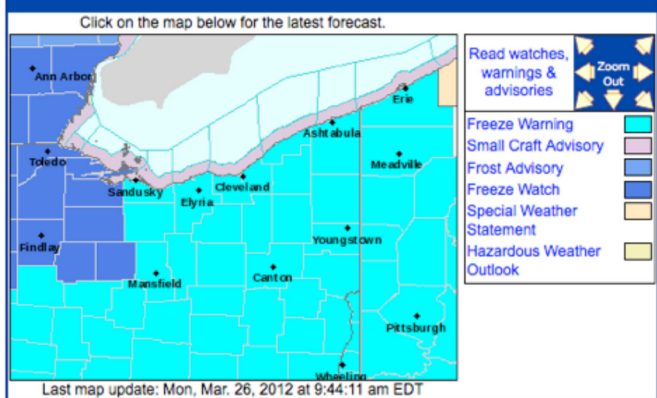
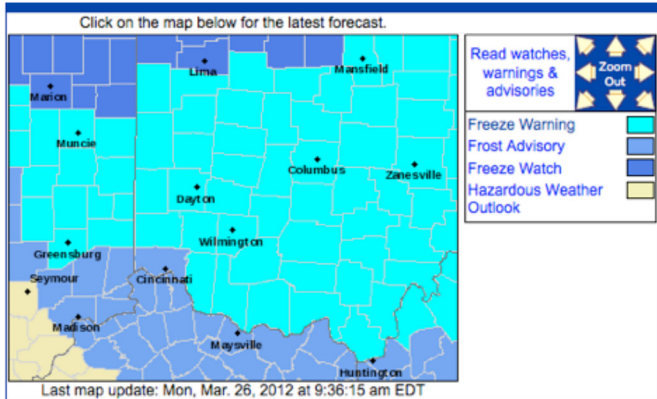


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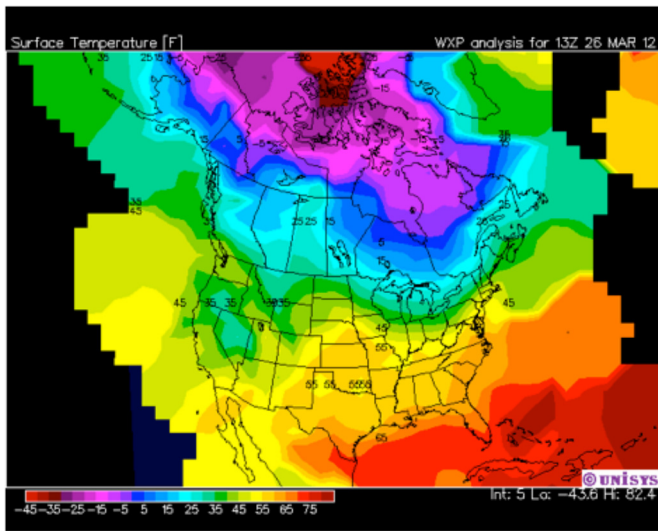
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Freeze Warning Tonight

...FREEZE WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT TO 10 AM EDT TUESDAY... * LOCATIONS...PARTS OF EAST CENTRAL INDIANA AND MUCH OF OHIO. * TEMPERATURES...TEMPERATURES ARE FORECAST TO DROP INTO THE MID 20S TO THE LOWER 30S. * TIMING...THE COLDEST TEMPERATURES WILL OCCUR LATE TONIGHT INTO TUESDAY MORNING. * IMPACTS...THE GROWING SEASON ACROSS THE OHIO VALLEY IS ADVANCED WITH THE RECENT PROLONGED PERIOD OF WARM WEATHER. SENSITIVE OUTDOOR PLANTS MAY BE DAMAGED OR KILLED IF LEFT UNCOVERED. PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... REMEMBER...A FREEZE WARNING MEANS TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW 32 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT...ARE IMMINENT OR HIGHLY LIKELY IN AND CLOSE TO THE WARNED AREA.



There is still a lot of very cold air bottled up in northern Canada (see below)



Your Spring Outlook (from Accuweather.com)



An active severe weather season is anticipated in the U.S. during spring of 2012 with the most widespread warmth since 2004.

"As far as the forecast for the spring of 2012, we do feel like it's going to be a mild spring for most of the nation from the eastern Rockies into the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes area," Paul Pastelok, expert long-range meteorologist and leader of the AccuWeather.com Long-Range Forecasting Team, said. "At least two-thirds of the

nation could wind up with above-normal temperatures."

The Northeast will be mild to start, while the central Plains and western Texas will be a particularly warm zone this spring.

An above normal of tornadoes is forecast for this season with water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico running above normal for this time of year. The active severe weather season follows a deadly year with a near-record number of tornadoes in 2011

Typically, 1,300 tornadoes strike the U.S. a year. There were nearly 1,700 tornadoes in 2011, falling short of the record 1,817 tornadoes set in 2004

More frequent bouts of rain and severe weather will migrate northward to the mid-Mississippi and Ohio valleys, which were not hit as hard as the Deep South in 2011, mainly during April and May.

Above-normal rainfall is in store for the Tennessee and Ohio valleys as cooler, unsettled weather settles in the region during May.

Warmth Early for the Great Lakes, Then Roller-Coaster Temperatures

"The spring [temperatures] will start out well above normal through the Great Lakes but may head into a back-and-forth pattern for April and early May, more of a typical spring," Pastelok said. "Snow chances will be limited through March with a small chance for a couple of events in April."

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Wisconsin and northern and central parts of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan will receive above-normal precipitation this spring.

Overall, despite some cool periods and chances of snow, most of the Great Lakes will end up with above-normal temperatures this spring. Chicago and Milwaukee will have above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation.

Unsettled Periods For Some in the Northeast; Mild

Spring fever alerts are issued for the Northeast with a mild start to the season expected for the balance of the region.

Despite mild weather, there will still be some rain events in March, especially for the Appalachians.

Temperatures will flip-flop more during April and early May with some quick cool shots arriving before significant warming occurs late in May into June. With quick-moving storms, precipitation will turn out near normal.

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