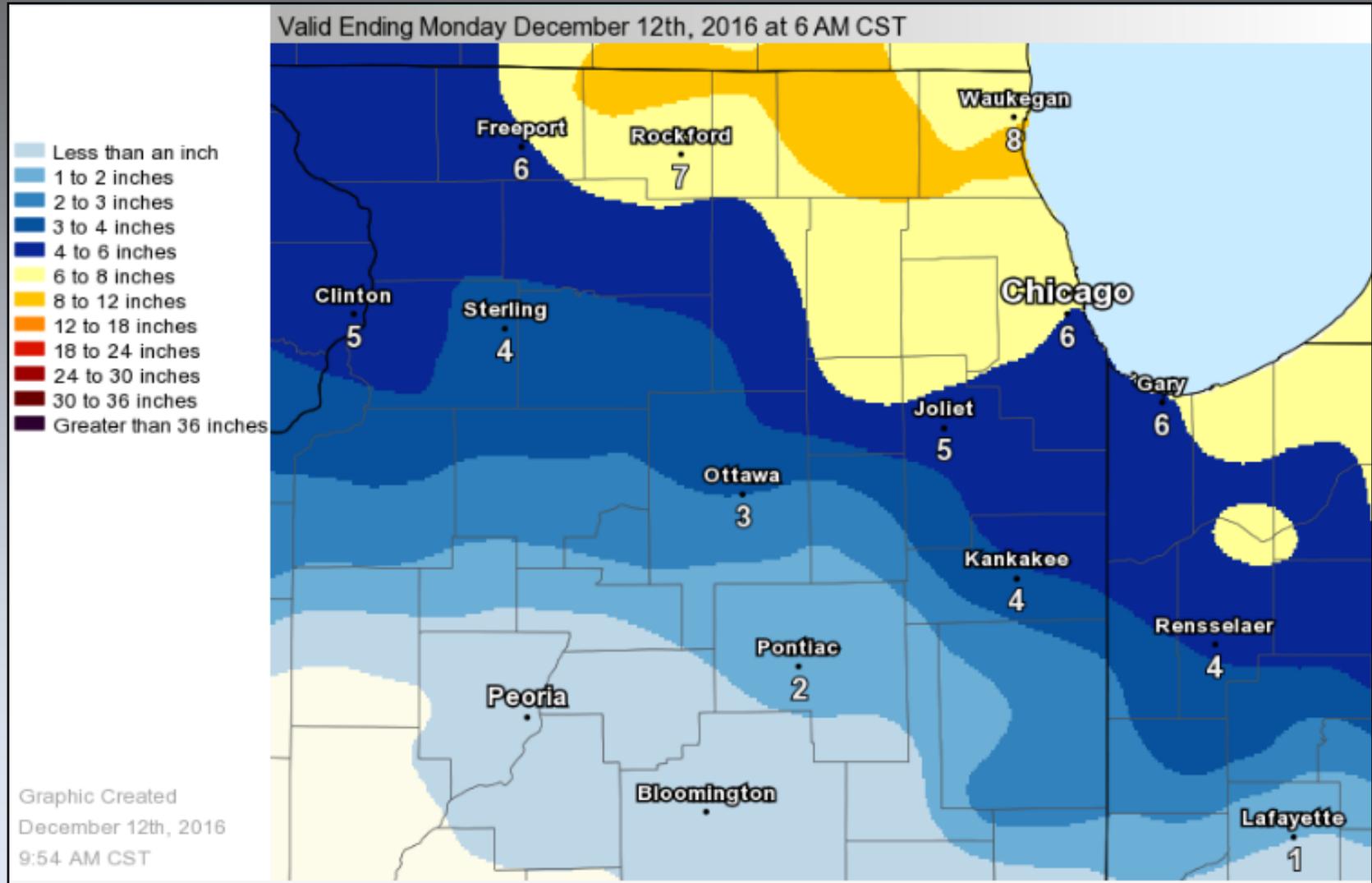
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Observed Snowfall

December 10-11





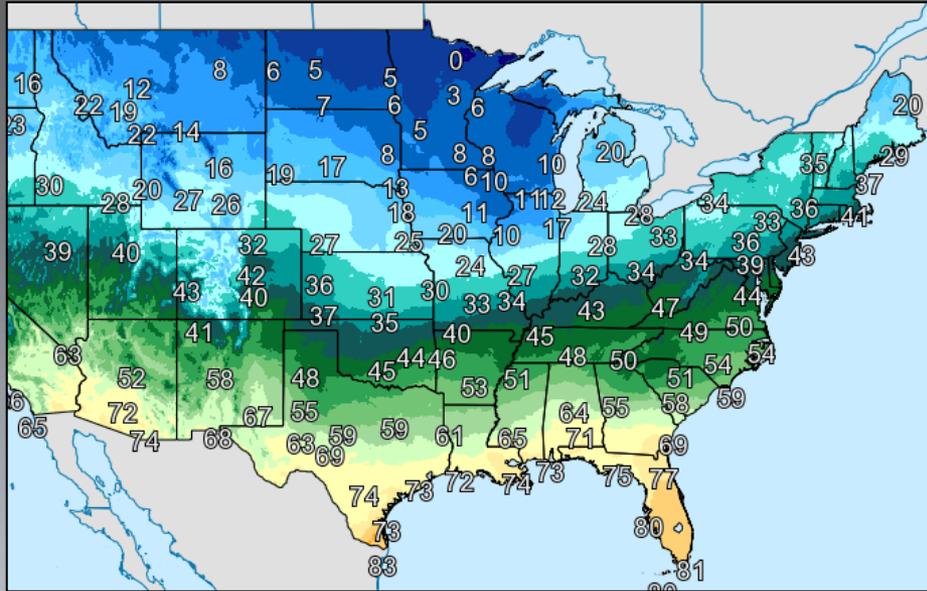
Upcoming Potential Hazards and Impacts



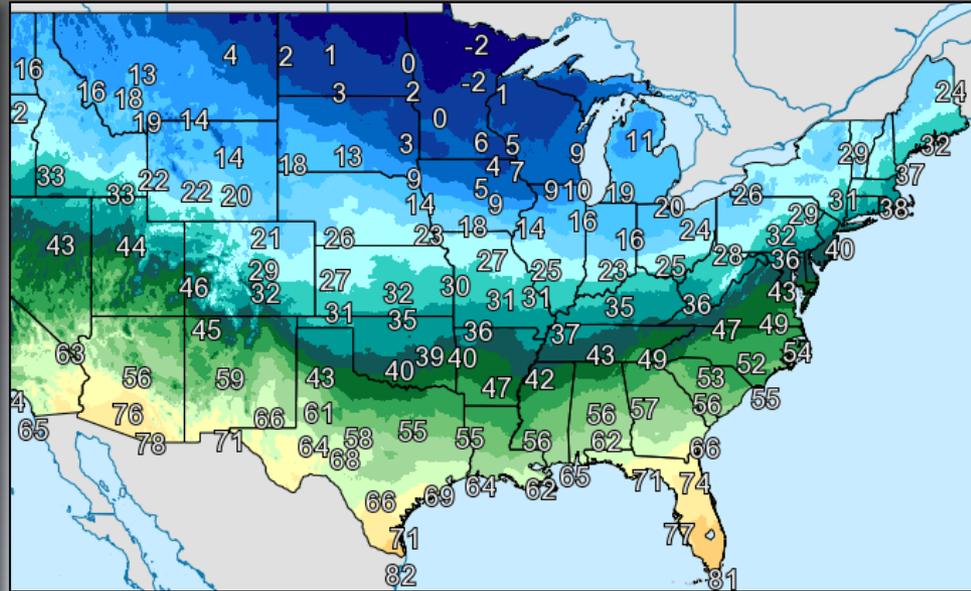
What	Where	Timing	Impacts	Confidence
Dangerous Wind Chills	Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana	Wednesday night through Thursday morning	Frostbite and Hypothermia	High
Freezing of Wet Roads	Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana	Throughout this week	Isolated Dangerous Travel Conditions	
Snow / Wintery Precipitation	Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana	Friday & Saturday	Low Visibility and Dangerous Travel	Medium in Wintery Precipitation Low in Specifics

Forecast Highs

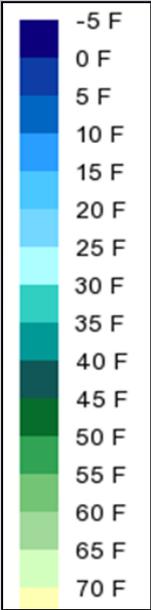
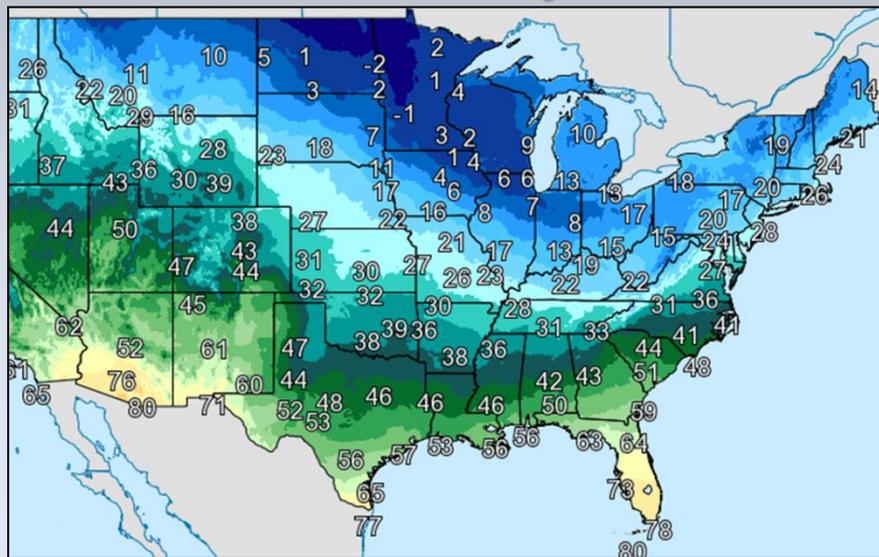
Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday

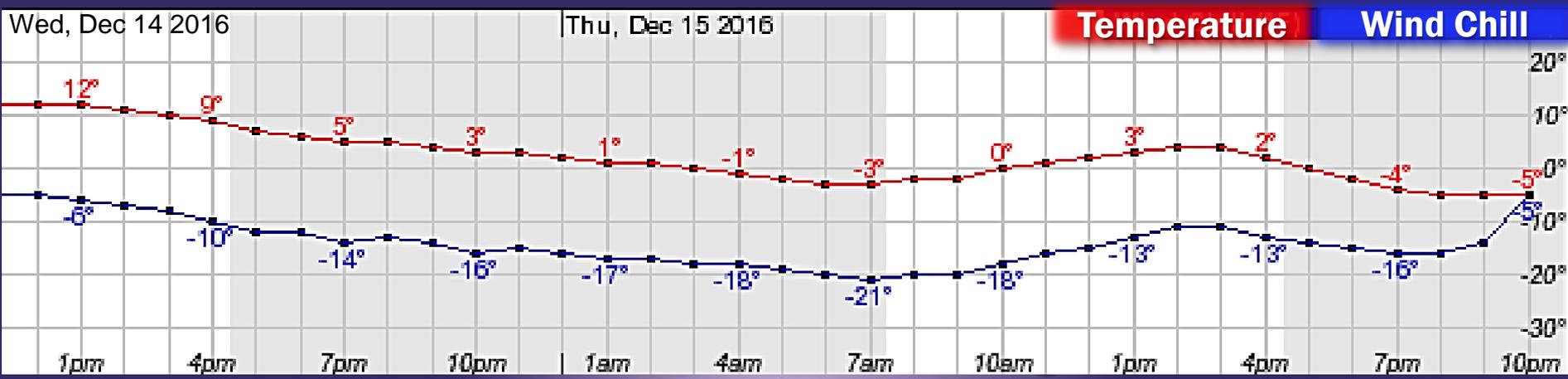


Forecast Cold on Wednesday and Thursday

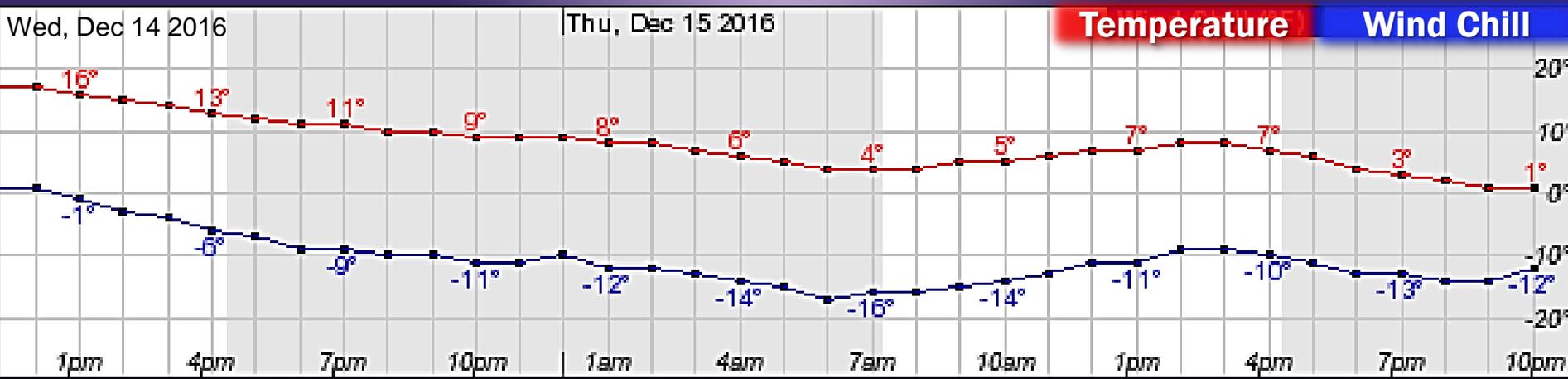


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Ice Jams Possible



- With bitter temperatures arriving, river and lake ice formation is possible
- In the past, significant flooding from freeze-up ice jams have occurred along the Kankakee River and the Fox River at Dayton under similar conditions



Winter Preparedness



Items to have at home:

- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- **Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information**
- **Extra food and water (Have high energy food, such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration.)**
- **Extra medicine and baby items**
- **Extra food and water for pets**
- **First-aid supplies**
- **A way to keep warm – wear layers, keep children adequately dressed, bring pets indoors**

For other tips go to: ready.gov

illinois.gov/ready



Additional Information



NWS Chicago Webpage

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Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook

weather.gov/chicago/ehwo

NWS Winter Weather Safety Tips

weather.gov/chicago/winterprepare

www.nws.noaa.gov/os/winter/

NWS Chicago Headline Criteria

(Including Wind Chill Advisories & Warnings)

weather.gov/chicago/headlines

Weather Prediction Center's Winter Outlooks

www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/winter_wx.shtml