

Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center



Situation Awareness Brief



**Saturday, December 23rd, 2023
As of 0900 CDT**

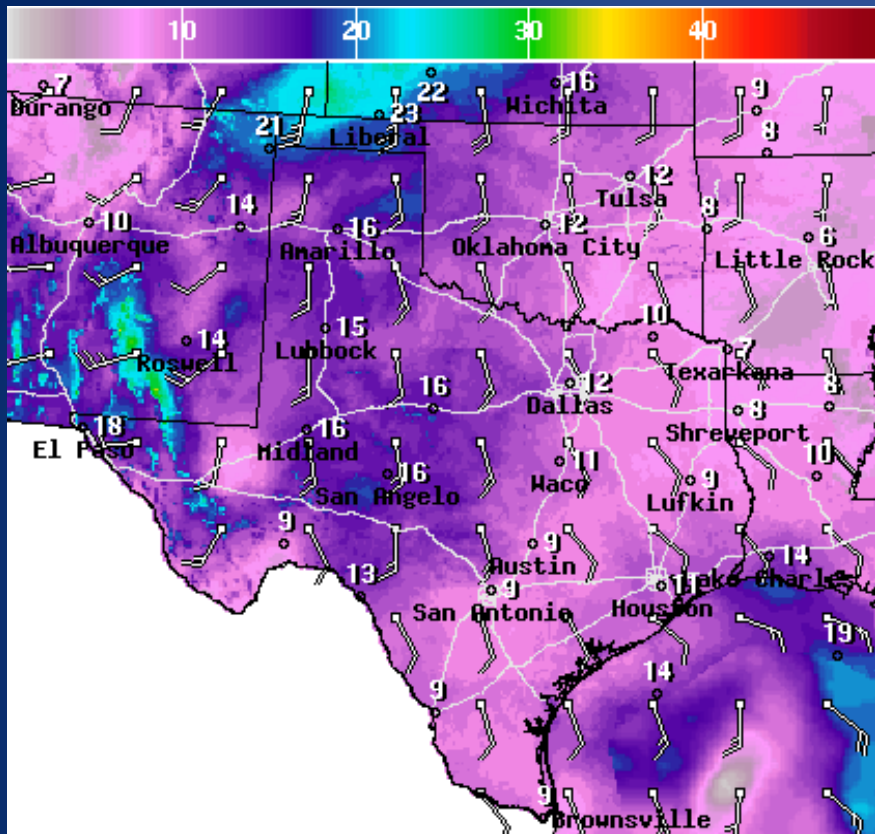
Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
12/22/23	Final Report of the Road Closure (IH-20) with HAZMAT	Nolan County
12/22/23	Initial Report of a Road Closure (US 62/180)	Hudspeth County
12/22/23	Initial Report of a Road Closure (US-180)	Stephens County
12/23/23	Final Report of the Road Closure (US 62/180)	Hudspeth County
12/23/23	Initial Report of Evacuations in the City of Raymondville	Willacy County
12/23/23	Final Report of Evacuations in the City of Raymondville	Willacy County

Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
12/22/23	NWS West Gulf RFC: First Wave of Precipitation Has Primed the Soils
12/22/23	NWS Norman, OK: Weather Late Saturday and Early Sunday
12/22/23	NWS Houston/Galveston: NWS Update: Marginal to Slight Risk of Excessive Rainfall this Weekend
12/23/23	NWS Lake Charles, LA: Christmas Weekend Storm
12/23/23	NWS Fort Worth: Periods of Heavy Rain Possible This Evening into Christmas Eve (Sunday)
12/23/23	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Saturday, December 23, 2023, for FEMA Region 6

Weather Forecast

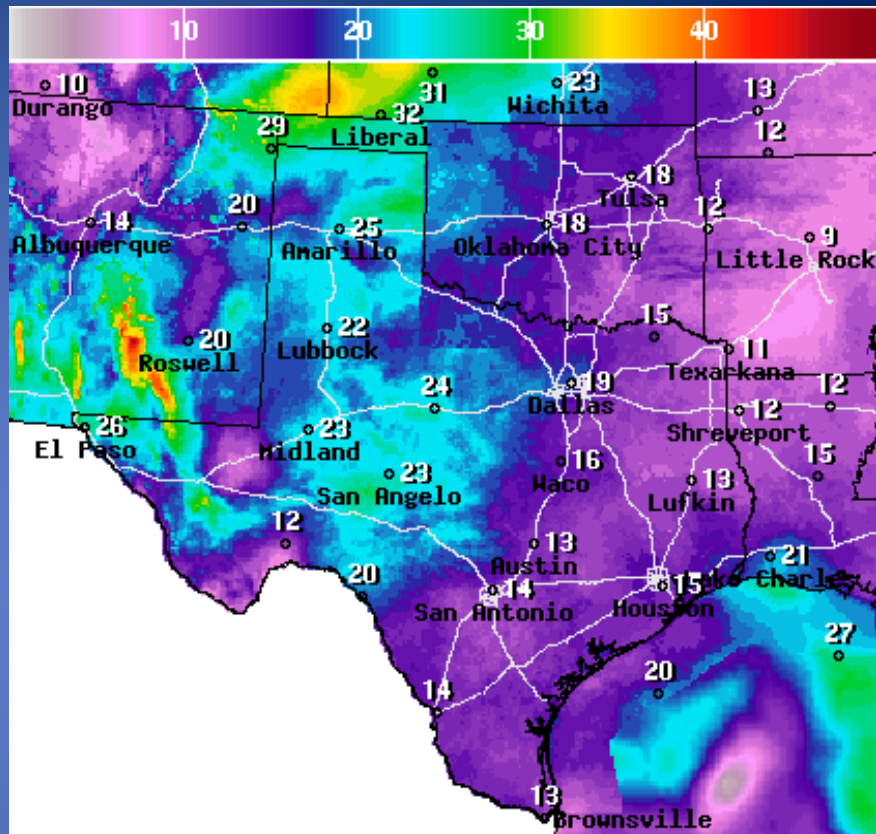


WindSpd(Kts) & WindDir For Sat Dec 23 2023 4PM EST
(Sat Dec 23 2023 21Z)

 **National Digital Forecast Database**
12z issuance Graphic created-Dec 23 7:52AM EST



Wind Speeds



Wind Gust(Kts) Sat Dec 23 2023 4PM EST
(Sat Dec 23 2023 21Z)

 **National Digital Forecast Database**
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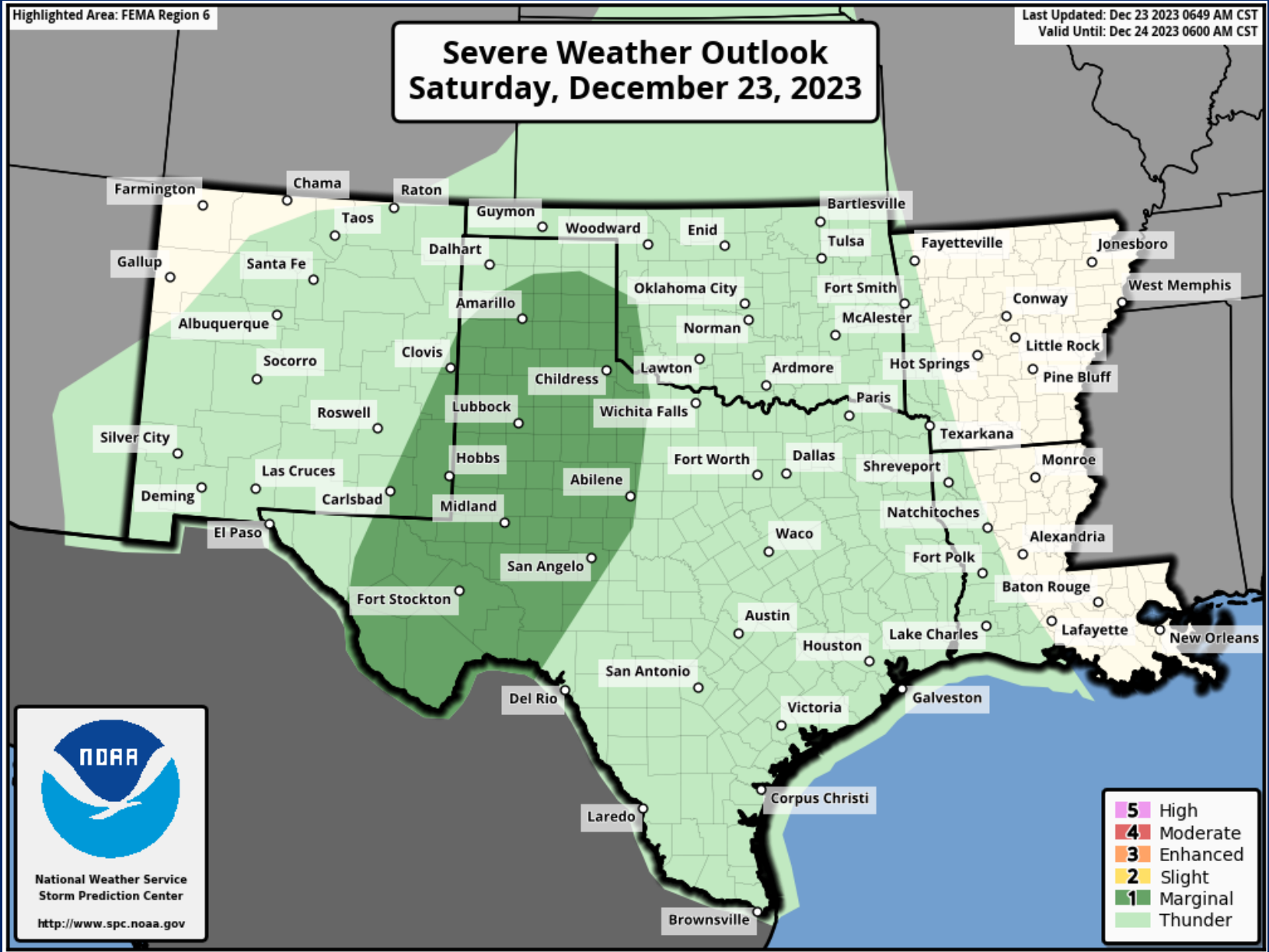
Gusts

Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Dec 23 2023 0649 AM CST
Valid Until: Dec 24 2023 0600 AM CST

Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, December 23, 2023



- 5 High
- 4 Moderate
- 3 Enhanced
- 2 Slight
- 1 Marginal
- Thunder



Hazardous Weather

Severe Thunderstorm Potential Saturday - 12 PM to 6 PM

Weather Forecast Office
Amarillo, TX
Issued Dec 23, 2023 3:32 AM CST

IMPACT GUIDANCE

MAX HAIL SIZE (INCHES)

<1	1	1.5	2	2.5	3+
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MAX WIND GUSTS (MPH)

<50	50	60	70	80	90+
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TORNADO

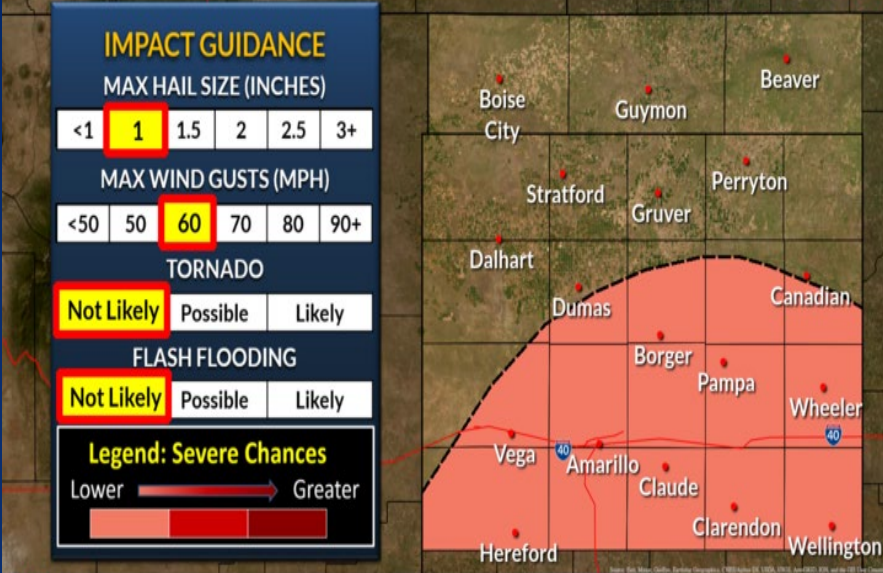
Not Likely	Possible	Likely
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FLASH FLOODING

Not Likely	Possible	Likely
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Legend: Severe Chances

Lower Greater



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There is a low-end chance for a few strong to severe thunderstorms Saturday afternoon across the central and southern Texas Panhandle. Primary hazards would be hail potentially as large as 1.25" and wind gusts up to 60 mph.

A Few Strong/Severe Storms Possible Saturday Night

Weather Forecast Office
Norman, OK
Issued Dec 23, 2023 7:15 AM CST

Timing: After 9 PM

Tornado Potential

High
Medium
Low
Very Low

Maximum Hail Size

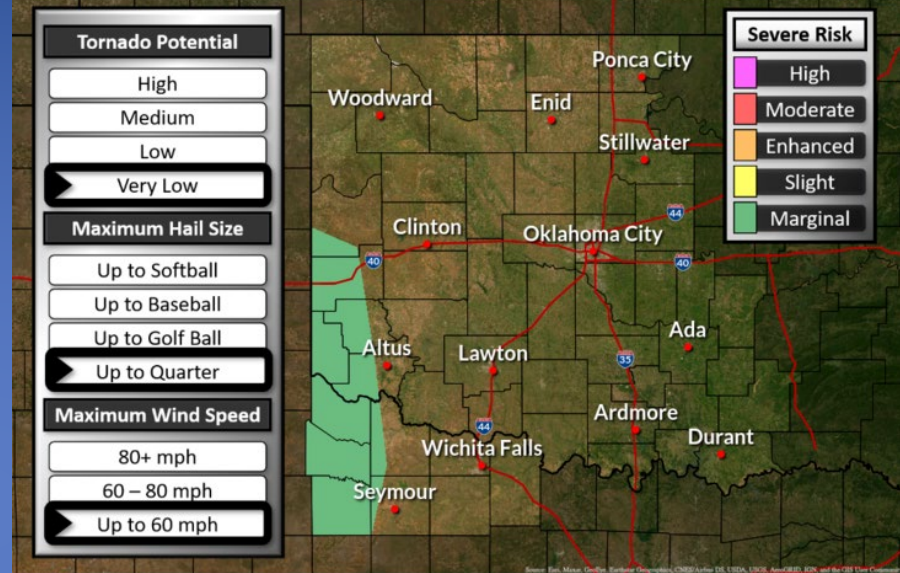
Up to Softball
Up to Baseball
Up to Golf Ball
Up to Quarter

Maximum Wind Speed

80+ mph
60 – 80 mph
Up to 60 mph

Severe Risk

High
Moderate
Enhanced
Slight
Marginal



NWSNorman weather.gov/norman

A few strong to severe storms could affect parts of far western OK and western north TX after 9 PM. Strong winds are the primary concern.

Hazardous Weather

Rainfall Timing This Weekend

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Fort Worth, TX
Issued December 23, 2023 3:07 AM CT



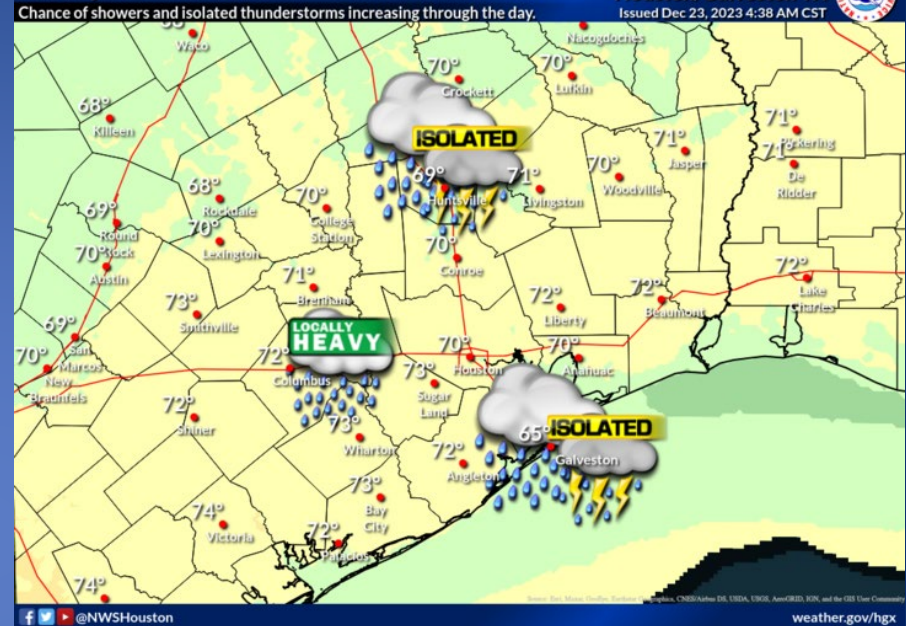
NWSFortWorth

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Widespread shower and thunderstorms are expected this weekend with peak coverage occurring tonight into Sunday morning. Rain will be exiting the area to the east on Sunday morning with most of the area becoming dry by Sunday afternoon.

Today's Outlook

Weather Forecast Office
Houston/Galveston TX
Issued Dec 23, 2023 4:38 AM CST



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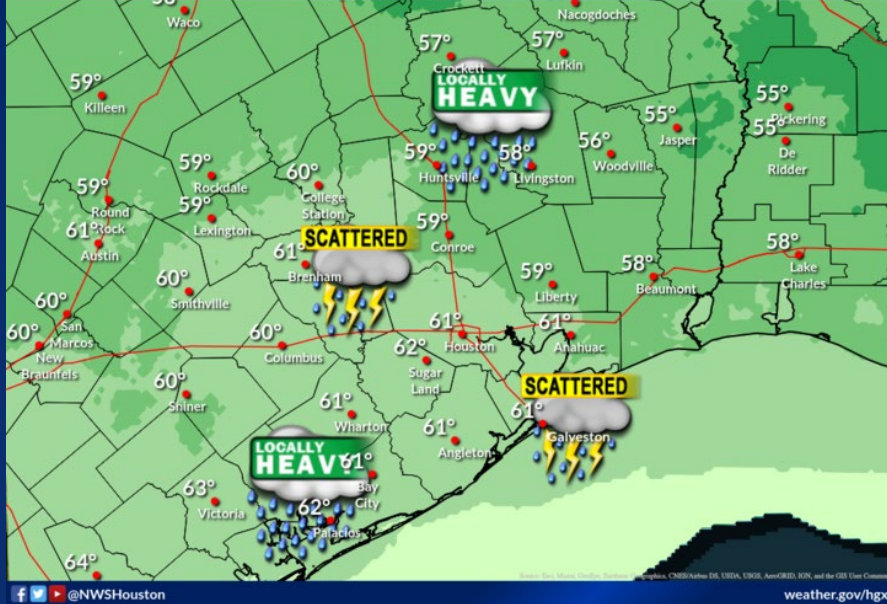
Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms will increase through the day. Locally heavy rainfall is possible by this afternoon and evening.

Hazardous Weather

Tonight's Outlook

Showers and scattered thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible.

Weather Forecast Office
Houston/Galveston TX
Issued Dec 23, 2023 4:54 AM CST



Widespread rain with scattered thunderstorms can be expected Saturday night. Locally heavy rainfall possible.

Increasing Rain Chances Today

Morning Fog | 50-80% Chance of Showers and Thunderstorms | Southeasterly Winds

Weather Forecast Office
Corpus Christi, TX



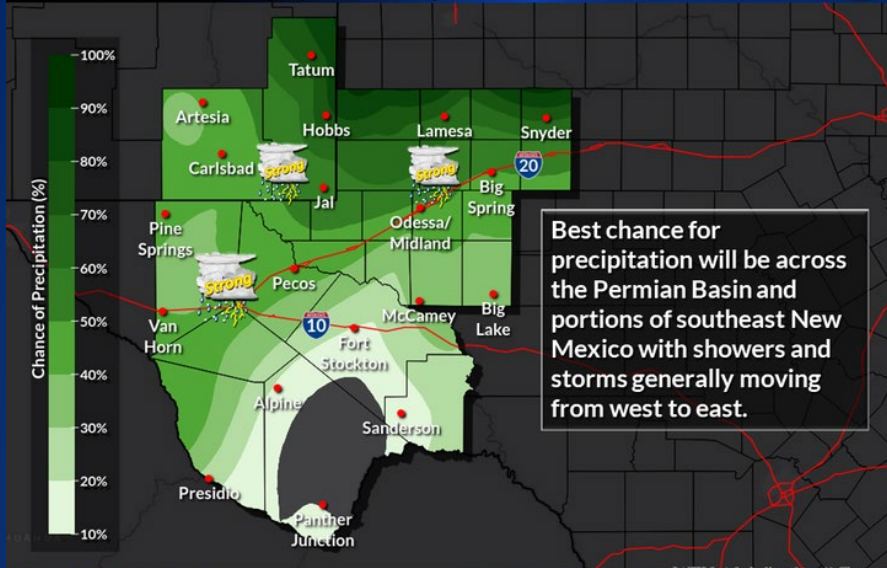
Morning fog will give way to increasing rain chances today across the region. The greatest chances will be across the Victoria Crossroads and Northern Coastal Bend where locally heavy rainfall is possible. Otherwise, look for highs in the mid 70s along with southeasterly winds.

Hazardous Weather

Afternoon Storm Chances

A few storms may be strong with gusty winds and heavy rain.

Weather Forecast Office
Midland/Odessa, TX
Issued December 23, 2023 6:29 AM CT



Best chance for precipitation will be across the Permian Basin and portions of southeast New Mexico with showers and storms generally moving from west to east.

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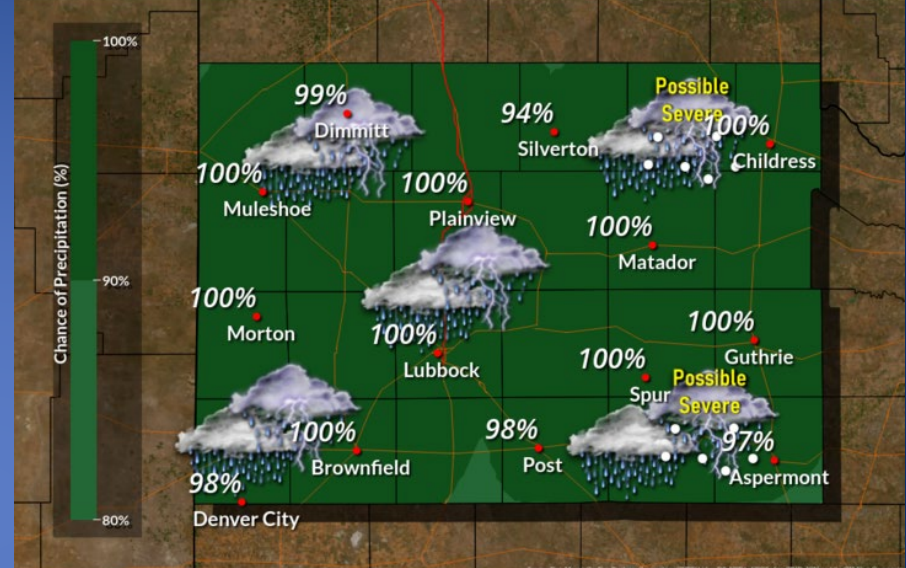
weather.gov/maf

Best chances for showers and storms will be across the Permian Basin and portions of southeast New Mexico. A few storms may be strong with gusty winds and heavy rain.

Showers and Thunderstorms Expected Today

A few storms may become strong to marginally severe | Heavy rain will accompany thunderstorms

Weather Forecast Office
Lubbock, TX
Issued Dec 23, 2023 2:13 AM CST



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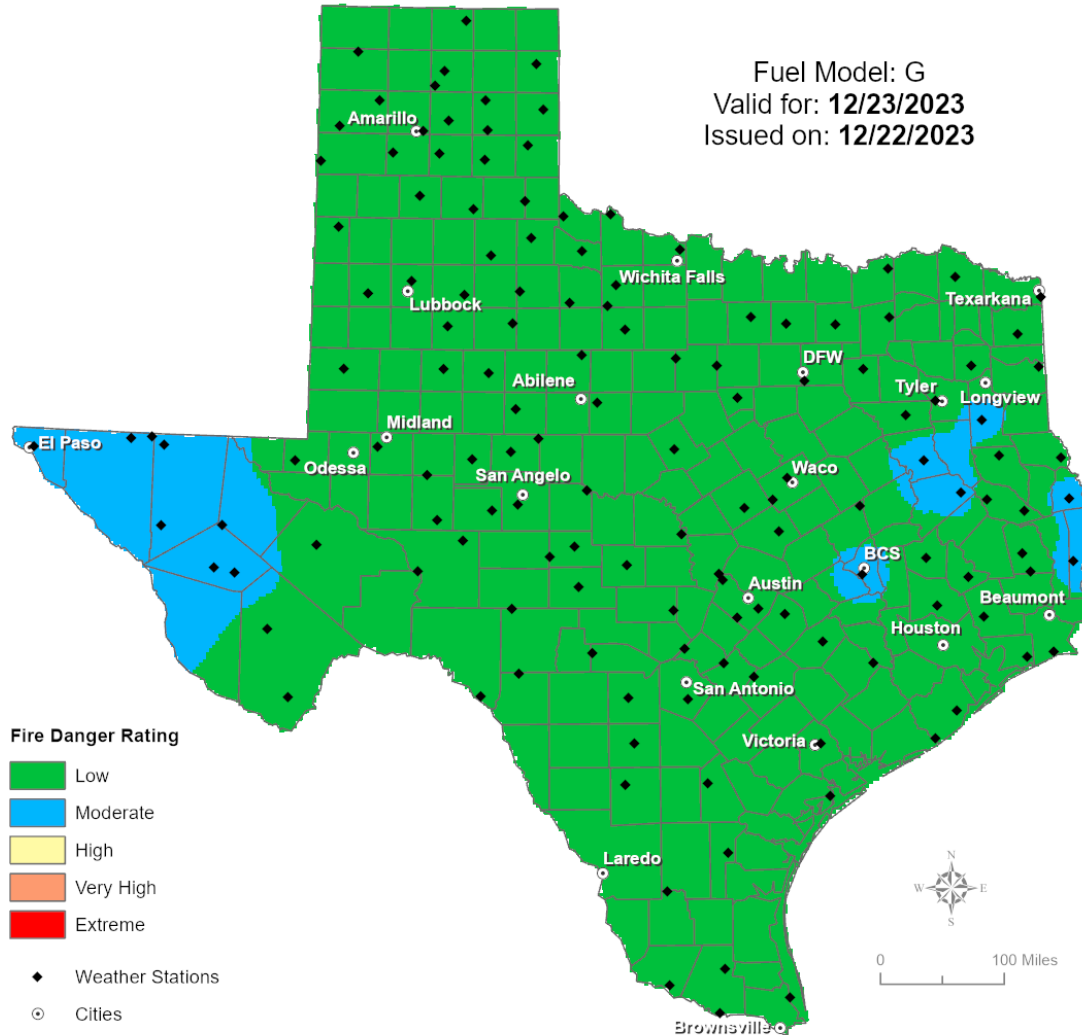
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Heavy rain showers and thunderstorms are expected to affect the entire area of responsibility today. A few thunderstorms could be strong to marginally severe, with damaging wind gusts near 60 mph the primary hazard. A brief tornado cannot be ruled out across the Rolling Plains this evening. Heavy rainfall will also accompany any thunderstorm today into tonight.

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger

Fuel Model: G
Valid for: **12/23/2023**
Issued on: **12/22/2023**



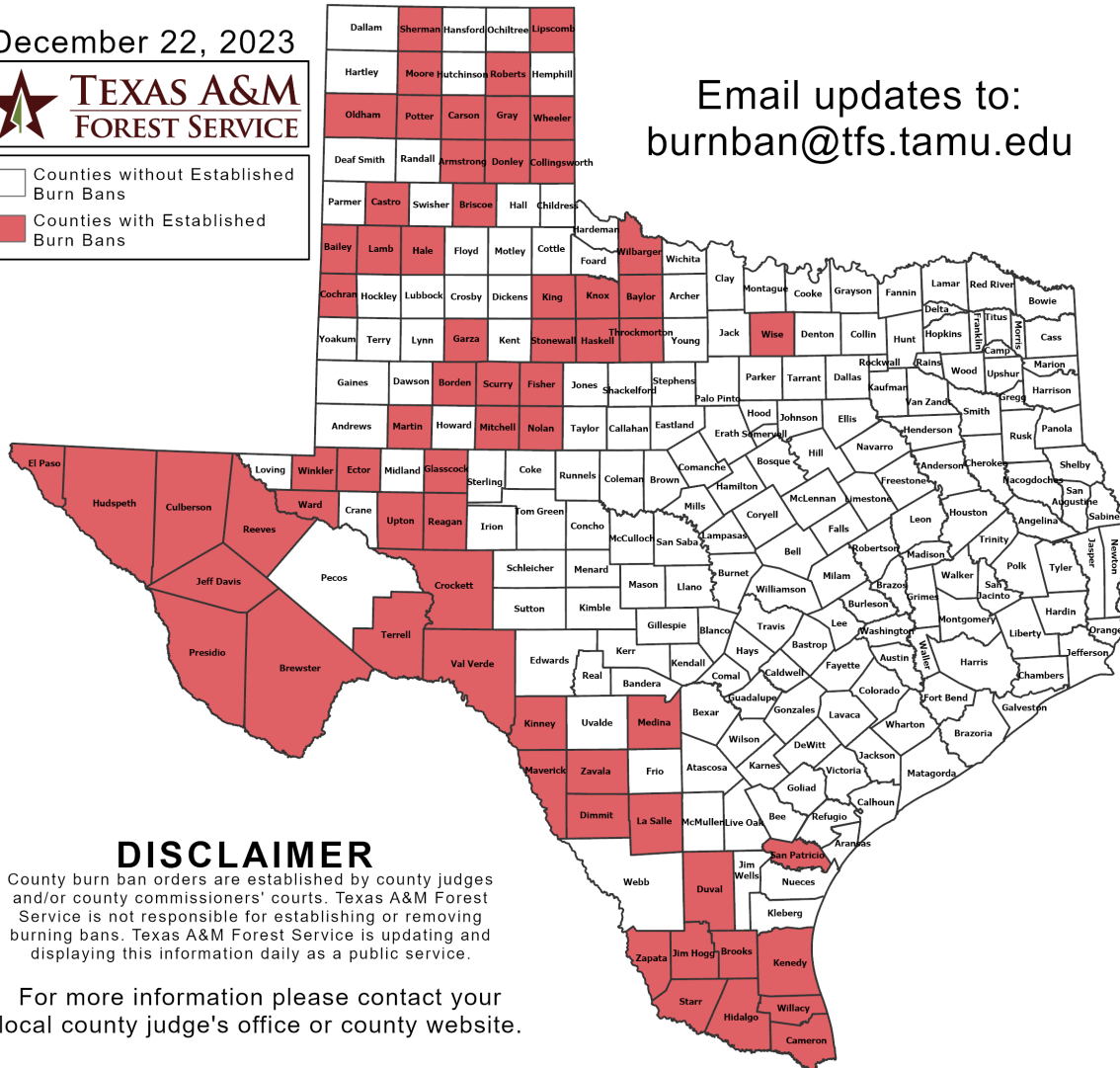
Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

December 22, 2023



Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans



Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

Counties with Burn Bans: 65

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| Armstrong | Gray | Presidio |
| Bailey | Hale | Reagan |
| Baylor | Haskell | Reeves |
| Borden | Hidalgo | Roberts |
| Brewster | Hudspeth | San Patricio |
| Briscoe | Jeff Davis | Scurry |
| Brooks | Jim Hogg | Sherman |
| Cameron | Kenedy | Starr |
| Carson | King | Stonewall |
| Castro | Kinney | Terrell |
| Cochran | Knox | Throckmorton |
| Collingsworth | Lamb | Upton |
| Crockett | La Salle | Val Verde |
| Culberson | Lipscomb | Ward |
| Dimmit | Martin | Wheeler |
| Donley | Maverick | Wilbarger |
| Duval | Medina | Willacy |
| Ector | Mitchell | Winkler |
| El Paso | Moore | Wise |
| Fisher | Nolan | Zapata |
| Garza | Oldham | Zavala |
| Glasscock | Potter | |

DISCLAIMER

County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

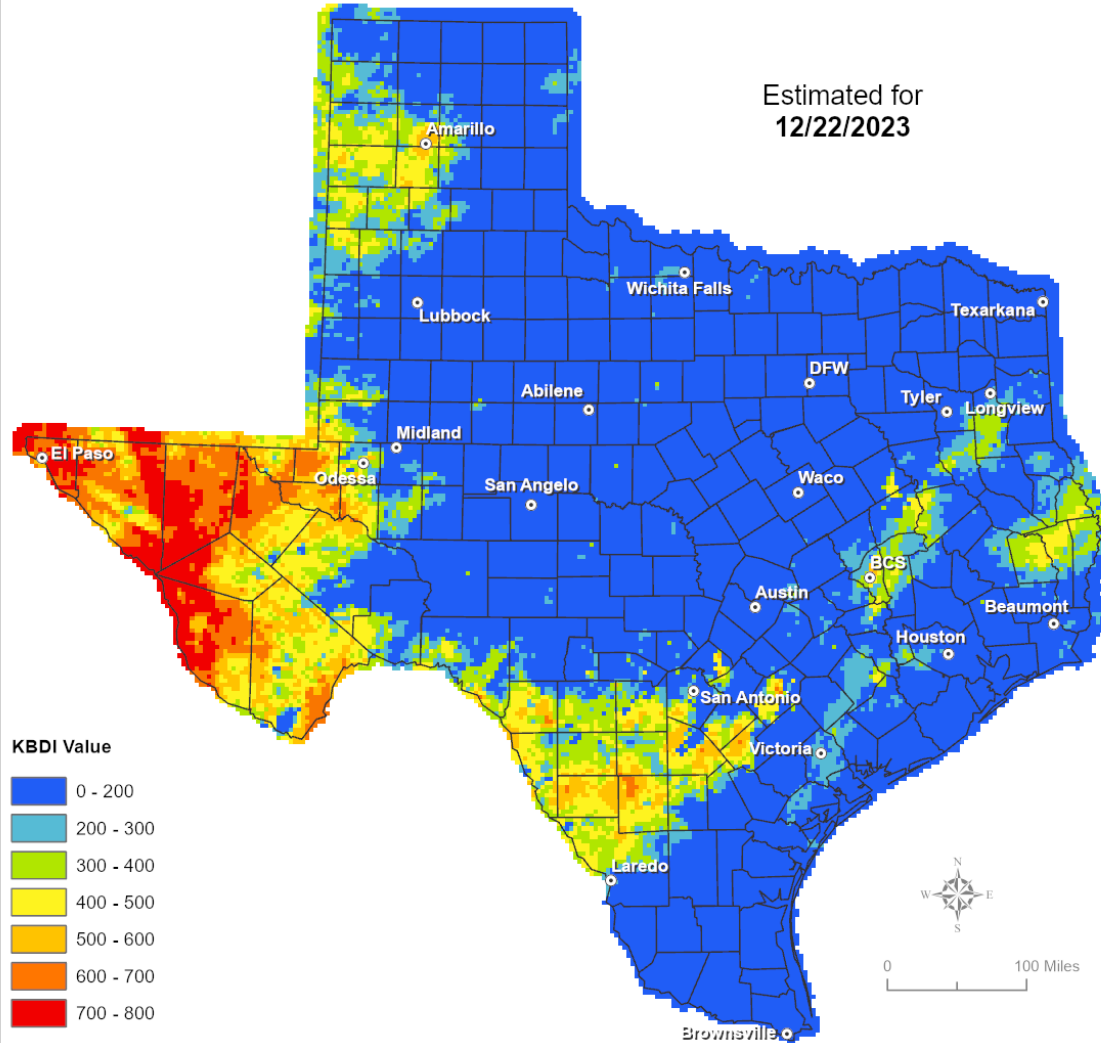
RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov
 Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

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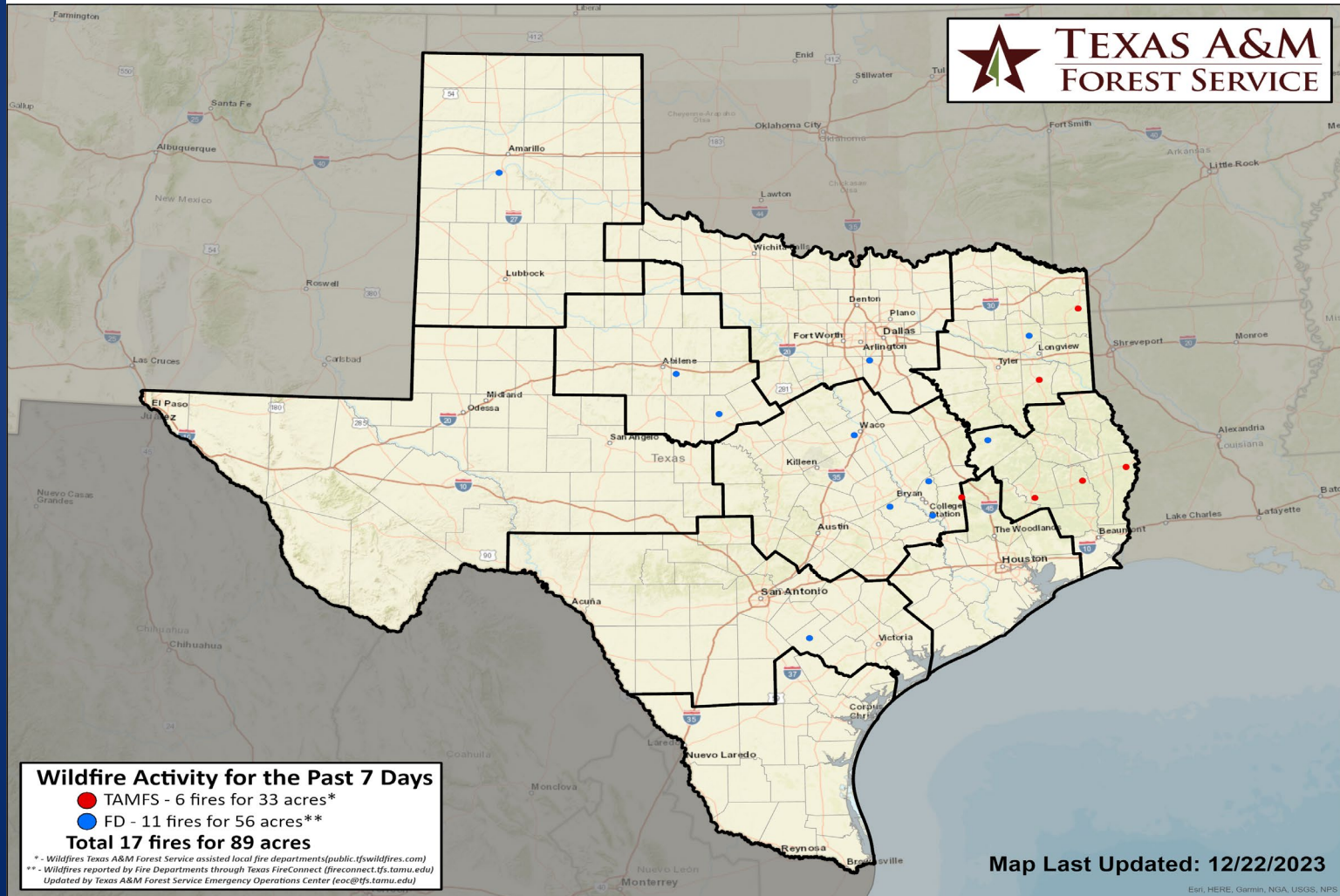
(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
12/22/2023



Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 1,245 (no change) fires and 142,316 (no change) acres have been burned this year. There are 65 (-1) counties with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list contains 15 (-1) counties with an average over 400.



Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
12/23/23	12/23/23	Fort Worth	Armed Forces Bowl