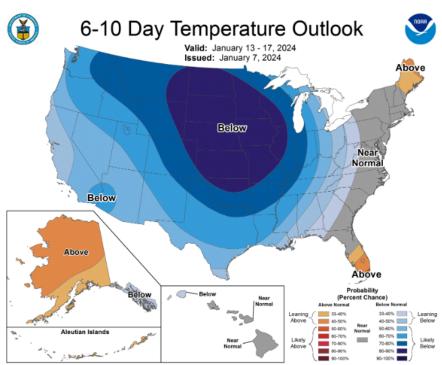
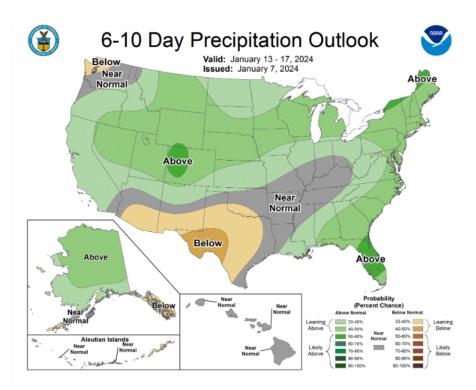
Weekly Climate Summary: 12/31/2023-1/6/2024

Climate in the News:

As 2023 evolves into 2024, we find that January is expected to deliver the chill that has been lacking in December 2023. Most of the preceding week was marked with temperatures that were near normal for much of the State of Texas, but as we turn to look ahead, we find a pretty potent arctic air mass looming in the horizon for the week ahead. In contrast to the last week, the precipitation amounts look to be scant across most of the state. This cold weather looks to arrive near the end of this upcoming week, but in the meantime, much of the state of Texas must contend with wind gusts between 40 and 60 mph beginning Monday and going through Tuesday of the upcoming week.

Temperature Probability

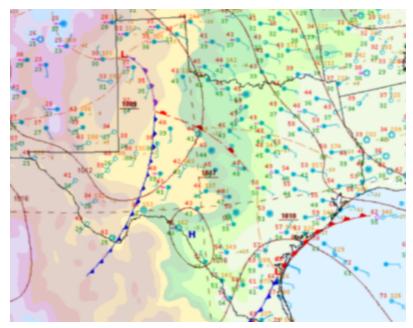




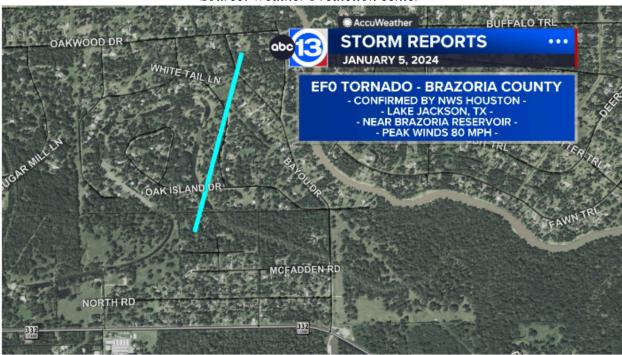
Source: Climate Prediction Center

Weather Synopsis:

The week began clear of showers and precipitation for the state as we rang in 2024. The second day of the year then saw a round of showers with a few rumbles of thunder move through central and east Texas. A second round of showers and a few embedded thunderstorms moved through Thursday night into early Friday. Severe weather was not rampant, yet some thunderstorms did become strong, with one severe thunderstorm even producing a weak EF-0 tornado in Brazoria County shortly before 6 am CST on Friday January 5. The image below shows the Weather Prediction Center's surface analysis at 12:00 am Friday, January 5, 2024. The low responsible for widespread showery weather and embedded thunderstorms can be seen entering the Texas Panhandle. A map showing the tornado's path is shown below, courtesy ABC 13.



Source: Weather Prediction center



ABC13 was on the air as a tornado warning came in for Brazoria County. That coverage is above.

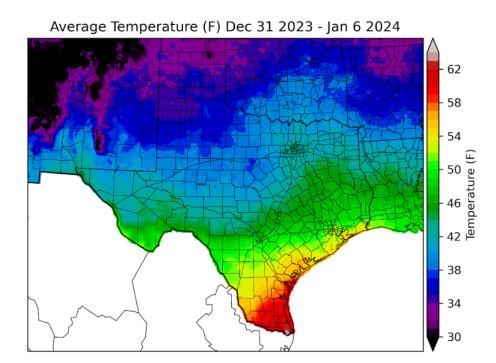
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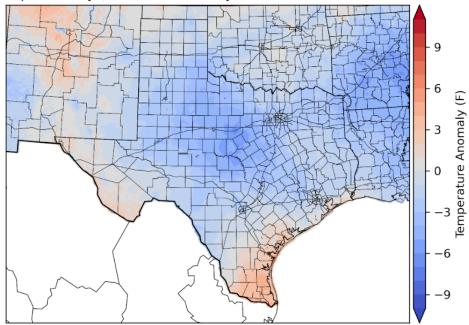
Much like the week of December 24-30, 2023, temperatures across the state of Texas were mainly below climatological averages with the exception of the Trans Pecos and the Rio Grande Valley regions. The magnitude of the departures in either direction were relatively mild such that

many folks were spared from any uncomfortably cold or warm conditions. Most of the state experienced average temperatures (accounting for both daily highs and lows) between 40°F and 55°F with typically colder spots experiencing average temperatures in the 30's and typically warmer regions seeing average temps into the 60's. The statewide extremes are as follows:

- Dalhart FAA Airport in Dallam County had the coldest weekly average at 32.6°F
- Brownsville, S Padre Island airport saw the warmest weekly average at 63.9°F



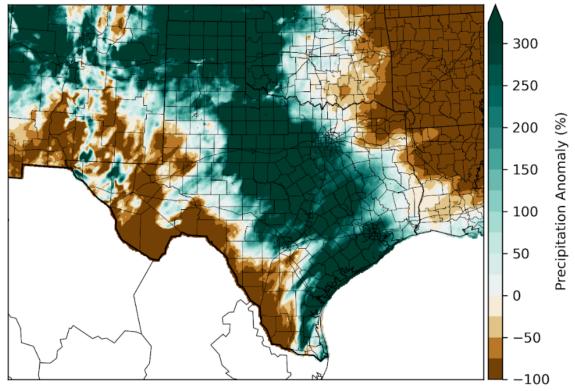
Mean Temp Anomaly (F) Dec 31 2023 - Jan 6 2024 vs 1991-2020 Normals



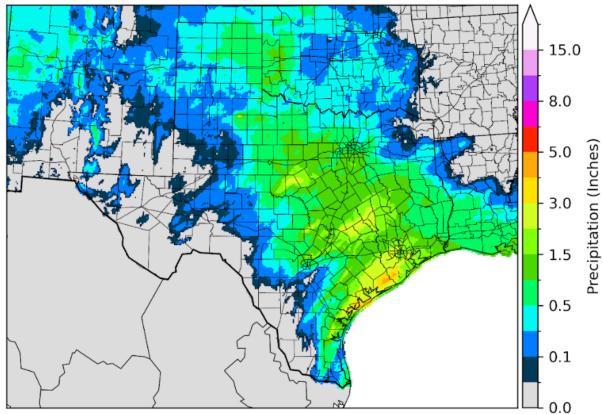
Precipitation:

Much of the state saw measurable precipitation in the week of December 31, 2023 through January 6, 2024. The Southwest portion of Texas from the Rio Grande Valley to the Trans Pecos region skipped out on beneficial rainfall. For the areas that saw precipitation, much of it was on two separate rounds on Tuesday and Thursday-Friday.

Precip. Anomaly (%) Dec 31 2023 - Jan 6 2024 vs 1991-2020 Normals







Statewide extremes:

- -The hottest recorded temperature of the week was 81°F at Brownsville S Padre Island International Airport in Cameron County and Rio Grande City in Starr County on December 31, 2023 and January 2, 2023 respectively.
- -The coldest recorded temperature of the week was 15°F at Dalhart FAA Airport on January 6, 2024.
- -The most precipitation recorded in the December 31, 2023-January 6, 2024 time period was 4.42" by a COOP site in Brazoria county.
- -2 stations broke record highs in the week of December 31, 2023 to January 6, 2024*.
- -13 stations broke record lows for the same week*
- * with mild departures from normal, these records were established for stations that have periods of records that do not go back very far.