

# **December 31st – January 3rd Heavy Rainfall/Flooding and Snowfall**

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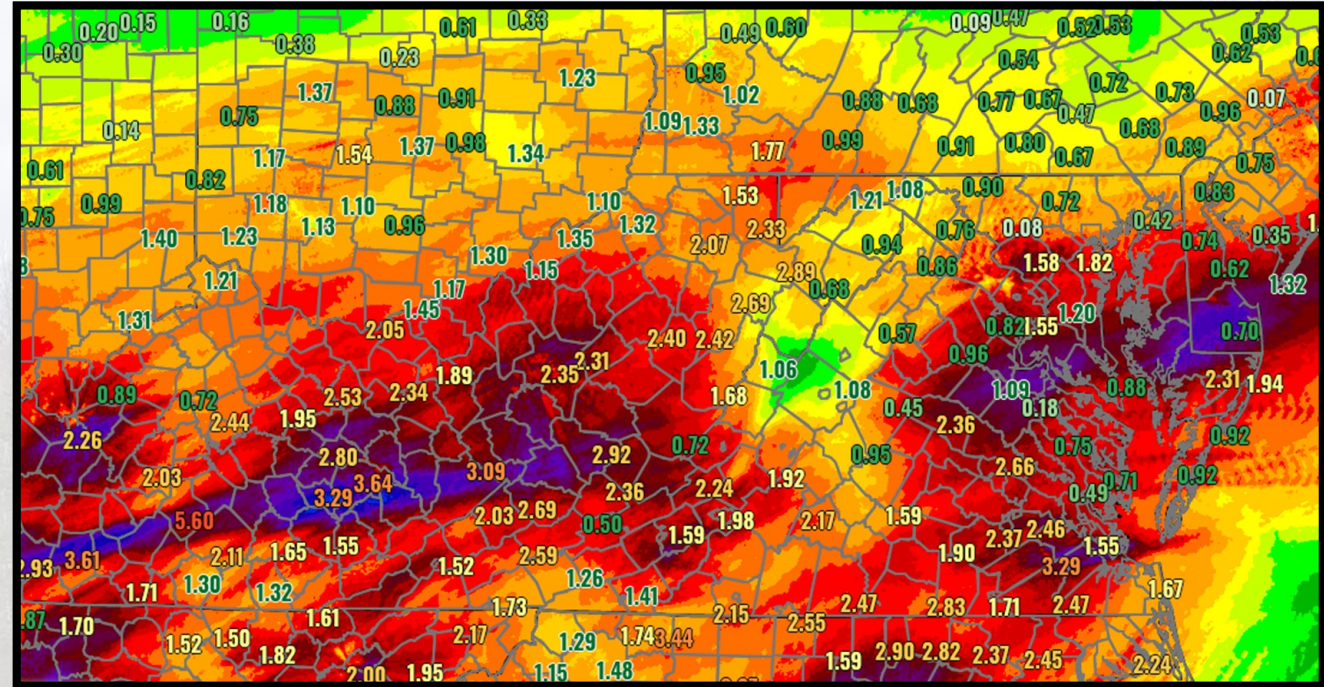
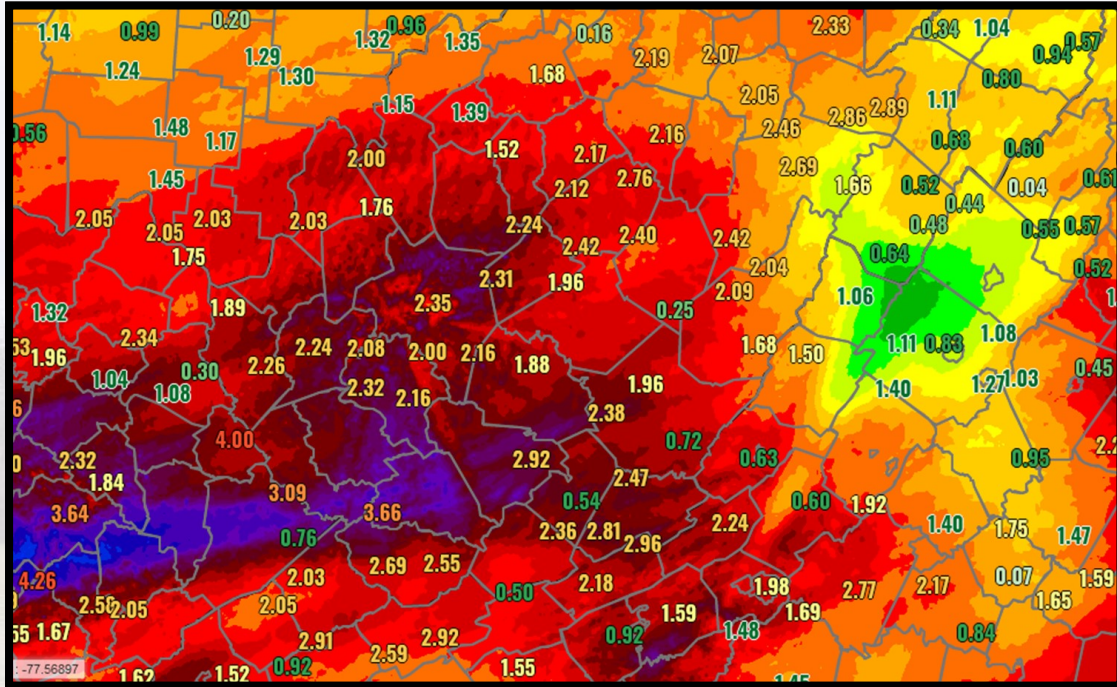


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# December 31st – January 2nd Heavy Rainfall/Flooding Overview

Waves of rain, moderate to heavy at times, affected the region over an extended period as a frontal boundary lingered across the area with waves of low pressure moving along it. Scattered showers initially moved in during the afternoon and evening hours of December 31st. Rainfall would then quickly increase in coverage and intensity during the early morning hours of January 1st, with widespread rain affecting the region by dawn. Precipitation would gradually lift northward throughout the day into northern portions of the Charleston NWS forecast area, before shifting back southeast across the region, with gusty winds at times, during the evening and into the early morning hours of January 2nd as a cold front swept through. Most rainfall would push east of the region by 5 AM January 2nd. Widespread rainfall totals of 1-3" were reported, with some isolated locations across Virginia and West Virginia having totals of 3-4". Rainfall of this magnitude led to numerous flood warnings being issued across the county warning area, with several creeks and rivers exceeding flood stage, along with numerous reports of water across roadways.

# Storm Total Rainfall – December 31 through January 2, 2022



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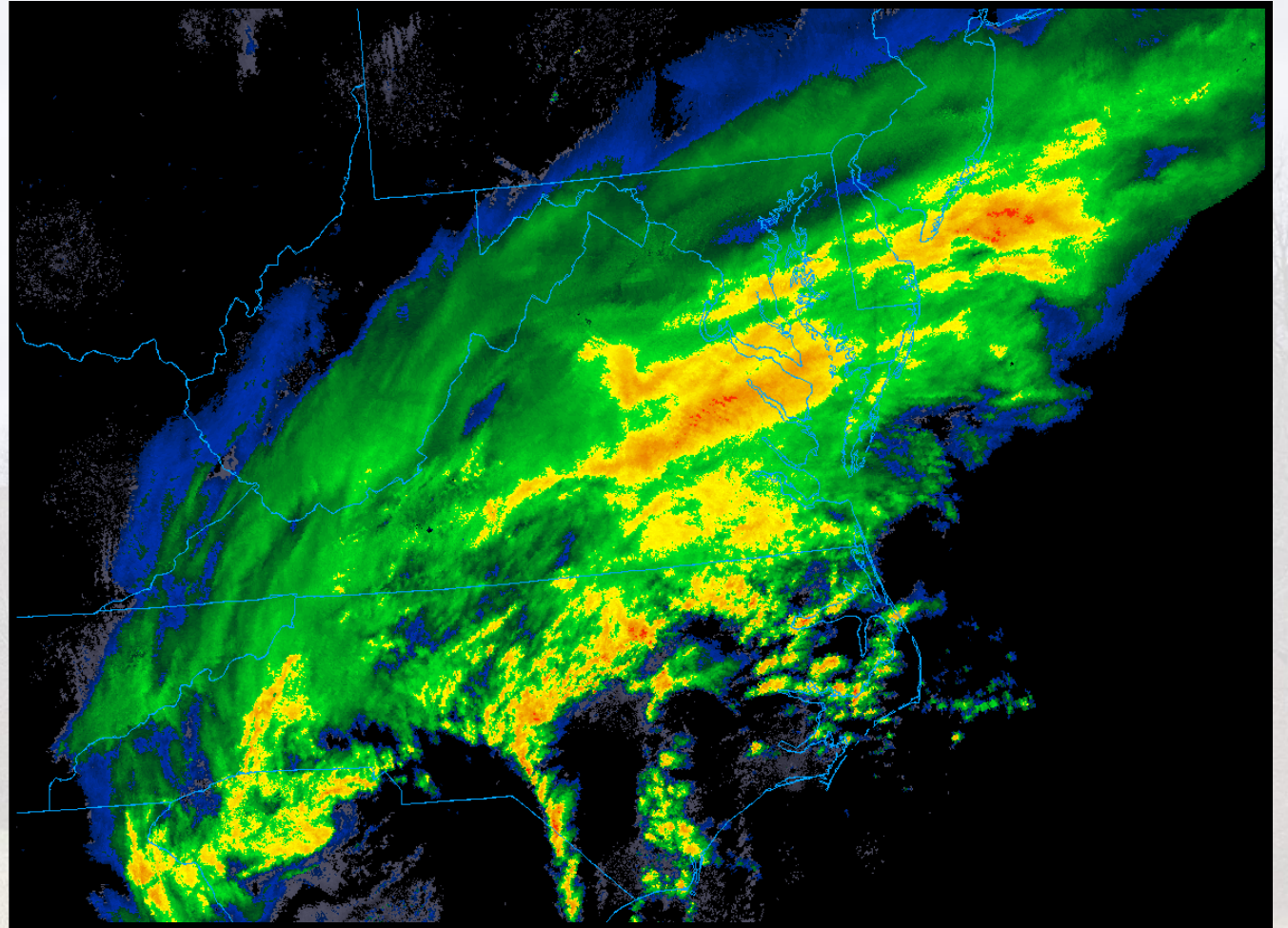
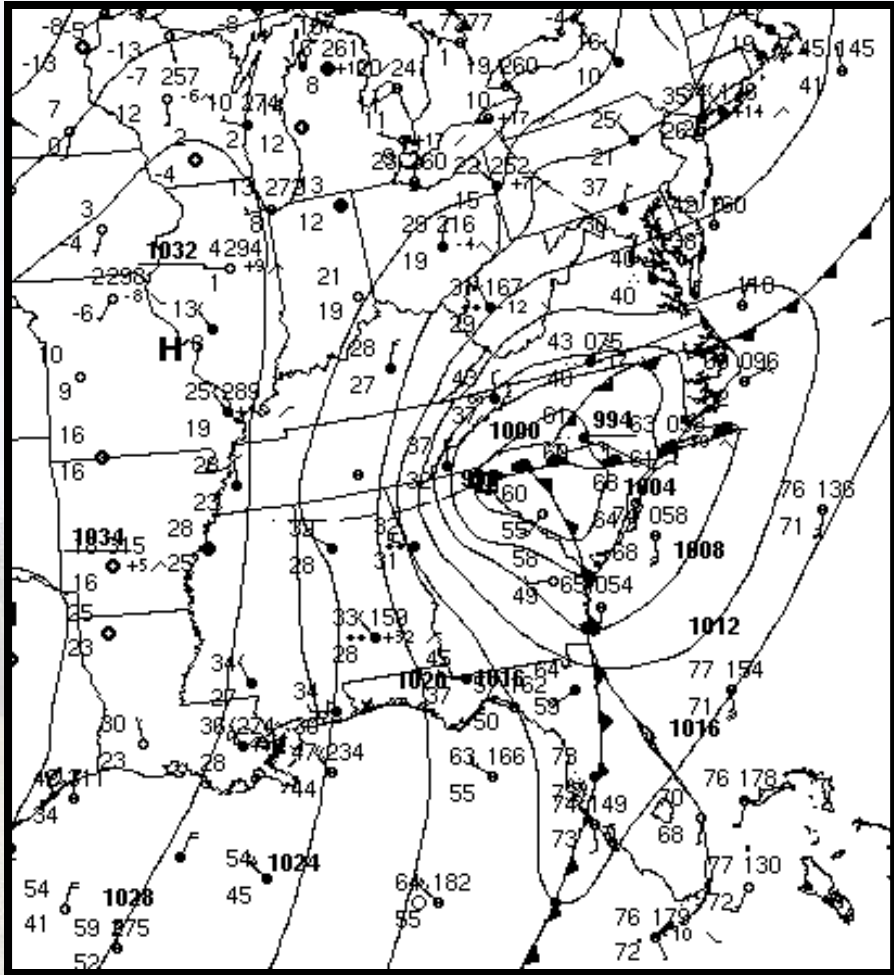


# January 3rd Snowfall Overview

A wave of low pressure would quickly deepen during the morning of January 3rd as it moved northeastward into North Carolina, bringing precipitation back into the region throughout the early morning hours of January 3rd. An initial rain/snow mix over portions of the southern/central Charleston NWS forecast area would transition to snow, resulting in accumulations of up to 4.5" for portions of the region by late morning. Storm total snowfall amounts can be seen right.

...FINAL STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL REPORTS FOR THE JANUARY 2-3, 2022 SNOWSTORM...

Location	Amount	Time/Date	Elevation (ft.)
...Virginia...			
...Buchanan County...			
3 W Vansant	3.3 in	0800 AM 01/03	
Grundy	0.6 in	0700 AM 01/03	1178
...Dickenson County...			
2688	4 ESE Clintwood	2.0 in	0830 AM 01/03
...West Virginia...			
...Boone County...			
0600 AM 01/03	708	0706 AM 01/03	
0610 AM 01/03	954		
...Kanawha County...			
	Alum Creek 3.0 E		0.1 in
	Charleston 2.6 W		0.1 in
...Logan County...			
	3 S Switzer		0.3 in
...McDowell County...			
	2 NW Anawalt		2.6 in
...Nicholas County...			
	1.8 in	0700 AM 01/03	1938
	0.8 in	0700 AM 01/03	2204
	0.5 in	0700 AM 01/03	2204
...Randolph County...			
	0 S Harman		2.0 in
	Harman		1.0 in
			0.0 in
...Raleigh County...			
	3 SSW Shady Spring		3.0 in
	Beckley Airport		2.8 in
	6 S Shady Spring		2.6 in
			0.5 in
			0.4 in



On the left is a surface analysis chart for January 3rd at 4 AM, while on the right is a composite radar mosaic from approximately 6 AM that same morning. Both images illustrate the snow event at peak impact to the local area.



**Thank You!**