



WALLY WISE GUY

The Deer Park LEPC is a cooperative partnership between community, government, emergency response agencies, businesses, and industry striving to promote and maintain public health and safety by preparing for hazardous materials-related incidents as part of a comprehensive community program. Our goal is to protect citizens and the environment by providing hazard awareness education, training exercises, emergency response plans and an emergency notification system.

DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

A meeting of the Deer Park Local Emergency Planning Committee is to be held at the Deer Park City Hall, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas on November 25, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the following business:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

COMPANY OVERVIEW

- Schwan's

PRESENTATION

- NWS HGX Weather Trends

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- On LEPC Mission/Function (3-minute time limit)

APPROVALS

- Consideration and approval of minutes from the October 28, 2025 meeting
- Consideration and approval of the monthly financial report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Executive Committee
- Communications
 - 2026 Company Overview Sign-Up
 - Review any Level 2 and Level 3 incidents
- Community Awareness
 - 2026 Volunteer Opportunities
 - 2026 Calendar Update
- Emergency Response/Transportation
 - Drill

OPEN FOR NEW BUSINESS

- Employee counts email will be sent out in December. Please be on the lookout and respond promptly so the contribution invoices can be emailed in January 2026.

NEXT MEETING

- No Meeting in December, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Meeting in 2026 Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May 26, Jun. 23, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24, 2026

ADJOURN


Angela Smith, RMC, CMC, Treasurer/Board Secretary



Council Chambers
710 E. San Augustine
Deer Park, TX 77536

**DEER PARK LEPC MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman James Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Jimmy Doleski, EHS Manager for **Schwan's (SFC Global Supply Chain, Inc.)**, provided a company overview of the Deer Park facility. Schwan's was founded in 1952 and is a major U.S. producer and distributor of frozen foods, including Asian-style products. The Deer Park facility, located at 612 Georgia Avenue, employs approximately 405 employees, operates two shifts Monday through Saturday, and produces egg rolls and wontons under the Pagoda® and Minh® brands.

Mr. Doleski reviewed facility operations, including the use of an industrial anhydrous ammonia refrigeration system regulated under OSHA Process Safety Management and the EPA Risk Management Program. He also highlighted the installation of a new wastewater treatment facility in 2024 and discussed a new spiral freezer project currently under construction and scheduled for commissioning in January 2026.

PRESENTATION

Jamie Galloway, the Emergency Operations and Communications Director for the City of Deer, provided an overview of the **National Weather Service (NWS) Houston/Galveston 2025–2026** Winter Weather Outlook. The presentation highlighted that La Niña conditions are expected to persist through February 2026 and are anticipated to remain weak throughout the winter season. These conditions generally favor warmer and drier than normal weather across Southeast Texas.

It was noted that despite the overall seasonal trend, periodic disruptions in weather patterns during La Niña years may allow Arctic air masses to move southward, resulting in short-term cold weather events and potential winter hazards, including freezing temperatures, ice, and snow. Historical impacts from prior La Niña winters were referenced to emphasize the continued need for preparedness.

Following the presentation, a related informational video was displayed for the committee. NWS presentation link <https://youtu.be/YTuHq4iDrLo>

The outlook concluded that while Southeast Texas may experience fewer winter weather events overall, residents and agencies should remain prepared for all winter weather hazards, and continue to monitor short-term forecasts and official warnings from the National Weather Service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEPC MISSION/FUNCTION (3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

No public comments at this time.

MINUTES

George Tullgren made a motion, and Christina Perez seconded to accept the minutes for October 28, 2025, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sara Costlow made a motion, and Christina Perez seconded to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: Board Secretary/Treasurer Ms. Smith reiterated announcements from the previous meeting. The Plant Manager's Breakfast will be held on April 14, 2026 at 7:30 am. She also stated that the 2025 Annual Employee Counts forms will be distributed in December. Members were asked to respond promptly so that the annual contribution invoices may be issued in late January or early February. These contributions fund the Deer Park LEPC, and the committee greatly appreciates the members' continued support.

Communications Committee Chairman, Jamie Galloway:

Company Overviews: Mr. Galloway stated the 2026 company overviews and presentations are open for sign-up and to please contact him at jgalloway@deerparktx.org or Monica Chavez at mchavez@deerparktx.org to schedule a date.

Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents: Mr. Galloway reported on the Plant Incident Reports for the October 27, 2025 through November 24, 2025 reporting period.

- Level 1 – Courtesy Notifications: 15
- Level 2 – Watch (Potential Off-Site Impact): 0
- Level 3 – Warning (Off-Site Impact): 1
- Drills, Exercises, or Fire Training: 14
- System Tests: 33
- Training Report Submittals: 3

Incident Reference:

- Incident No. 48201-2025-5438-2
- Oxy Vinyls – Deer Park PVC/Caustic Process
- SIP notification to neighboring plants

Steven Longnecker gave a brief explanation that a ruptured disk blew causing the Potential Off-site to change to from a Level 2 to a Level 3.

Community Awareness Chairman, Christina Perez: Ms. Perez thanked the volunteers who assisted with the Tree-lighting event and recognized the full members who have fulfilled their annual volunteer obligation. She also acknowledged the associate members that volunteered despite having no obligation to do so.

2026 Volunteer Opportunities: Ms. Perez stated that events for 2026 will be announced once all dates are finalized, at which time the volunteer sign-up sheet will begin circulating.

2026 Calendar: Ms. Perez reports that comments have been submitted regarding the calendar proofs.

Emergency Response/Transportation Chairman, Robert Campise:

Drill: In the absence of Mr. Campise, Mr. Galloway reported that the tabletop exercise has been completed. The after-action report is expected to be released next week. The scheduled date for the 2026 exercise is not yet set.

NEW BUSINESS

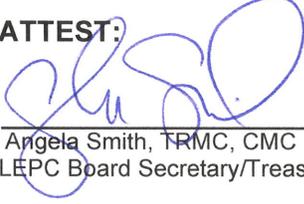
There was no new business to discuss at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 27, 2026**.

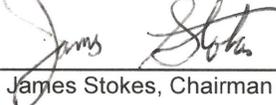
The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

ATTEST:



Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
LEPC Board Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



James Stokes, Chairman

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2025-2026

Winter Weather Outlook

Katie Landry-Guyton
Senior Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist
NWS Houston/Galveston

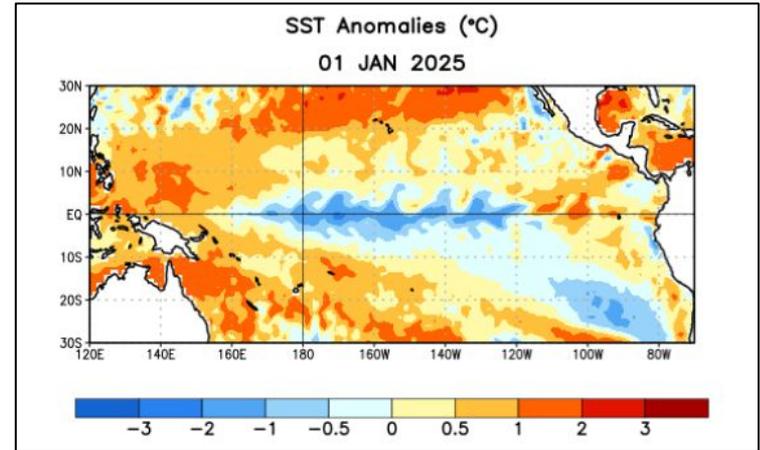




Winter 2024-2025 in Review

Seasonal Review

- Weak La Niña resulted in near normal rainfall and above average temperatures (except Jan.2025)
- CLI
 - **Mean Temp: 54.8F** (Normal: 53.3F) **Warmer**
 - Freezing Days: 14
 - **Precip Total: 8.29"** (Normal: 10.04") **Drier**
- IAH
 - **Mean Temp: 56.9F** (Normal: 55.6F) **Warmer**
 - Freezing Days: 11
 - **Precip Total: 11.98"** (Normal: 10.76") **Wetter**
- GLS
 - **Mean Temp: 58.4F** (Normal: 58.0F) **Warmer**
 - Freezing Days: 4
 - **Precip Total: 8.38"** (Normal: 10.67") **Drier**





January 2025 Winter Storm

2024-2025

- Winter Storm Watch/Warning issued for 20th-21st.
- Cold Weather Advisories issued leading up to event.
- Extreme Cold Watch/Warning issued for 21st-22nd.
- Snow Reports: Dusting to 6 inches, highest amounts south of I-10
- Highest report: 6.0" in La Porte





October 2025

2025-2026

- CLI

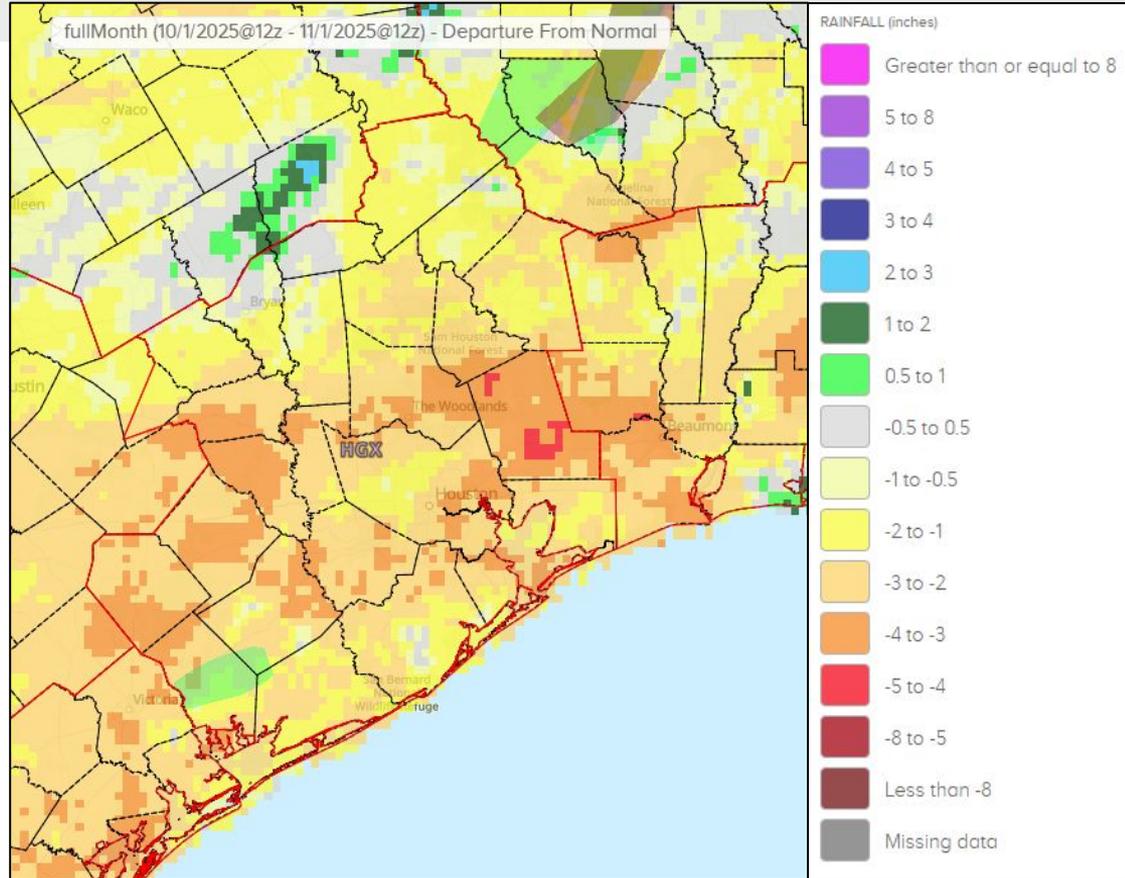
- Mean Temp: **75.6F**
 - Normal: 71.1F
- Precip Total: **3.12"**
 - Normal: 4.93"

- IAH

- Mean Temp: **76.0F**
 - Normal: 71.8F
- Precip Total: **3.36"**
 - Normal: 5.46"

- GLS

- Mean Temp: **77.8F**
 - Normal: 75.3F
- Precip Total: **2.55"**
 - Normal: 5.15"

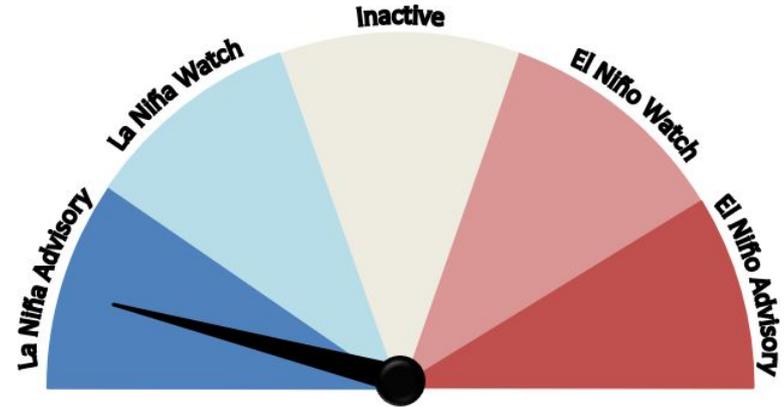
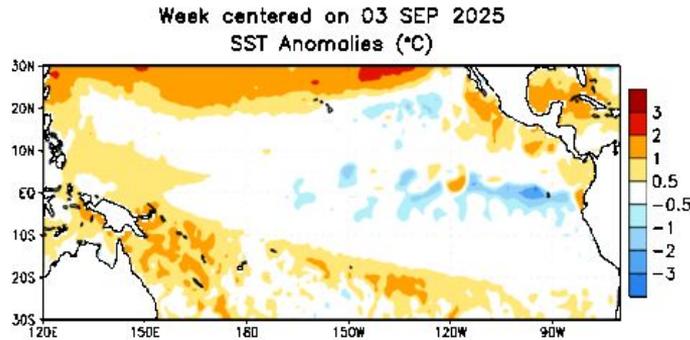




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- CPC has issued a La Niña Advisory.
- La Niña conditions expected to persist through February 2026.
- It is expected to remain weak through the winter season.



El Niño or La Niña Watch: Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions within the next six months.

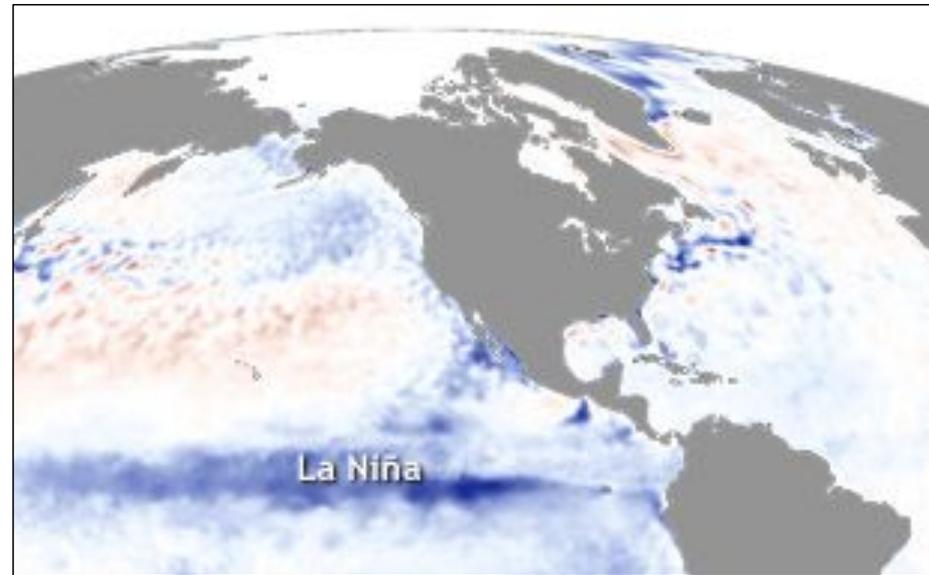
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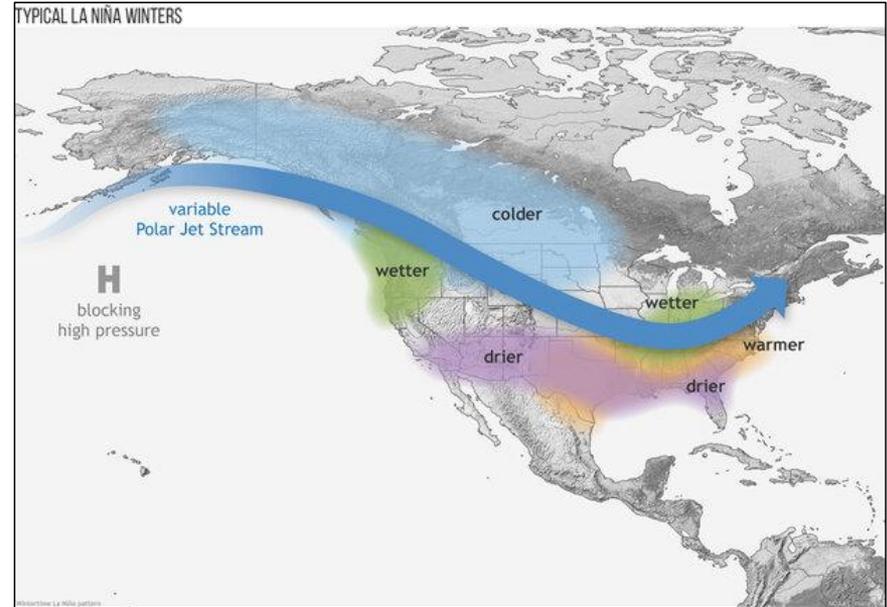


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- For seasonal weather outlooks, forecasters many times take a look at Pacific water temperatures and trends.
- Heading into this winter, water temperatures there are trending below normal. This is known as La Niña.



- In La Niña winters, the jet stream that steers storm systems is typically displaced further northward.
- Looking broadly over several months this usually translates to a drier, warmer winter for the Houston metro area.





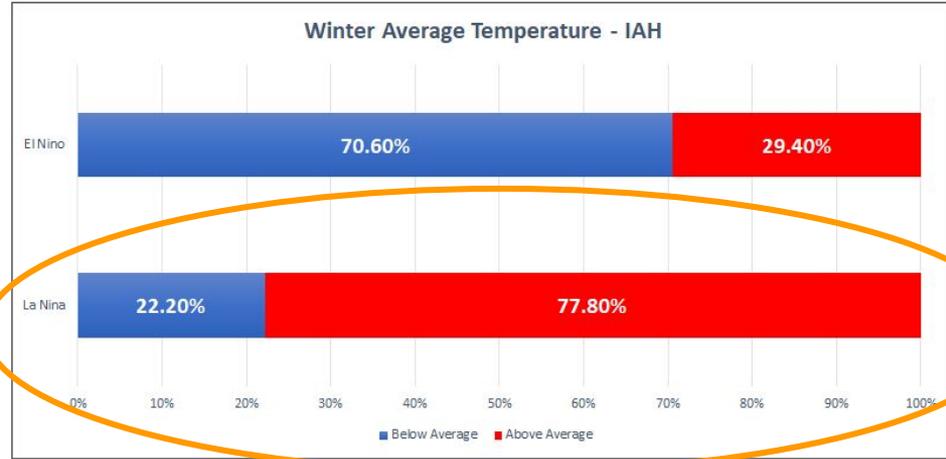
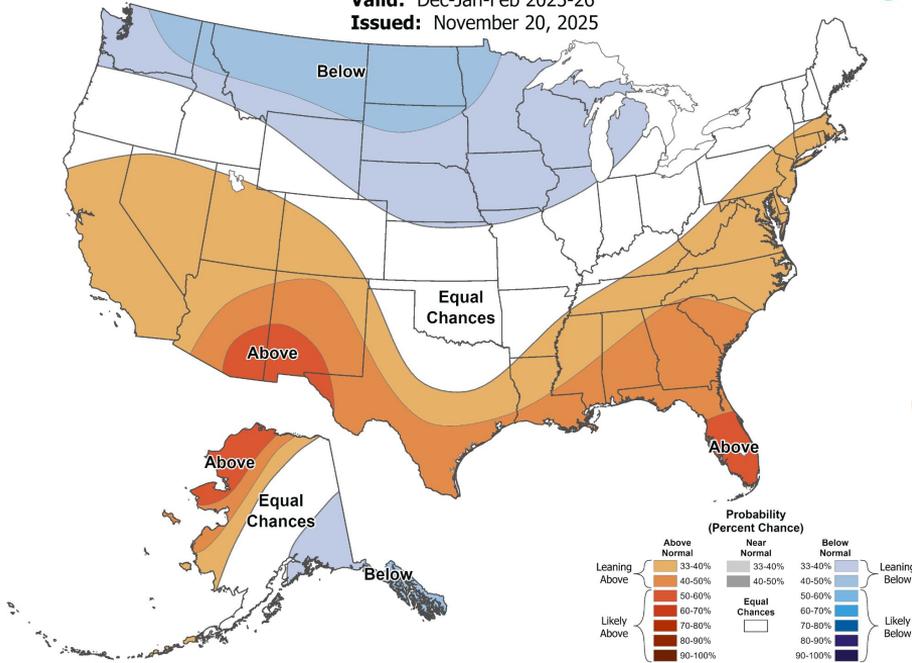
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Seasonal Temperature Outlook

Valid: Dec-Jan-Feb 2025-26
Issued: November 20, 2025





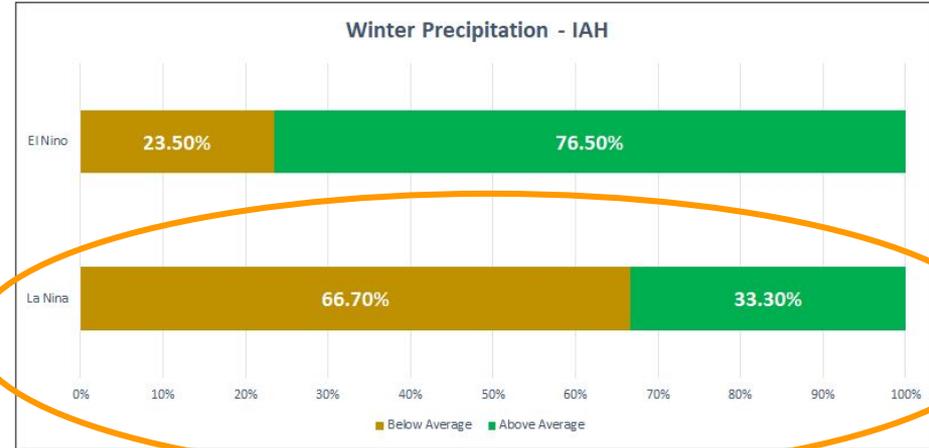
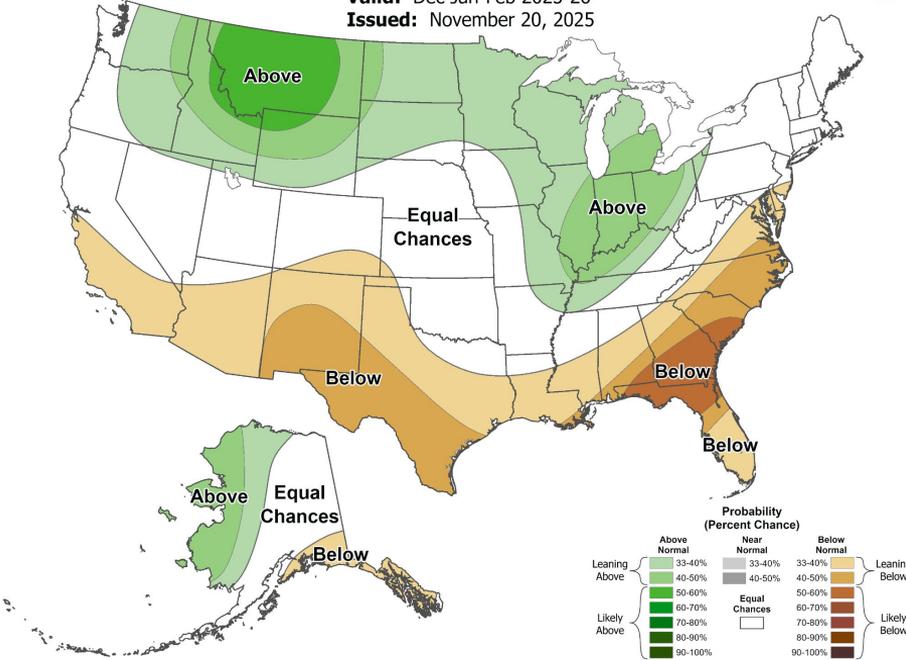
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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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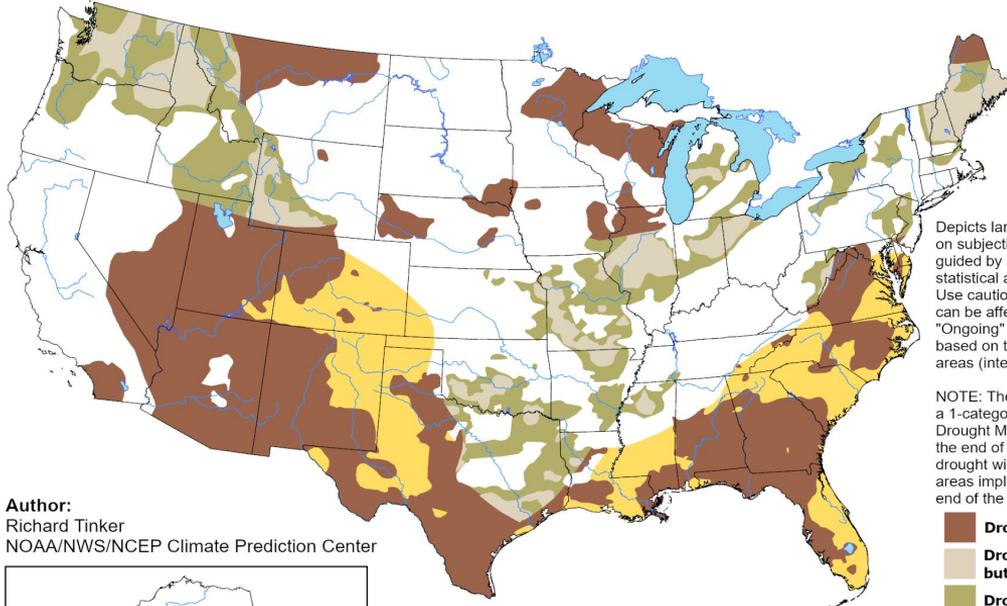
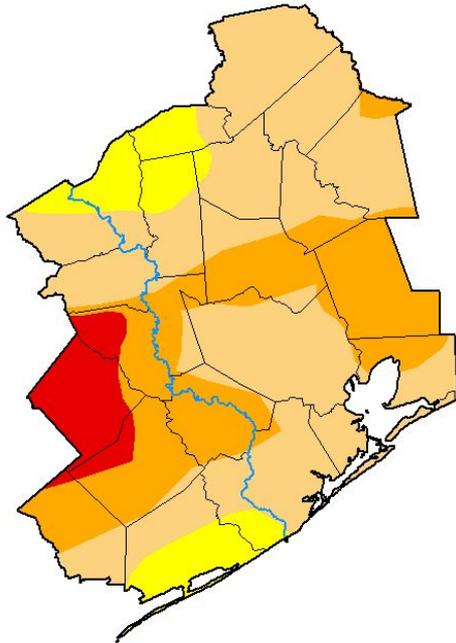




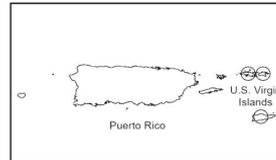
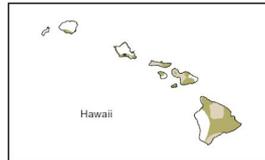
Winter Weather Outlook

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Valid for November 20, 2025 - February 28, 2026 Drought Tendency During the Valid Period Released November 20, 2025

U.S. Drought Monitor Houston/Galveston, TX WFO



Author:
Richard Tinker
NOAA/NWS/NCEP Climate Prediction Center



Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought



<https://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

National Weather Service
Houston/Galveston, TX

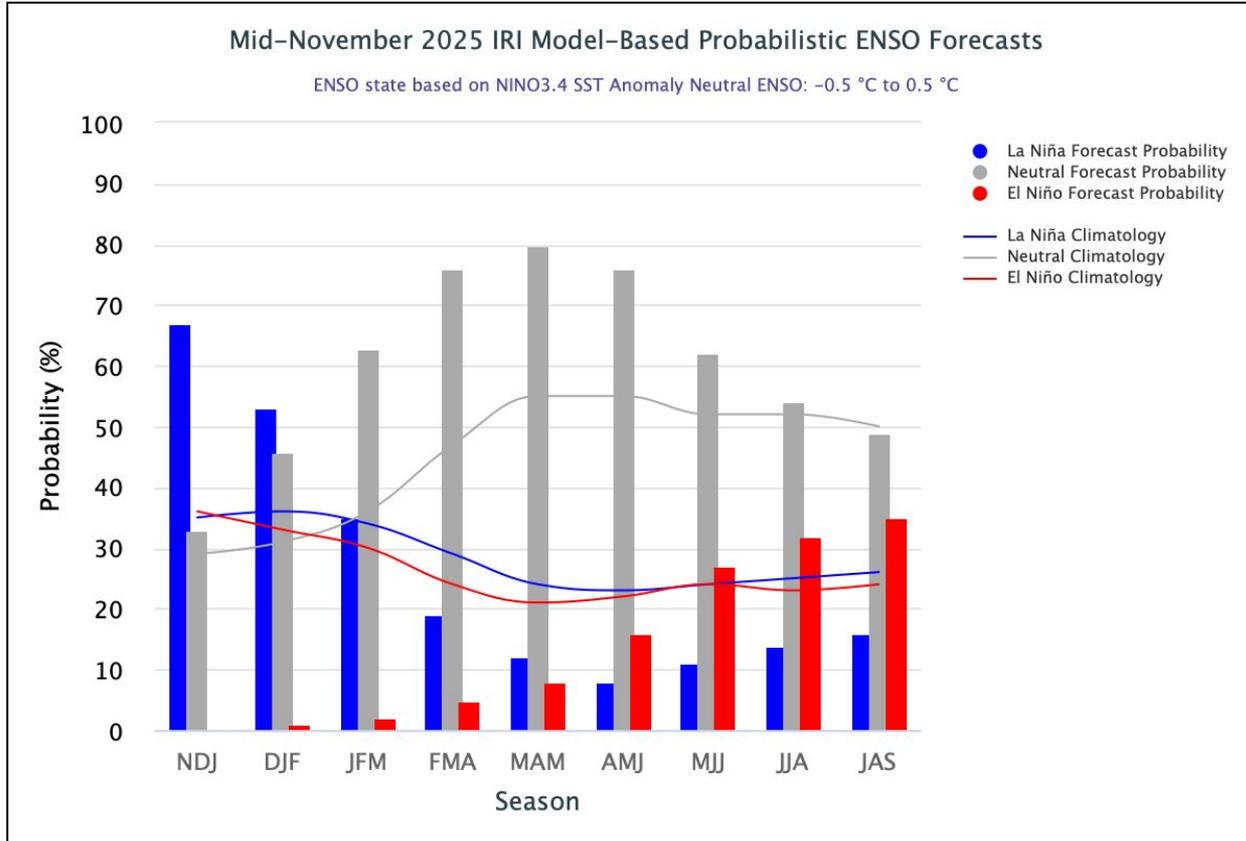
Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought



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However...

- During La Niña years, slight short term disruptions in the weather pattern allow for some intermittent surges of cold Arctic air to plunge southward into Texas.
- Graphic to the right shows some of the more impactful events that produced significant impacts in the metro area that occurred in La Niña years.

HOUSTON FREEZES & LA NIÑA: A COLD CONNECTION

Significant Winter Storms During La Niña Years

DECEMBER 1983	DECEMBER 1989	FEBRUARY 1996	FEBRUARY 2021: WINTER STORM URI
↓	↓	↓	↓
RECORD COLD: Single-digit temperatures. Widspesaad BURST PIPES. Power outages.	ARTIC BLAST Hard freeze for 5+ days. Major LOSSES Infrastructure damage	ICE STORM Accumulation across region Extensive POWER. OUTAGES. Travel standsill.	CATACTROPIC FAILURE: ~90% Harris County lost POWER. 2/3 lost WATER. Hundreds of thousands in PROPERTY DAMAGE At least 31 FATALITIES in BOIL WATER NOTICES. Worst insurance claim event in TX history

LA NIÑA YEARS: 1983, 1899, 1996, 2021

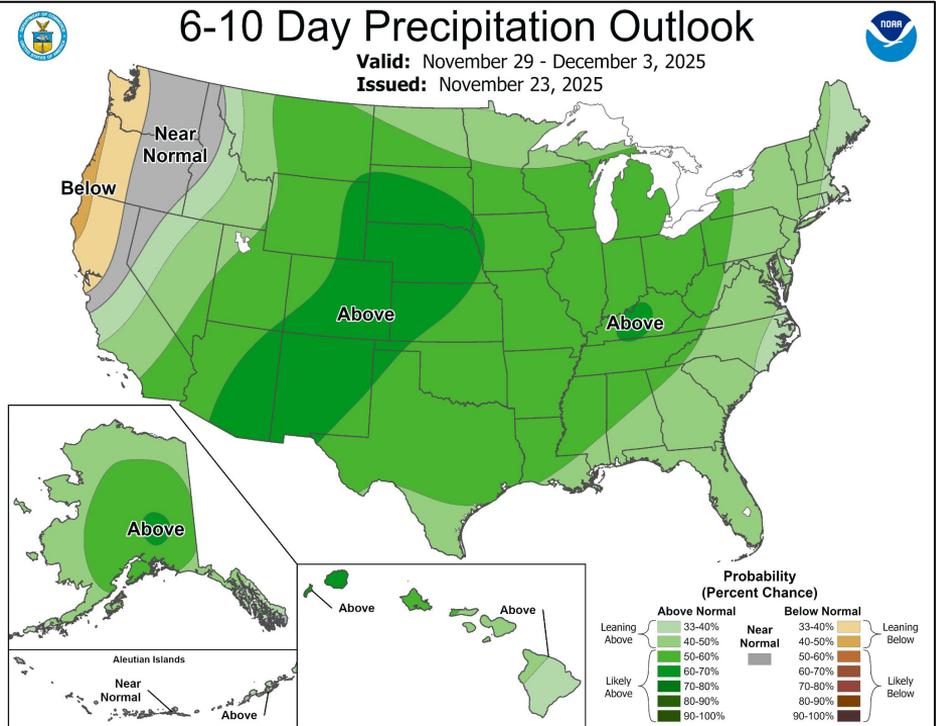
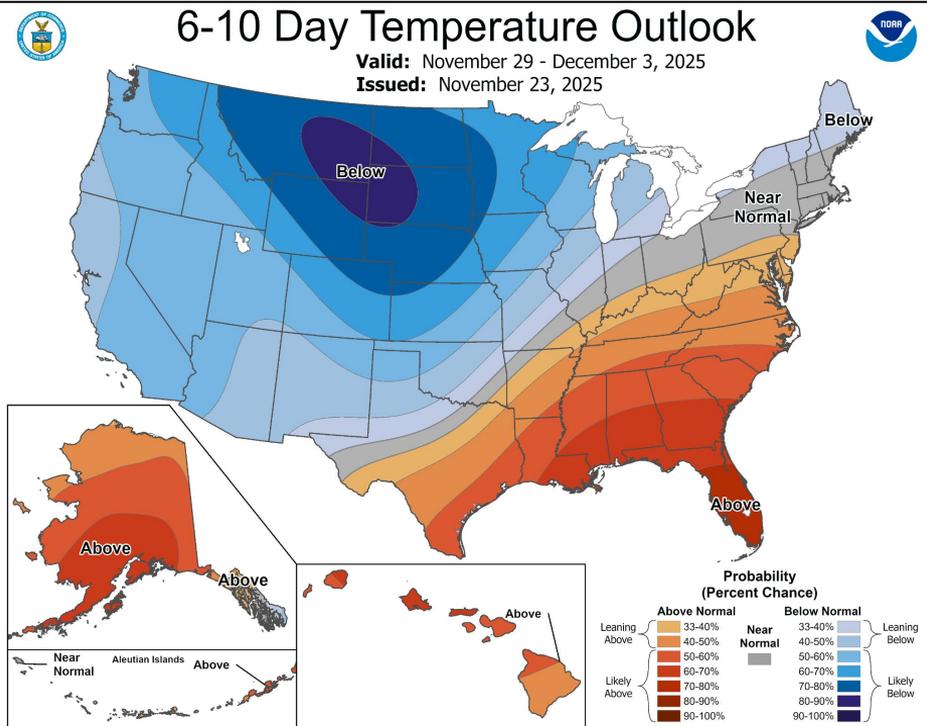
Source: NOAA, Harris County OEM, News Archives





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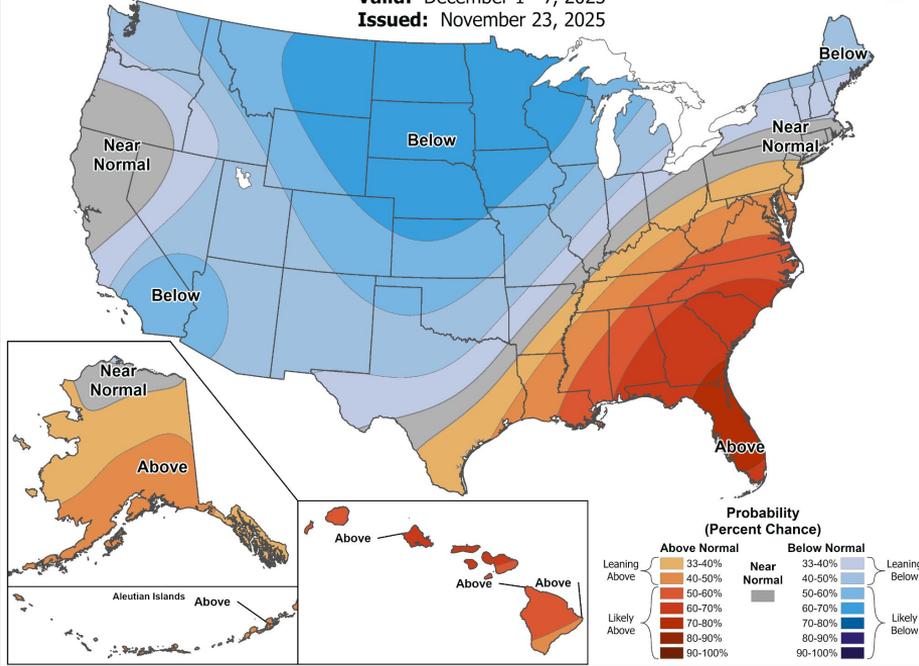


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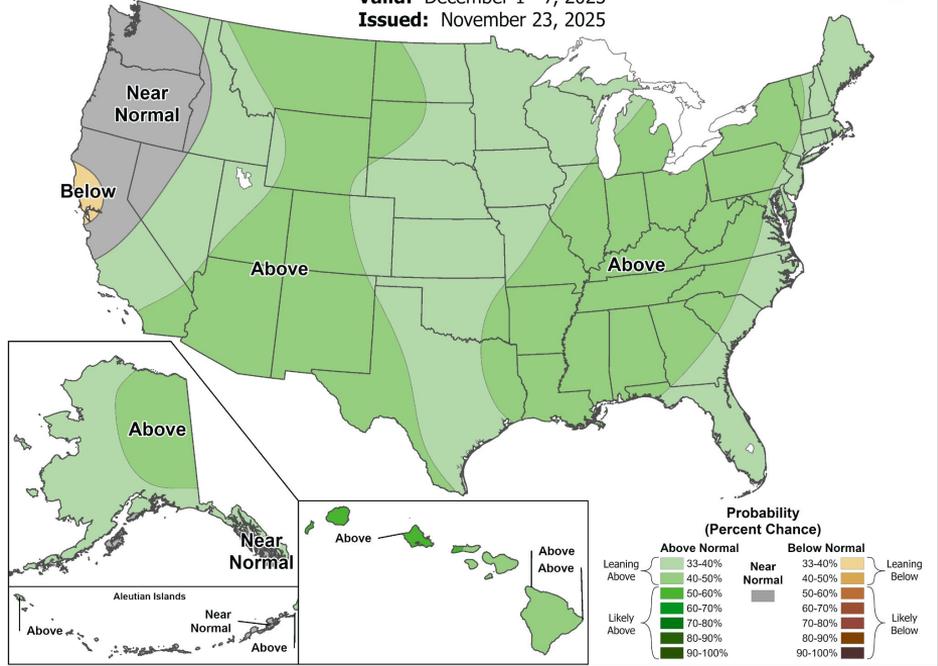
8-14 Day Temperature Outlook

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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

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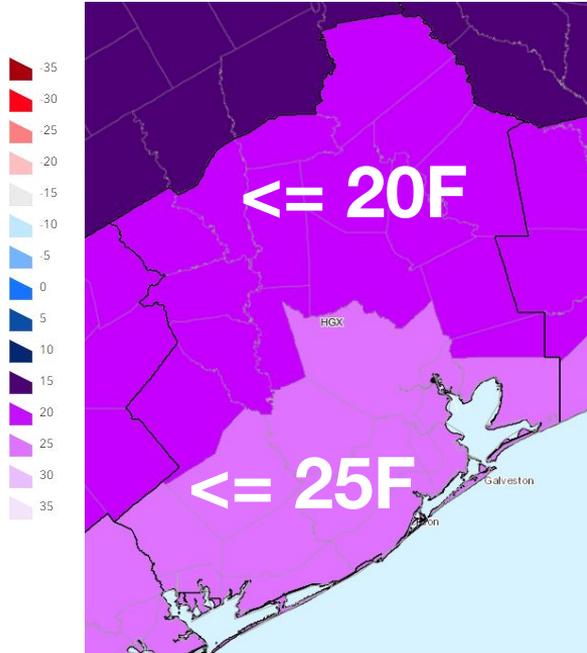
National Weather Service
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Cold Weather Criteria

National Guidance

Cold Weather Advisory

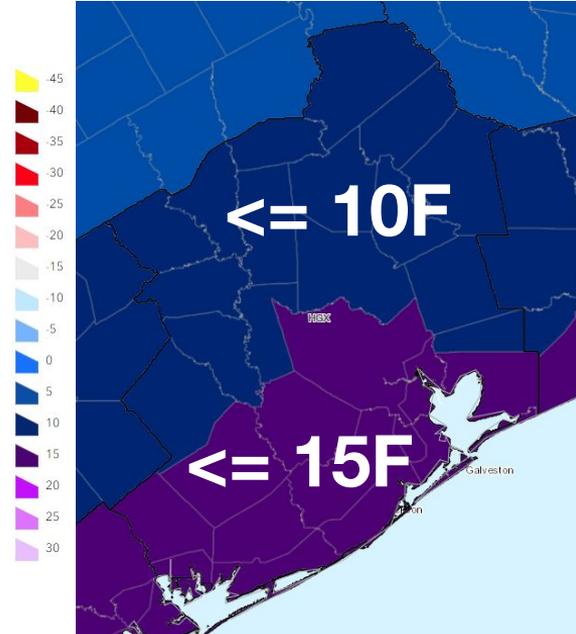



Air temperature OR
Wind chill values
 $\leq 20F$


Air temperature
OR Wind chill
values $\leq 25F$

BEFORE: Wind chill index $\leq 13F$ OR
Temperatures $13F$ regardless of wind

Extreme Cold Warning




Air temperature OR
Wind chill values
 $\leq 10F$


Air temperature
OR Wind chill
values $\leq 15F$

BEFORE: Wind chill index $\leq 0F$ OR
Temperatures $0F$ regardless of wind

Product based on *either* Air
Temperature **OR** Wind Chill Value



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Winter Storm Warning Criteria

2025-2026

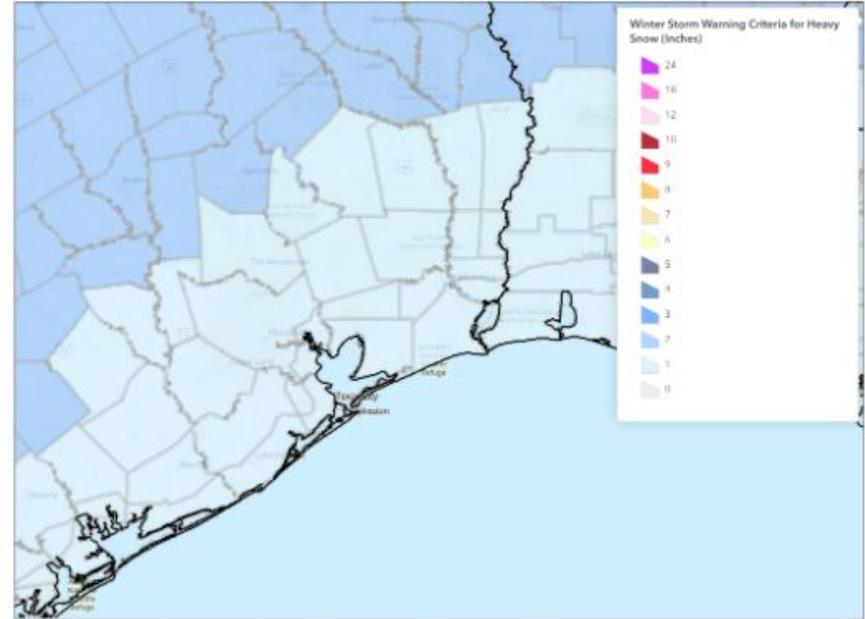
Winter Storm Warning

- Heavy Snow (see map)
 - NW Counties: at least 2 inches of expected
 - Elsewhere: 1 inch or more of snow expected
- Ice
 - $\frac{1}{8}$ inch or greater ice accretion due to freezing rain. This is valid for all of Southeast TX.
- Sleet
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or greater sleet. Valid for all of Southeast TX.

Ice Storm Warning

- $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or greater ice accretion

Winter Storm Warning Criteria for Heavy Snow (in)



weather.gov/snow-criteria





Winter Weather Outlook

2025-2026

Summary

- La Niña conditions will bring overall warmer and drier than normal conditions to southeast Texas this winter.
- This does not mean we can't have periods of cold, winter weather. Always be prepared for the possibility of all winter hazards.
- La Niña will transition to ENSO Neutral by Spring 2026 and possibly El Niño by Summer 2026.





OUR BRANDS

QUALITY FOODS THAT FAMILIES TRUST



PROUD BRANDS OF SCHWAN'S

SFC Global Supply Chain, Inc. – Deer Park

11/25/2025

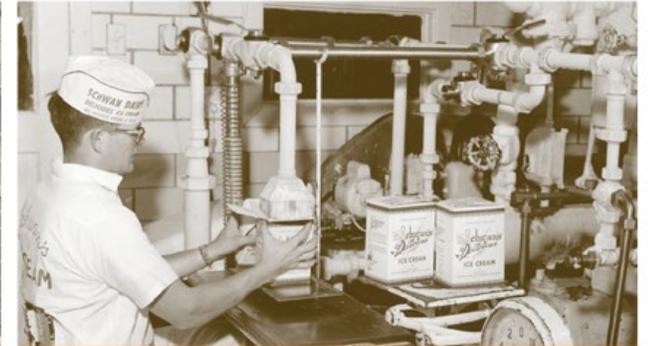


- ❑ Founded in 1952 in Marshall, Minnesota, as a home-delivery dairy operation.
- ❑ Expanded through the 1960's – 1990's into frozen foods, distribution, and national logistics
- ❑ Today Schwan's is a major U.S. producer and distributor of frozen meals, pizzas, Asian style food, and desserts.
- ❑ Supports retail grocery, food service, and large-scale distribution networks across the U.S.
- ❑ Acquired by CJ Foods (South Korea) in 2019, with continued operations under the Schwan's brand.

OUR HERITAGE



ONE MAN — ONE TRUCK



14 GALLONS OF ICE CREAM

MARCH 18, 1952

MARVIN SCHWAN LAUNCHES NEW FOOD BUSINESS



Deer Park Facility

- ❑ 612 Georgia Avenue
- ❑ 120,246 square feet; 20.89 acres
- ❑ This facility was built in 1990 and was acquired by Schwan's Company in 1995.
- ❑ Originally operated as *Minh Foods*
- ❑ 405 employees
- ❑ The facility has two shifts and operates Monday - Saturday





Products

- ❑ Produces Asian-style foods such as egg rolls, wontons and potstickers sold under the *Pagoda®* and *Minh®* Asian-style food brands.
- ❑ Channels: Retail stores and food-service venues such as chain restaurants and convenience stores
- ❑ Two spiral freezers provide rapid, consistent freezing before packaging
- ❑ USDA maintains an inspector on-site





Products



- ❑ Produce about 50,000 eggrolls per hour
- ❑ We operate two production lines one for eggrolls and one for wontons
- ❑ All product is produced, packaged, and shipped on the same day.





Facility Features

- ❑ We operate an industrial anhydrous ammonia refrigeration system – Approximately 40,000 lbs.
- ❑ Supports all production and cold storage operations
- ❑ Continuous ammonia detection in engine room, production areas, and freezers with audible/visual alarms
- ❑ The system is monitored 24/7 and can be controlled locally or remotely
- ❑ The system is regulated under OSHA Process Safety Management (PSM) and is also covered by the EPA Risk Management Program (RMP)





Wastewater Treatment Facility

- ❑ New 5-million-dollar wastewater treatment facility installed in 2024.
- ❑ The system treats around 80,000 gallon per day
- ❑ The system removes solids, fats/oils/grease, and reduces the organic load before discharging to the City of Deer Park.
- ❑ Continuously monitored water treatment with consistent testing to ensure water quality and compliance.
- ❑ Daily reports submitted to the city.





New Spiral Freezer Project



- ❑ Construction on a new 32-million-dollar spiral freezer began in April 2025.
- ❑ Scheduled to be commissioned in January 2026.
- ❑ Will replace an aging unit while supporting continued production of egg rolls.
- ❑ Integrated with the existing ammonia refrigeration system and monitored under all safety and alarm protocols





Thank You



PEOPLE



PRODUCTS



COMMUNITIES

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**DEER PARK INDUSTRY ATTENDANCE
2025**

FULL MEMBER	J	F	M	A	M	J	A	S	O	N	FULL MEMBER	#
Clean Harbors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clean Harbors	0
Delta Companies Group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Delta Companies Group	0
Dow Deer Park Operations	√	-	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	-	Dow Deer Park Operations	10
Evonik	-	√	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	Evonik	4
GEO Specialty Chemicals	-	√	√	√	√	√	√	-	√	-	GEO Specialty Chemicals	9
Intercontinental Terminals	√	-	-	√	-	√	√	√	√	-	Intercontinental Terminals	6
Kinder Morgan	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Kinder Morgan	14
Linde, Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Linde, Inc.	0
Lubrizol	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	-	Lubrizol	9
Novvi	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Novvi	10
Oxy Vinyls/OxyChem	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Oxy Vinyls/OxyChem	20
PEMEX DP Refinery	√	√	√	√	-	√	√	√	√	√	PEMEX DP Refinery	13
Schwan's	√	√	-	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Schwan's	22
Shell DP Chemicals	√	√	√	√	-	√	√	√	√	-	Shell DP Chemicals	12
TM Deer Park Services LP	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	TM Deer Park Services LP	24
Valvoline	√	-	√	-	-	√	√	√	-	√	Valvoline	6
Vopak Exolum Houston	√	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vopak Exolum Houston	3
Vopak Terminals	√	√	√	-	√	√	-	√	√	-	Vopak Terminals	8
Westlake Epoxy	√	√	-	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Westlake Epoxy	11
√ Present - Absent											Total	181
ASSOCIATE MEMBER	J	F	M	A	M	J	A	S	O	N	ASSOCIATE MEMBER	#
CTEH	√	-	√	-	√	-	-	√	√	√	CTEH	7
Exxonmobil	√	√	√	-	√	-	√	√	√	√	Exxonmobil	10
Genesis Pipeline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Genesis Pipeline	0
Houston Ammonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Houston Ammonia	0
Industrial Rescue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Industrial Rescue	0
M&M Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M&M Protection	0
Nouryon	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	-	Nouryon	15
Resolute	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	√	√	-	Resolute	5
Shell Pipeline	-	-	-	-	-	√	-	-	√	-	Shell Pipeline	4
√ Present - Absent											Total	41