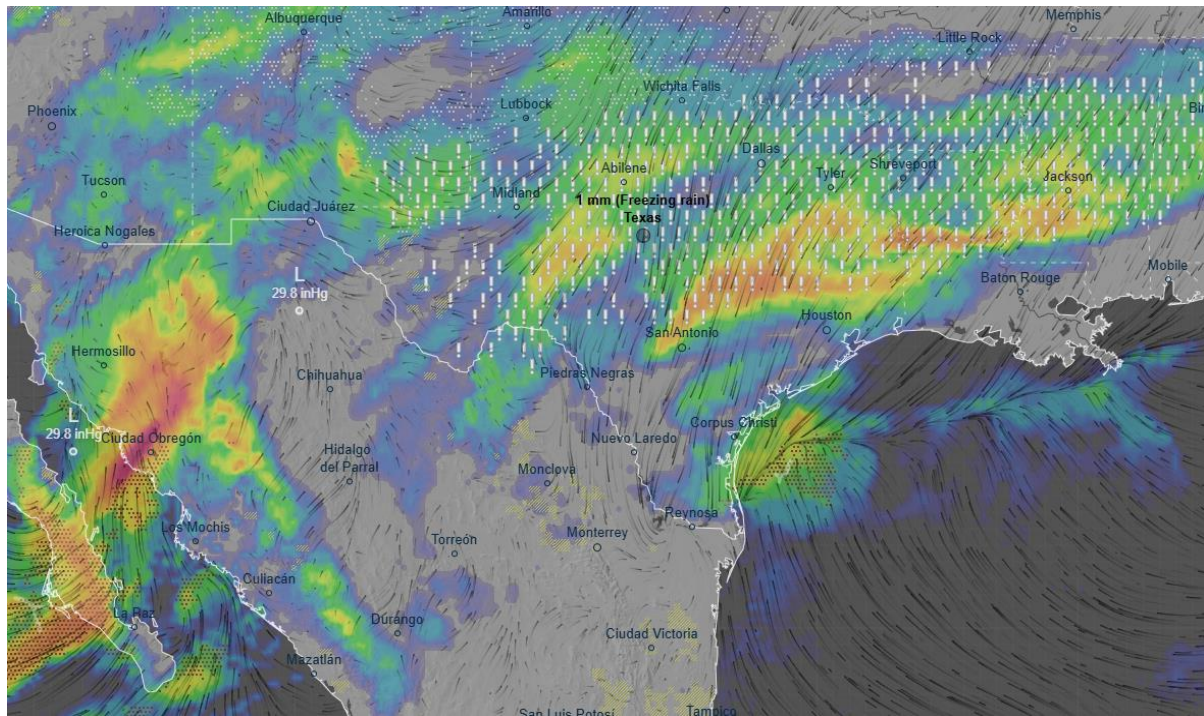




Major Winter Storm Threat for Deep South US



Valid: January 24–27 January 2026

Affected Areas

Eastern Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina (axis uncertain; could shift 150 miles north/south, potentially reaching Gulf Coast/Florida panhandle).

Hazard Types

Freezing rain/ice glaze (crippling accumulations Saturday), heavy snow (12–24 inches possible in heaviest bands), strong winds, hazardous travel, power outages.

Hazard Summary

Powerful winter storm draws Gulf moisture over Arctic air from Canada, creating a classic Deep South winter event. Trajectory originates from southern Plains, tracks east-northeast across Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, then curves northeast through Alabama, Tennessee, and into the Carolinas. Freezing rain first forms a dangerous glaze Saturday across eastern Texas to Mississippi, transitioning to heavy snow north of the ice line through Sunday–Monday. Highest frozen precipitation (12–24 inches) expected in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina (Atlanta up to 13 inches, some Carolinas areas 20 inches).