

# Major Winter Storm Expected

January 22, 2026  
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Several inches of snow likely, possibly exceeding 8 inches, icing potential southeast

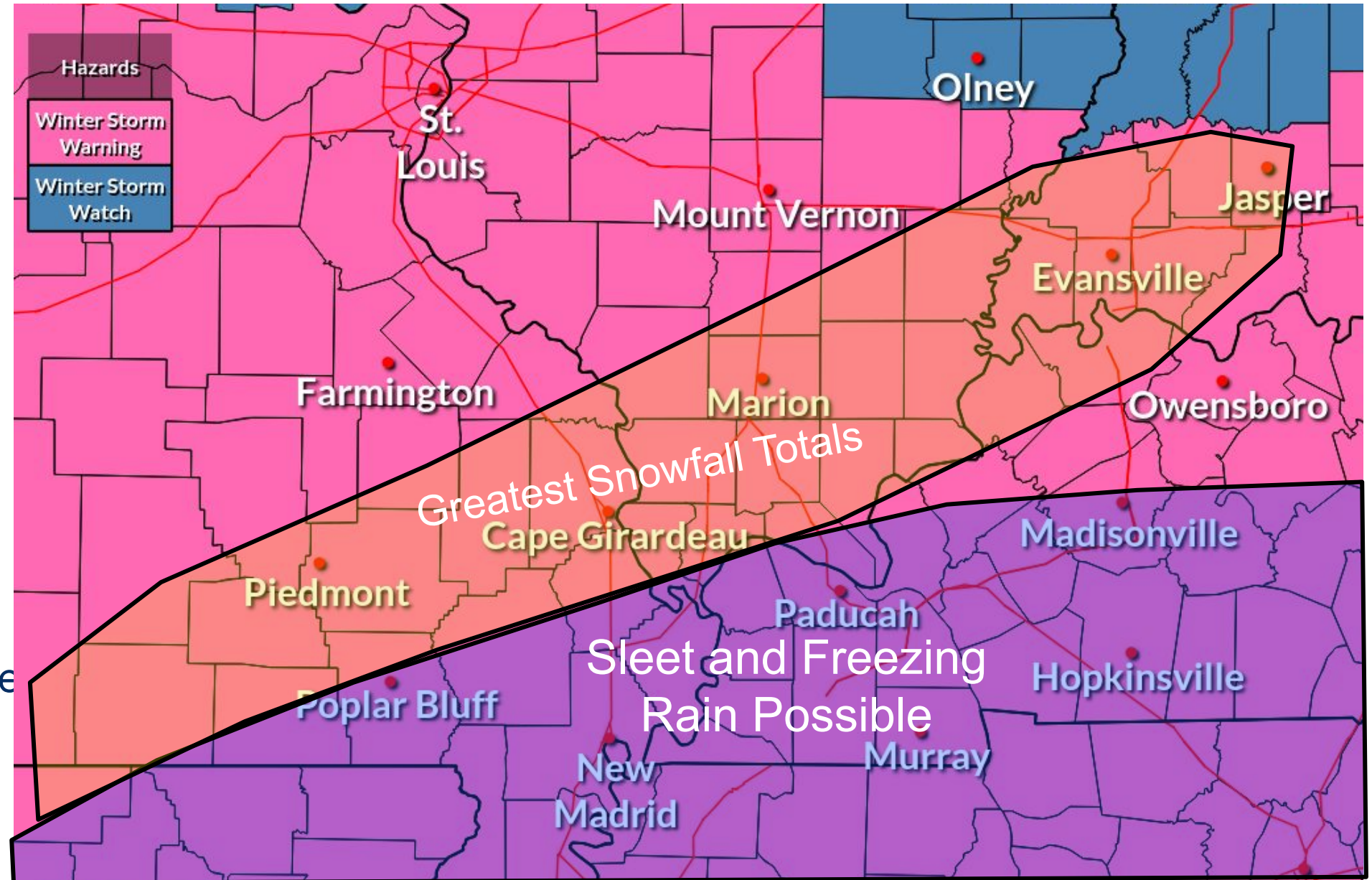
## Winter Storm Watch Friday Night through Sunday

### Key Messages

- Watch has been upgraded to a **Warning**.
- Storm will have **major** travel impacts.
- Confidence of at least 8 inches of snow across much of the area is becoming very high.
- Dry air will likely result in a sharp cut off to the northward extent.

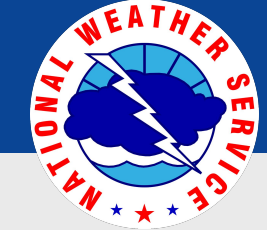
### NEW What Has Changed

- Winter Storm Warning has been issued



### Next Scheduled Update

- 5 AM Friday Morning



# Still Some Challenges with the Storm

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## What We Know

- Significant snow accumulation is likely
- Arctic (Dangerously cold) air is expected for the weekend
- Anticipate significant travel impacts



## Unanswered Questions

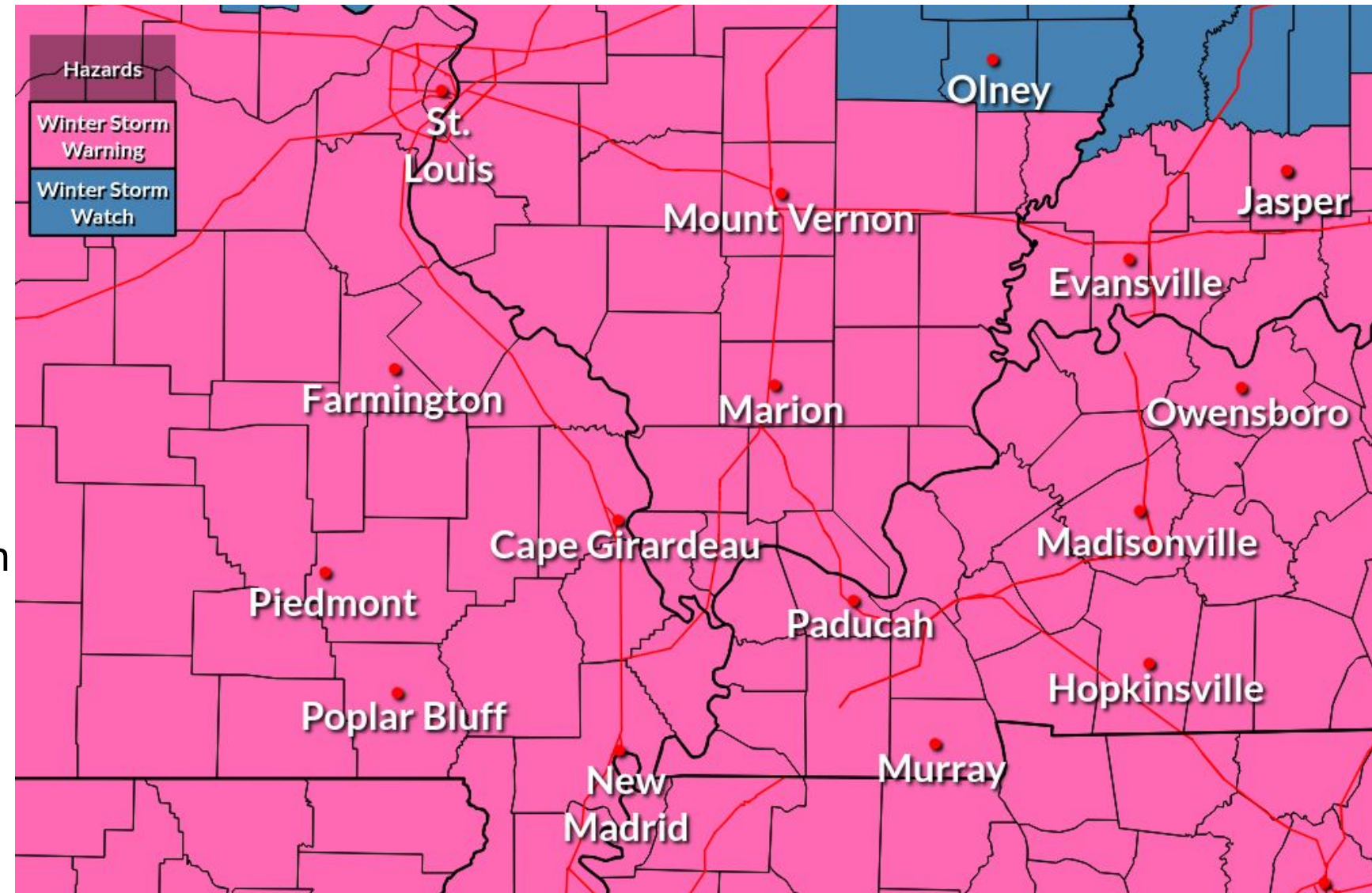
- Where the drier air will result in a sharp cut off in snow amounts
- Exact timing of precipitation onset and how far north mixed precipitation will occur with the system



## What You Can Do Now

- Monitoring forecast closely
- Prepare for hazardous travel conditions as early as late Friday night

## Winter Storm Warning





# Storm Impact Probabilities

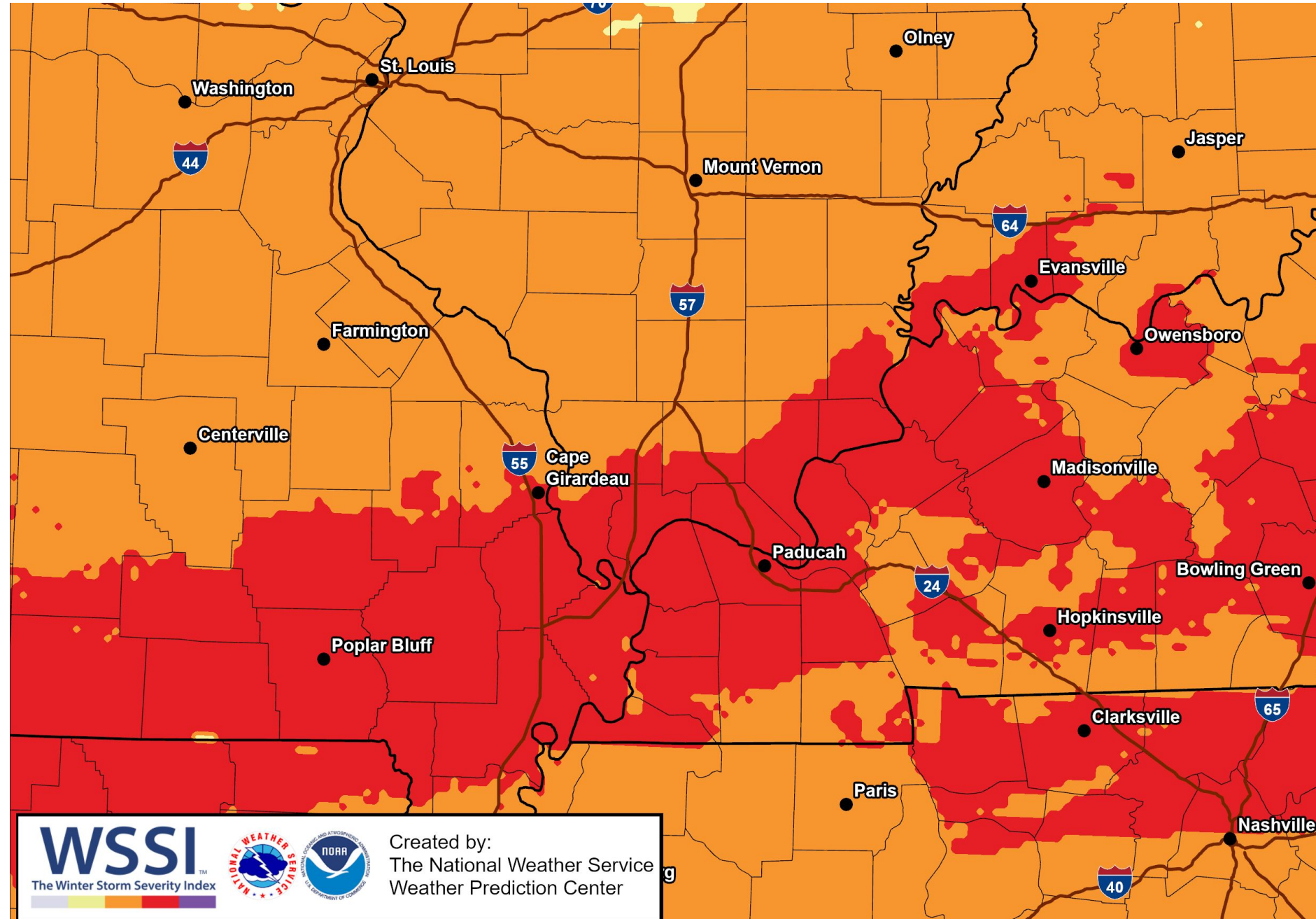
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**Increasing likelihood of significant impacts!**

 **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.



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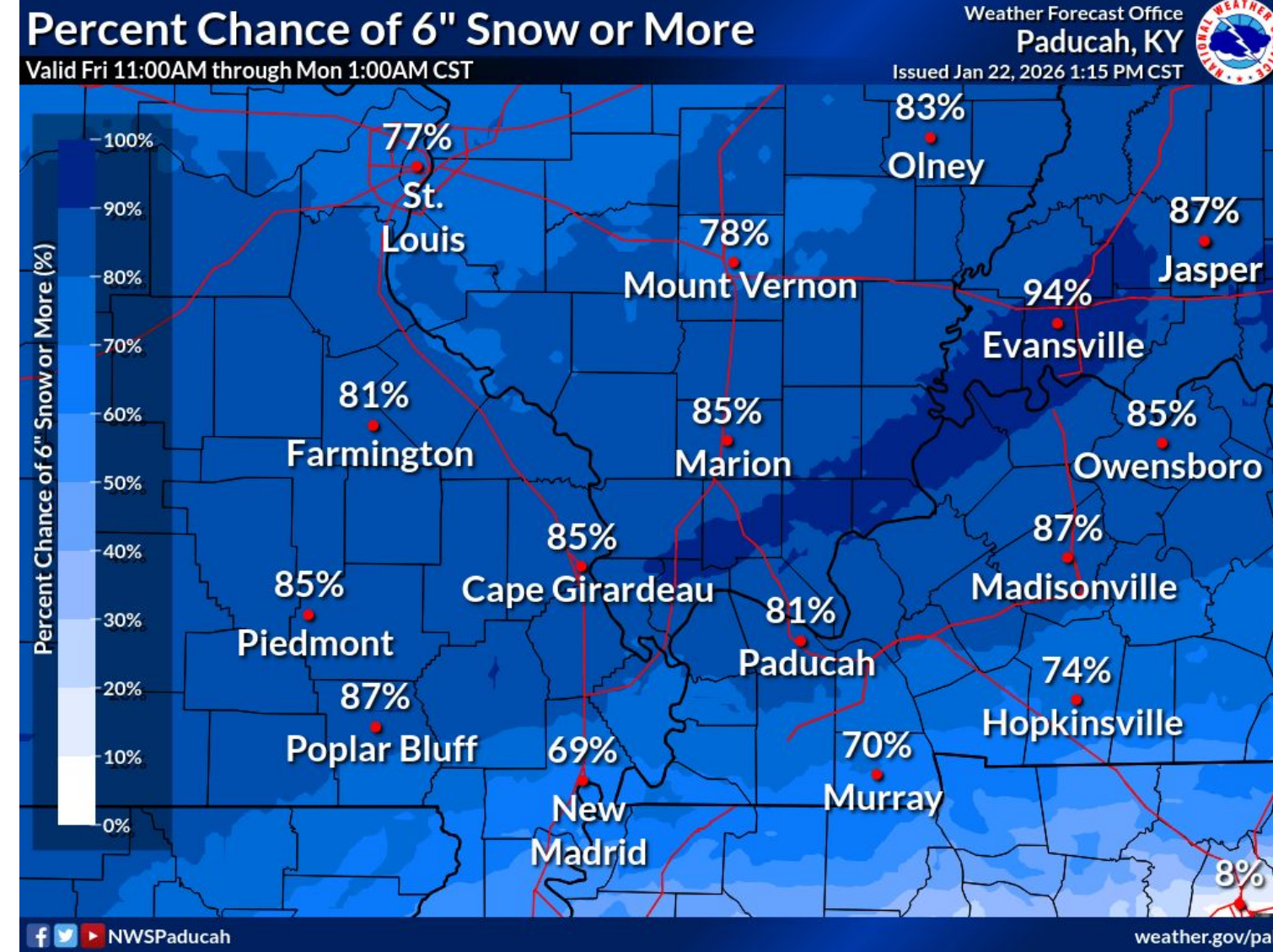
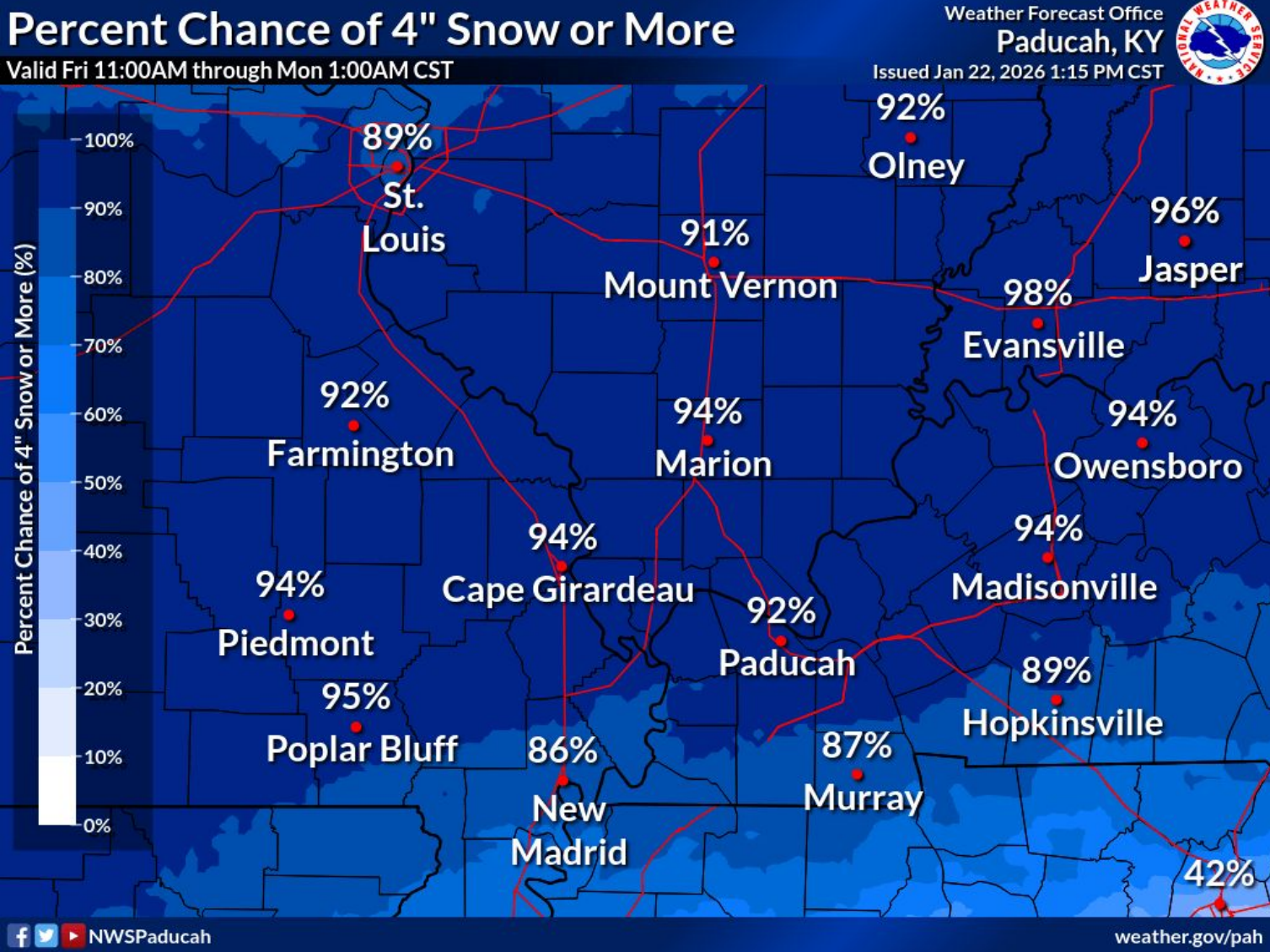
# Snowfall Forecast Probabilities

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## Probability of 4+ Inches of Snow

## Probability of 6+ Inches of Snow



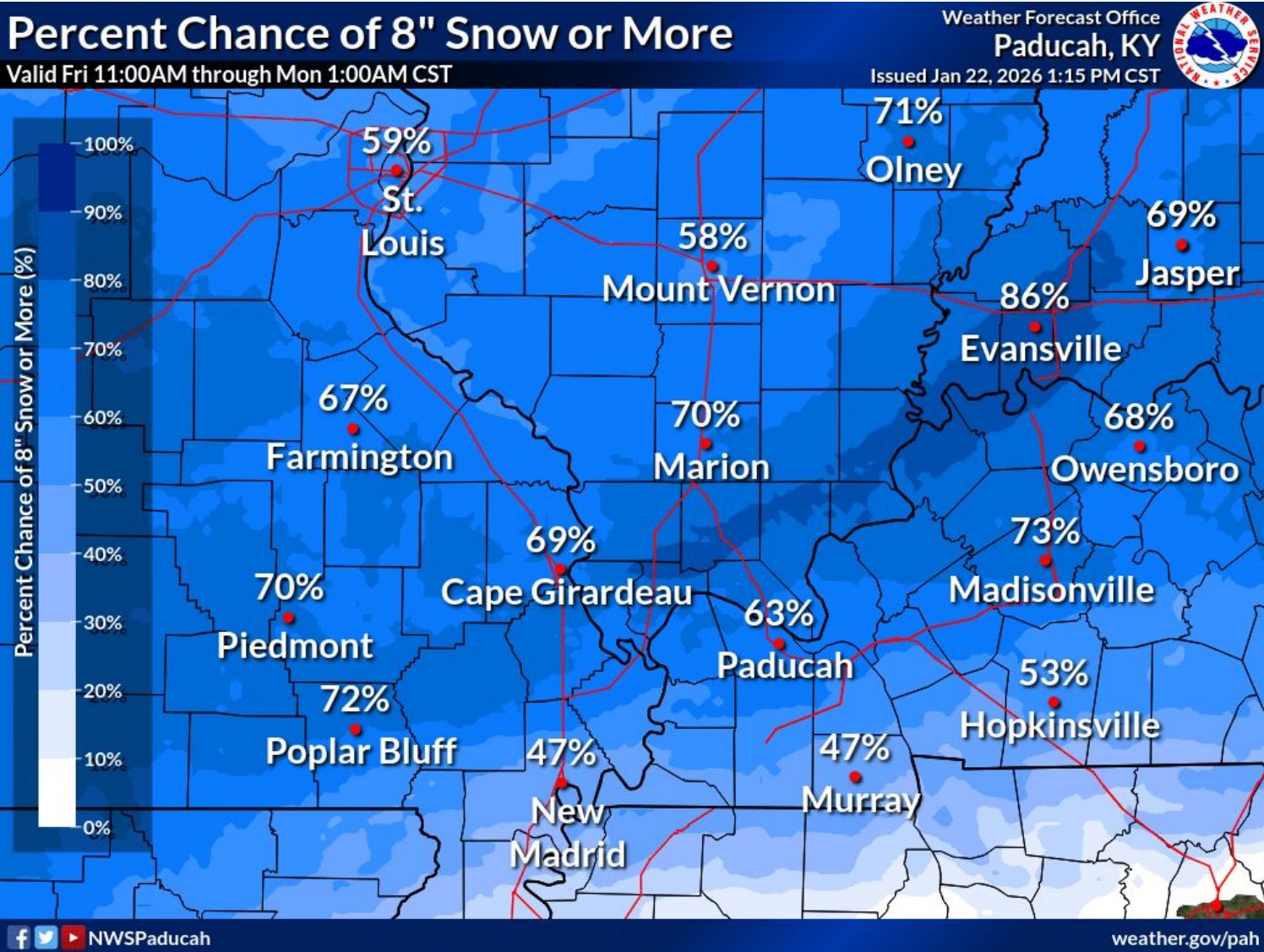


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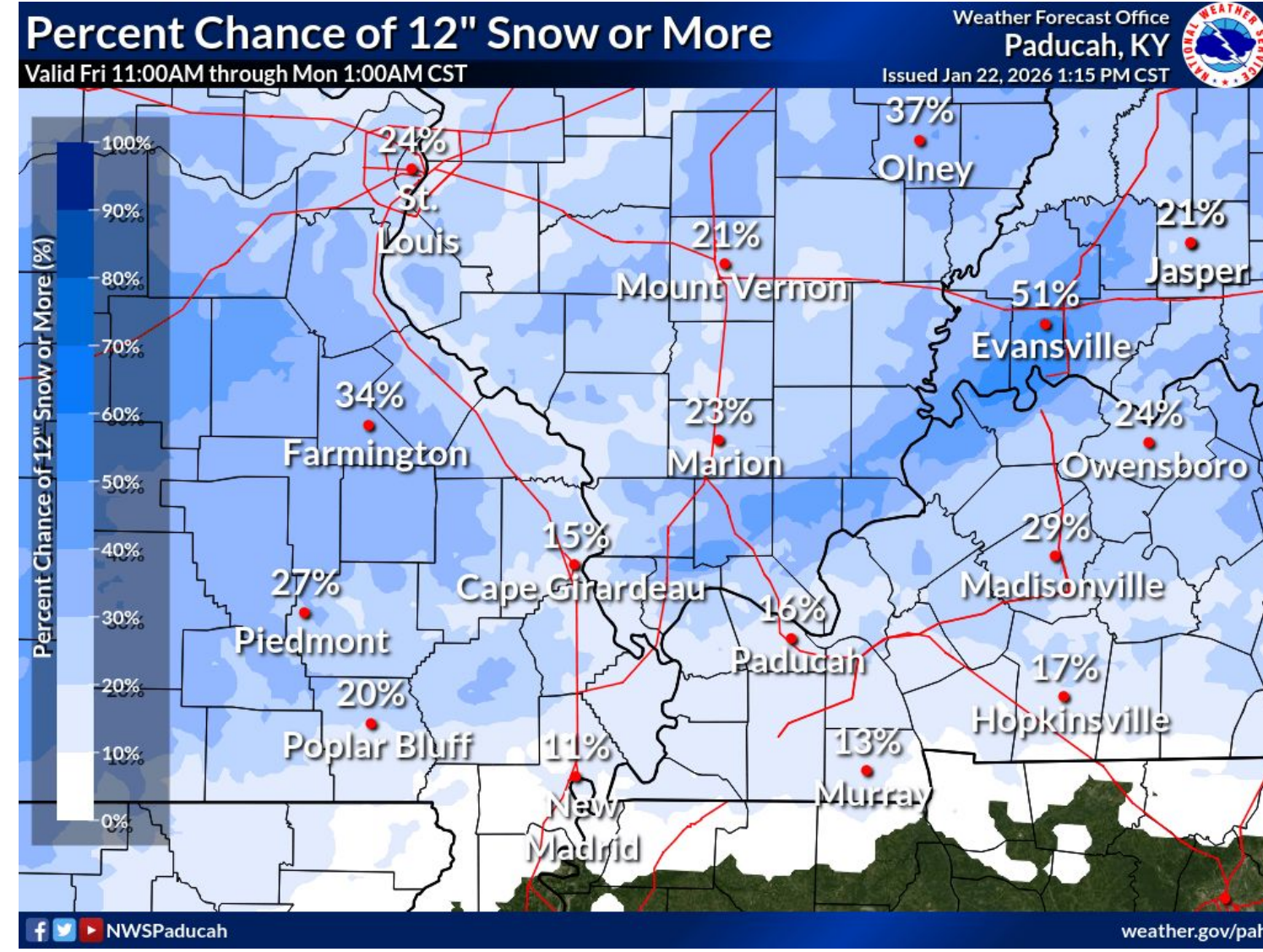
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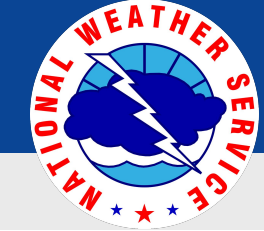
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## Probability of 8+ Inches



## Probability of 12+ Inches of Snow





# Snowfall Totals

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## Friday night through Sunday

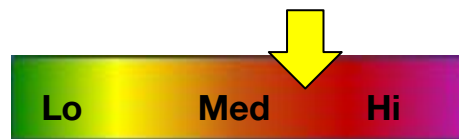
Heaviest snowfall will likely be Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. Across southern portions of west Kentucky and extreme southeast Missouri, snow will mix with or change over to sleet/and or freezing rain at times throughout this significant winter event. Sleet/freezing rain amounts are still in question, but significant snowfall is expected across the entire region.

### Forecast Confidence

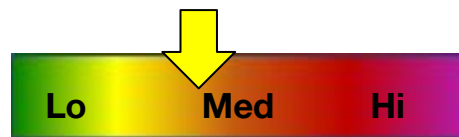
#### Timing



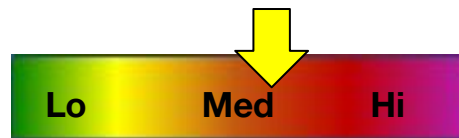
#### Snow Amounts



#### Sleet/Ice Amounts



#### Location

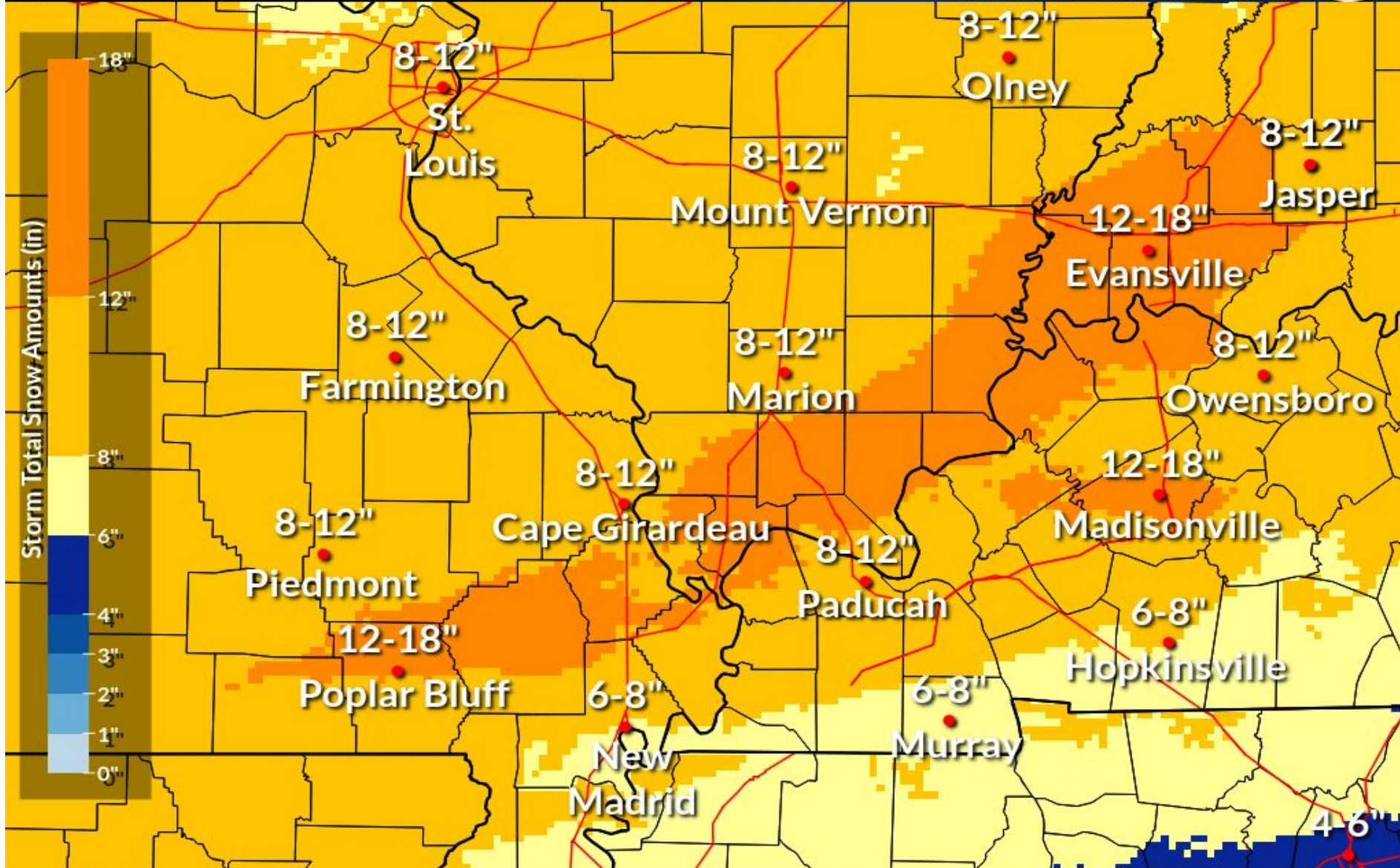


### Latest Total Snowfall Forecast

Additional adjustments are likely

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# Potential Ice Accumulations

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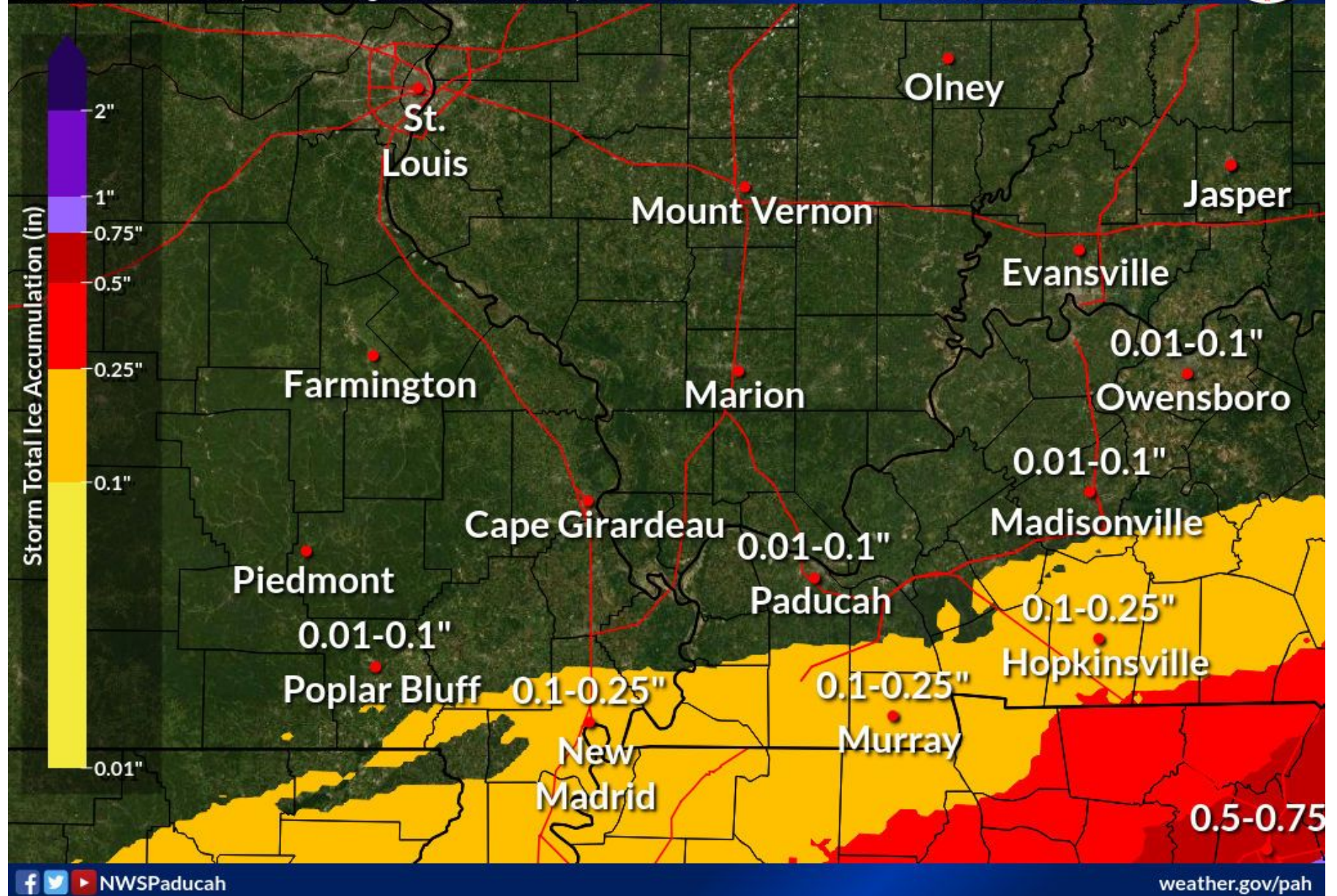
**Snow will mix with or switch over to sleet and/or freezing rain at times throughout the winter event, but snow is still expected to be the main precipitation type.**

## Event Total Ice Accumulation

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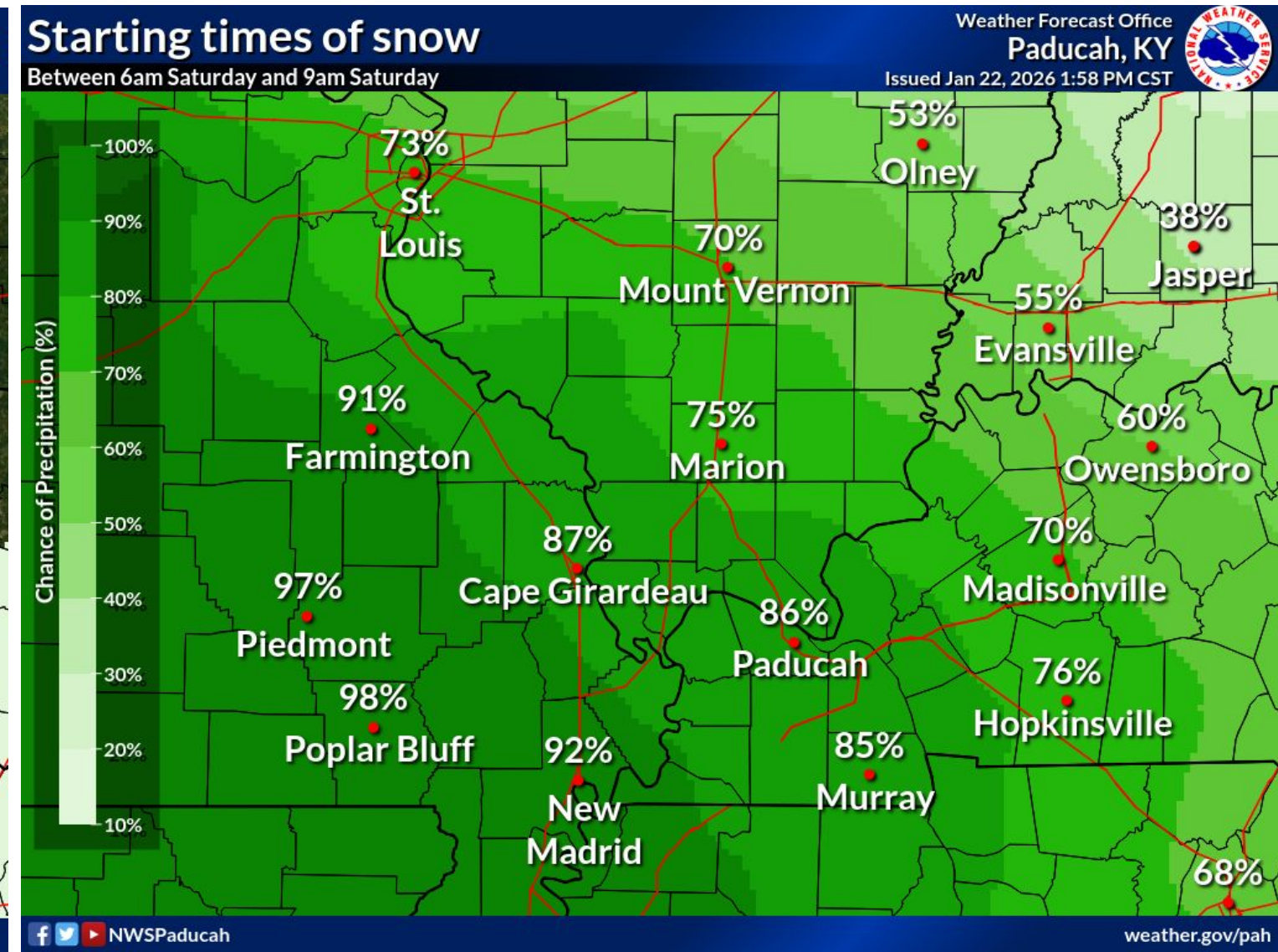
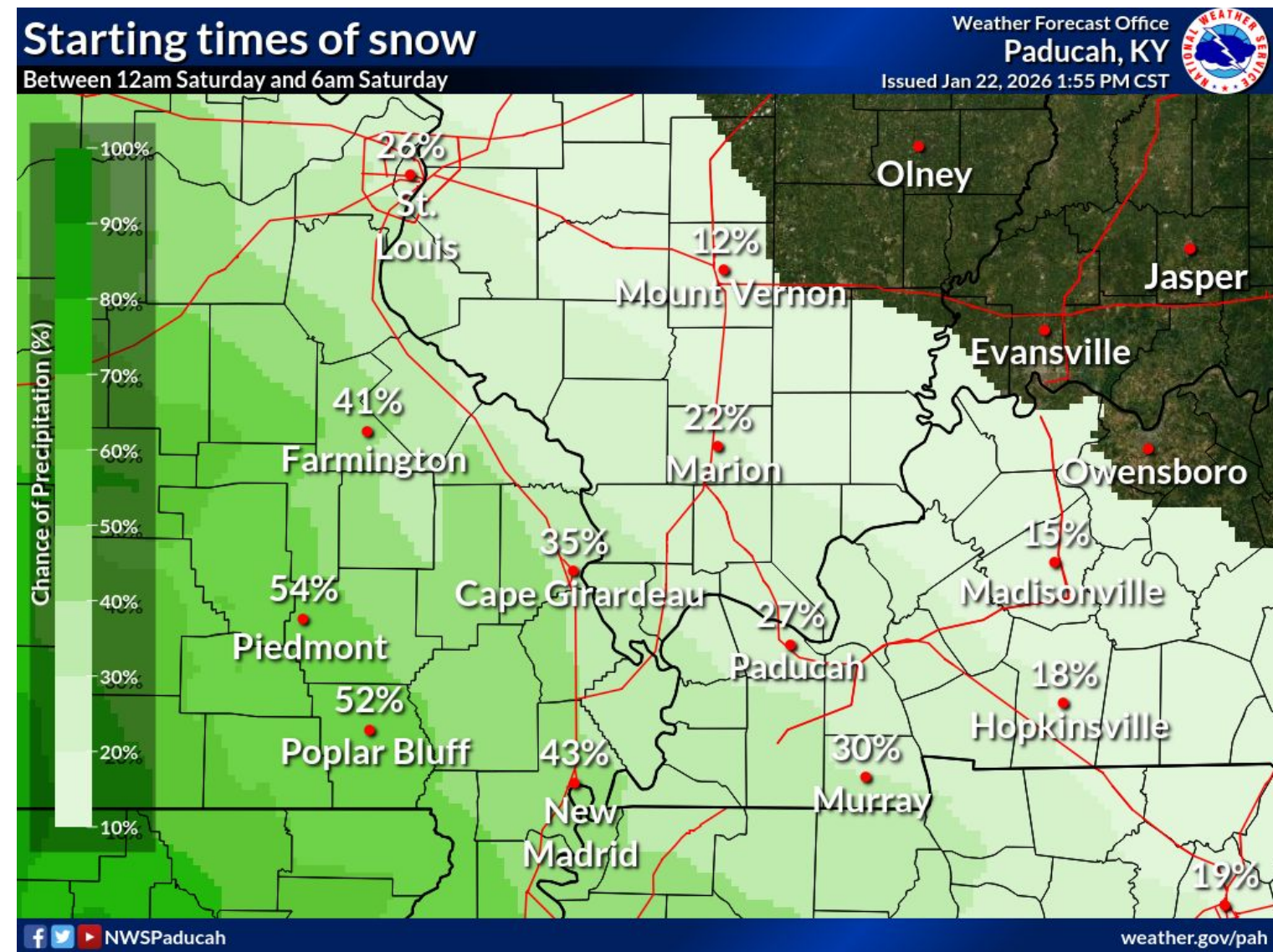




# General Onset Timing Friday night

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## Snow will spread across the region late Friday night into Saturday morning

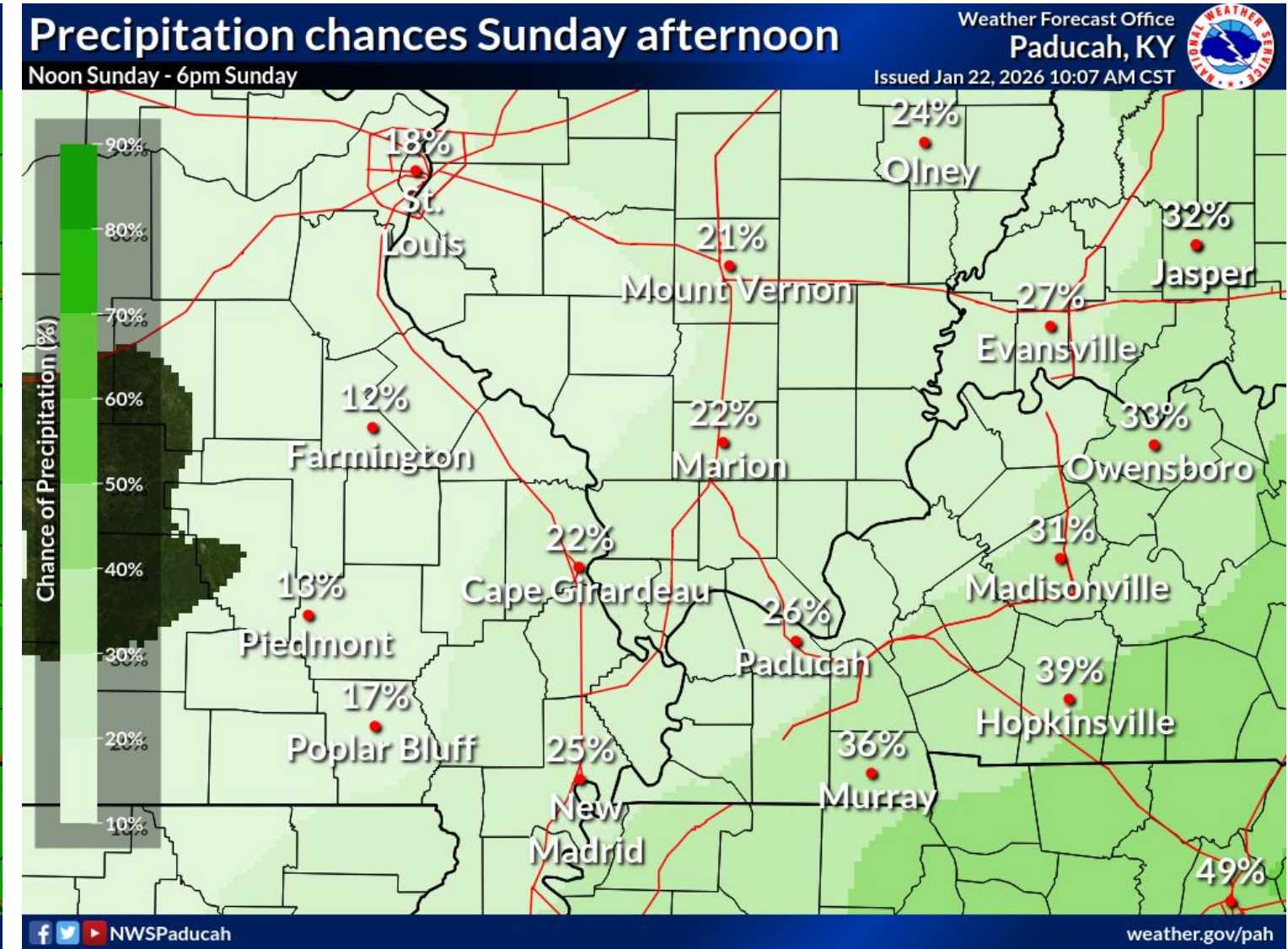
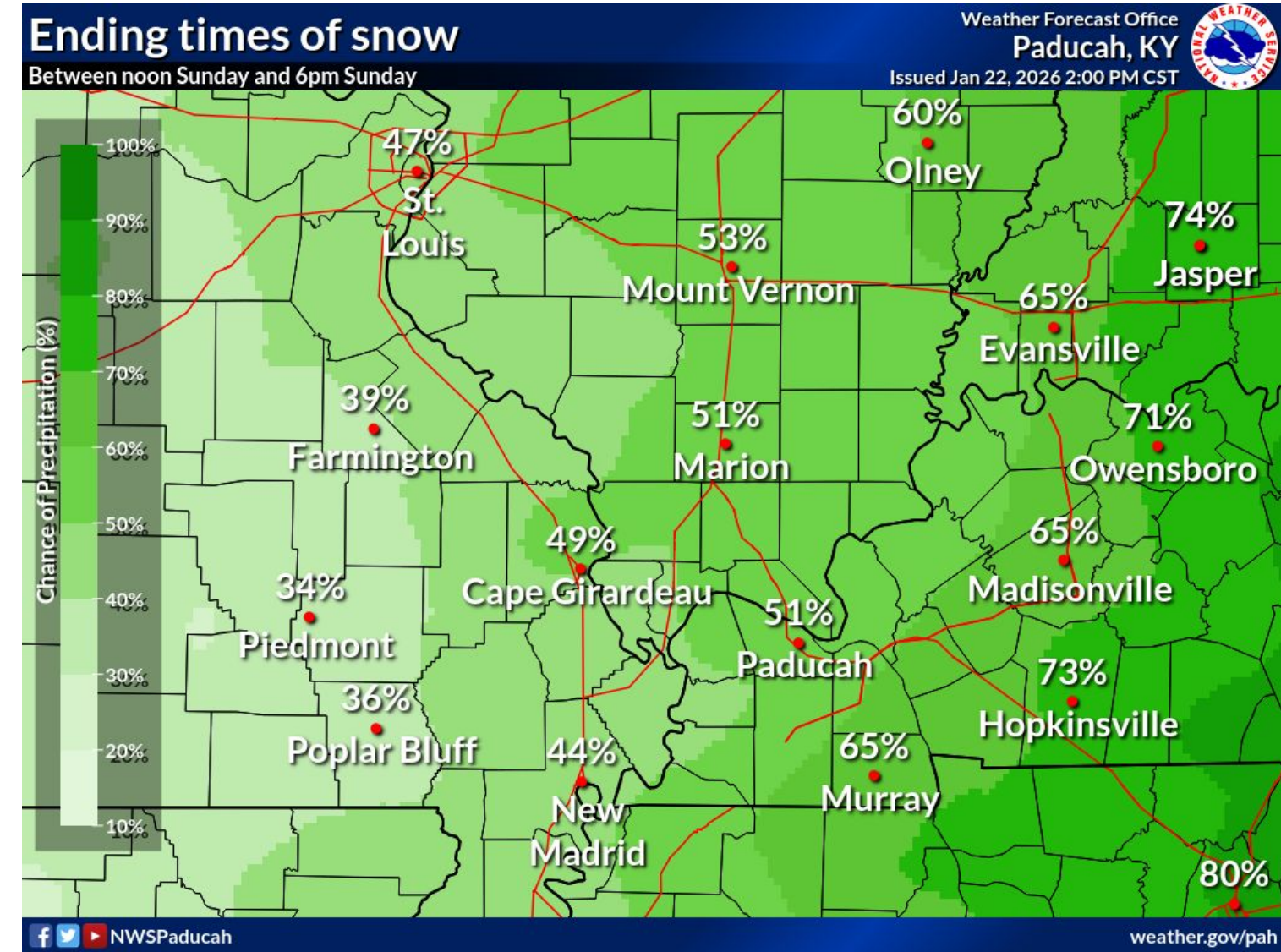




# General Ending Times Sunday

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Snow will taper off from west to east Sunday afternoon into Sunday evening

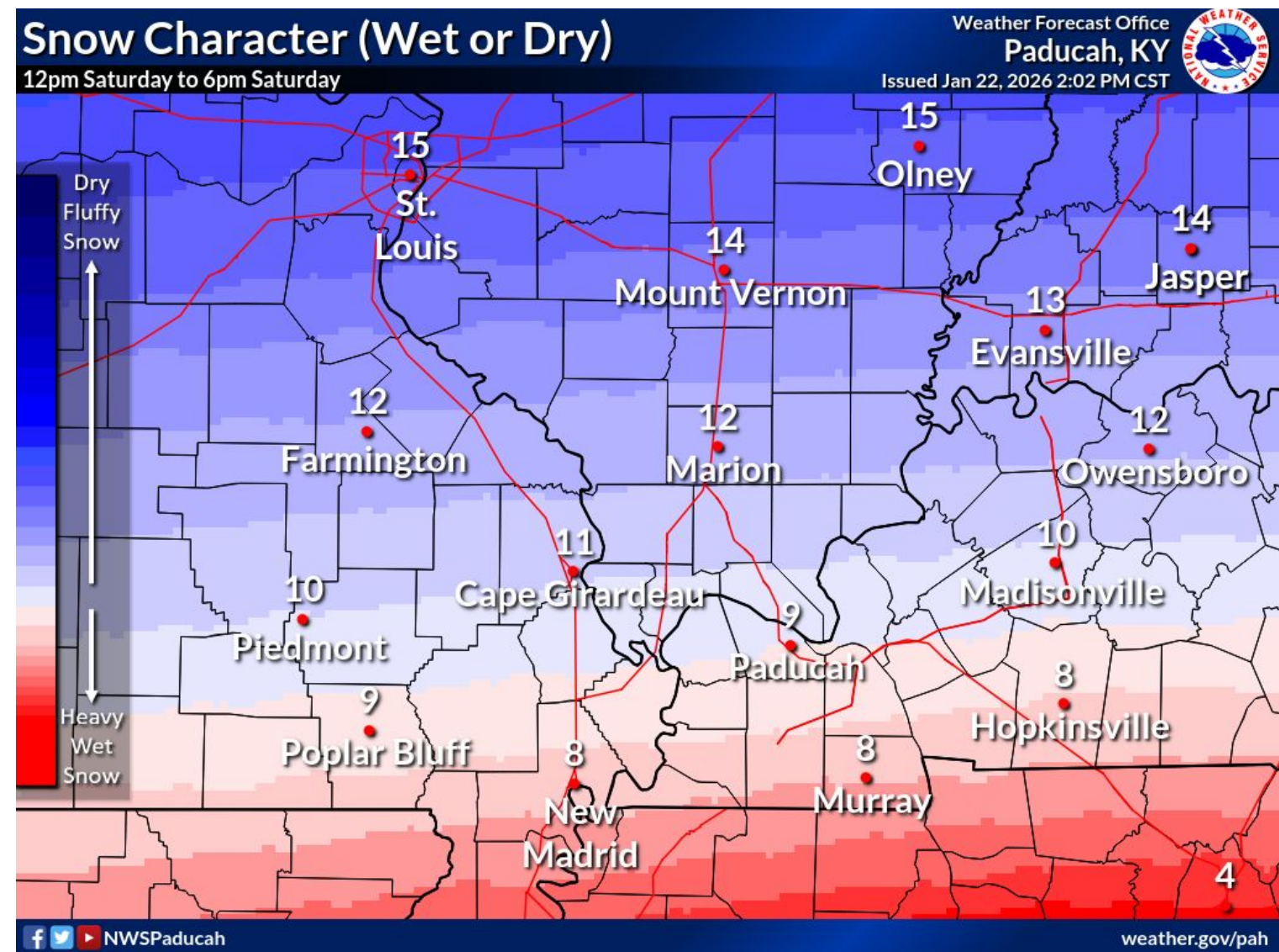
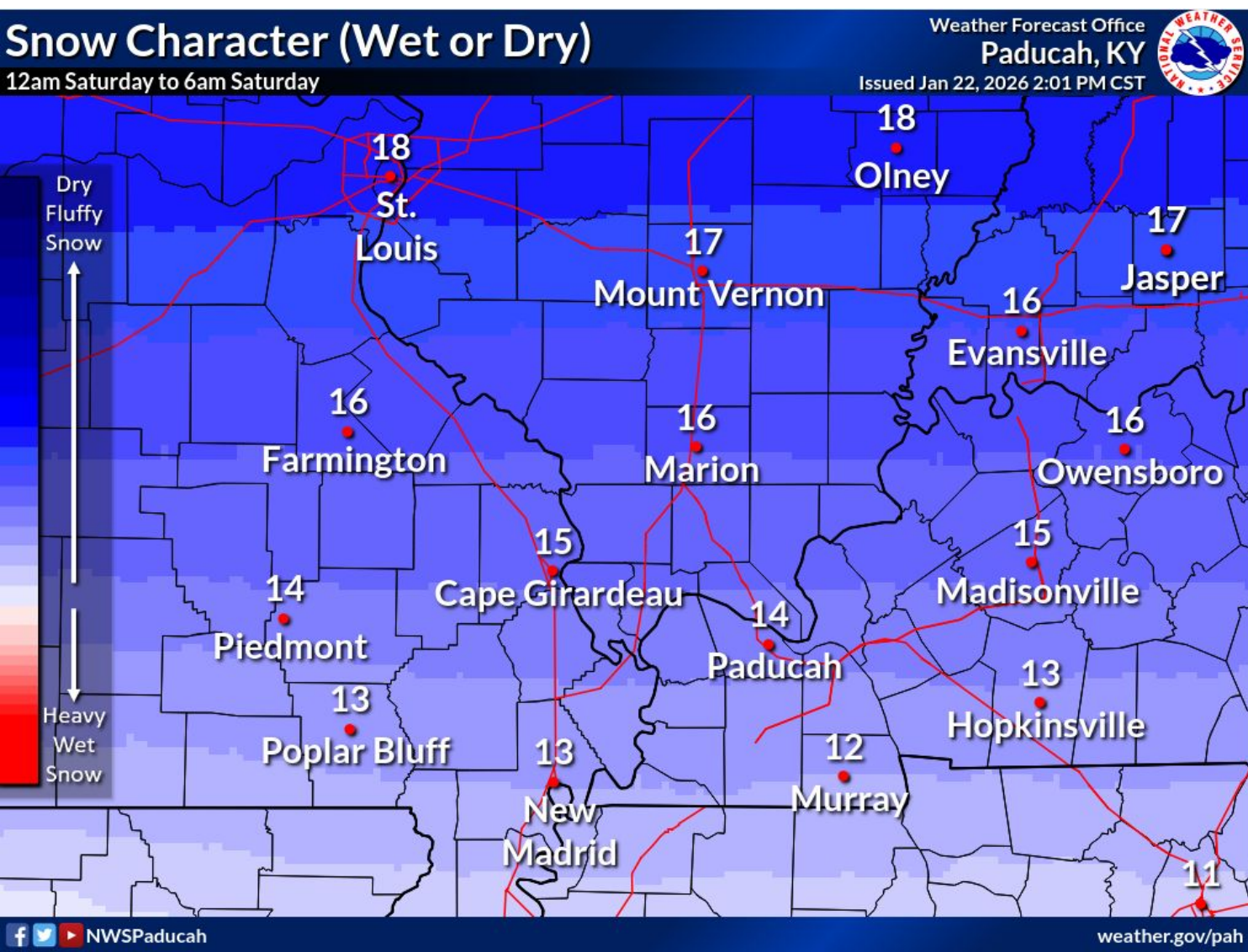




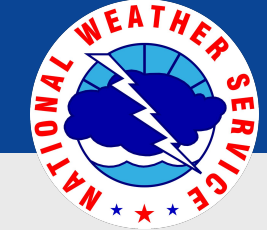
# Snowfall Character

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Sleet and freezing rain will make snow removal more difficult in the far southeast.



Snow will be more light/fluffy across the north and wet/heavy in the south. Wind gusts up to 20 mph will cause blowing and drifting snow with reduced visibility below 1 mile where the character is lighter.



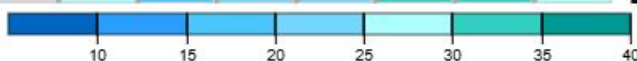
# Dangerously Cold Air Possible this Weekend

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Wind chills will likely drop below zero this weekend and may approach 10 below at times!

## Maximum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	Maximum
	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	
Cape Girardeau	24	15	18	17	27	29	22	29
Carbondale	21	15	18	17	30	29	21	30
Evansville	22	17	20	15	27	26	19	27
Harrisburg	22	17	19	16	29	29	20	29
Henderson	24	17	20	15	27	26	19	27
Hopkinsville	29	21	22	18	30	31	23	31
Madisonville	26	18	20	16	28	29	20	29
Marion IL	22	16	19	16	30	29	21	30
Mt. Carmel	17	16	19	13	25	25	17	25
Mt. Vernon IL	17	15	18	15	30	26	19	30
Murray	29	20	20	17	29	31	23	31
New Madrid	27	17	17	15	26	29	22	29
Owensboro	24	18	21	14	27	27	19	27
Paducah	26	18	20	17	29	31	23	31
Poplar Bluff	25	15	21	20	30	33	25	33



Maximum Temperature Forecast (°F)

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## Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	Minimum
	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Cape Girardeau	8	8	1	0	0	6	3	3	0
Carbondale	8	8	3	3	3	6	2	2	2
Evansville	10	10	3	-2	-2	3	-1	-1	-2
Harrisburg	8	8	2	1	1	4	0	0	0
Henderson	11	11	3	-1	-1	4	0	0	-1
Hopkinsville	13	13	1	-2	-2	7	2	2	-2
Madisonville	11	11	0	-2	-2	3	0	0	-2
Marion IL	8	8	3	2	2	5	1	1	1
Mt. Carmel	7	7	3	-2	-2	2	-2	-2	-2
Mt. Vernon IL	5	5	3	2	2	4	0	0	0
Murray	13	13	1	-1	-1	8	3	3	-1
New Madrid	12	12	0	0	2	8	5	5	0
Owensboro	11	11	2	-2	-2	3	-1	-1	-2
Paducah	10	10	1	0	0	6	2	2	0
Poplar Bluff	7	7	0	0	0	7	5	5	0



Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)

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## Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	Minimum
	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Cape Girardeau	-3	-5	-2	-10	-10	8	-2	-4	-10
Carbondale	-5	-6	0	-8	-7	8	-3	-5	-8
Evansville	-3	-3	2	-12	-12	8	-6	-7	-12
Harrisburg	-6	-6	1	-9	-9	8	-5	-6	-9
Henderson	-2	-3	2	-12	-12	7	-5	-8	-12
Hopkinsville	3	0	3	-9	-11	9	0	-3	-11
Madisonville	0	-2	1	-11	-11	8	-4	-6	-11
Marion IL	-6	-7	0	-8	-8	8	-4	-4	-8
Mt. Carmel	-8	-7	0	-13	-13	3	-7	-11	-13
Mt. Vernon IL	-10	-10	-1	-9	-8	5	-5	-8	-10
Murray	2	1	1	-9	-9	10	1	-2	-9
New Madrid	-1	-4	-2	-11	-7	8	0	-3	-11
Owensboro	-1	-2	2	-12	-13	6	-6	-7	-13
Paducah	0	-3	3	-5	0	15	2	4	-5
Poplar Bluff	-4	-8	-3	-11	-7	10	0	-1	-11



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# Winter Storm Planning Timeline

## A few days out

*If the forecast calls for winter weather, start preparing now.*

 Have emergency supplies for your home & car


 Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors


 Replenish fuel for your car and heating sources

## The day before

*Forecast accuracy continues to improve, so keep checking the latest.*

 Adjust plans


 Have multiple ways to receive Warnings


 Bring pets indoors and ensure they have water


## During & After

*Remain vigilant and stay informed. Drive only if necessary.*

 Check on neighbors and family

 Properly ventilate emergency heat sources

 Keep generators at least 20 feet from your home

 Take it easy when shoveling

# Prevent house fires due to alternate heat sources

Plug only one alternate heat source into an electrical outlet at a time. Do not use extension cords or power strips. Make sure the cord is not damaged.

Keep alternate heat sources at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn or ignite.

Turn off your alternate heat source (i.e., space heaters) and blow out candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.

Have a qualified professional clean/inspect your chimney.

Never use a gas stove, oven or outdoor grill to heat your home.



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## Six Basic Steps for Properly

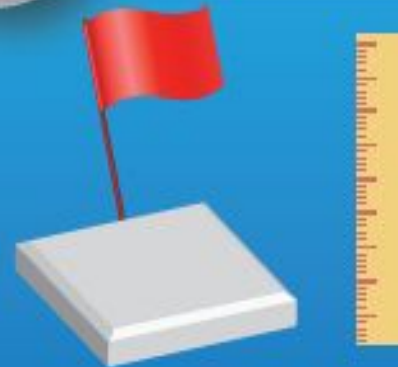
# MEASURING SNOW



Accurate and timely snowfall measurements are extremely important to your National Weather Service office, your community, local media, and many others. Here are the six steps you need to know for measuring snow:

# 1

## Supplies



Ruler or yard stick  
24" X 24" white board, flag

# 2

## Planning



Find an open area away from tall objects, but sheltered from wind

# 3

## Set-up



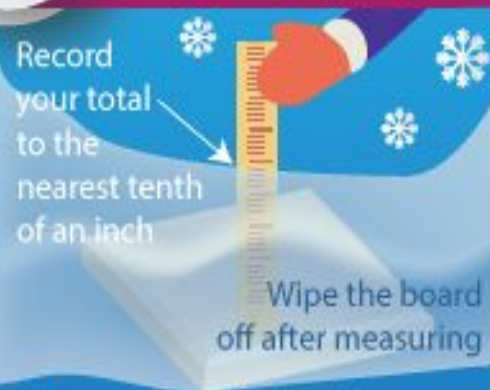
Set up before snow begins



Put your board out and mark it with the flag

# 4

## Measuring Snow



Record your total to the nearest tenth of an inch

Wipe the board off after measuring

Measure once daily at the same time, after measuring place the board on top of snow

# 5

## When Snow Stops



Measure as soon as the snow stops to avoid lower totals due to melting, settling and drifting

# 6

## Reporting



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SEND us your report!

# DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

 adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

## CHILLY



## COLD



## EXTREME COLD



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