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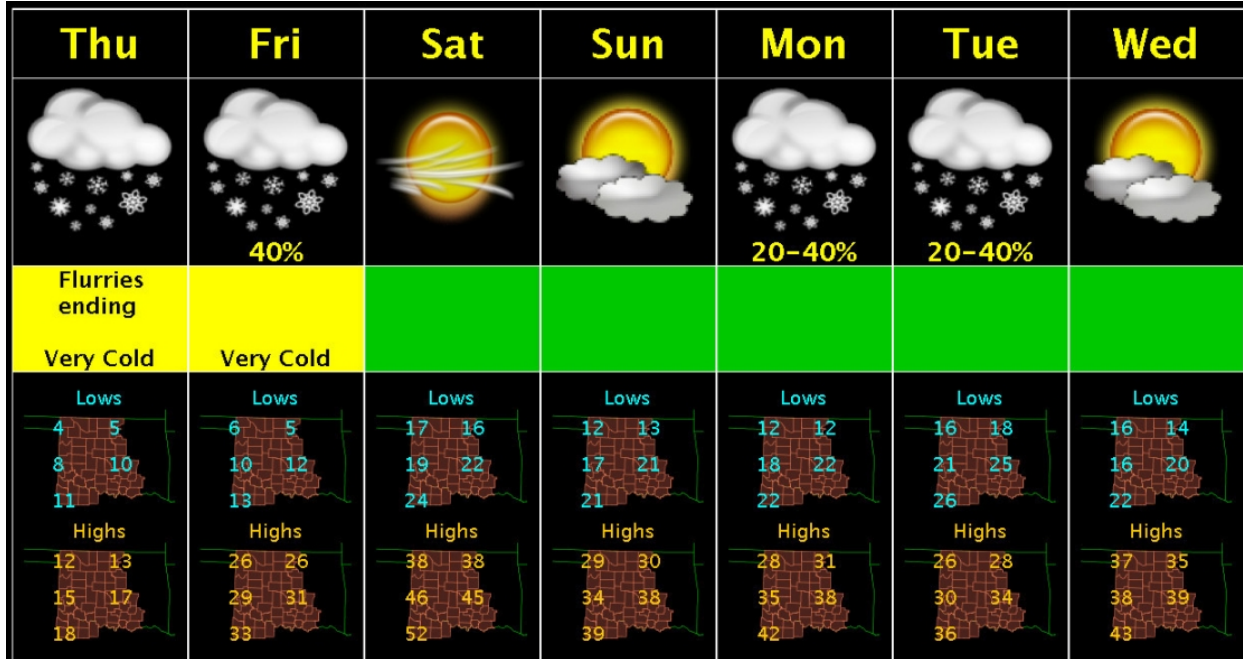
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## PDIDL Alert Regarding Samples and Winter Desiccation Injury

Jen Olson, Plant Disease Diagnostician

At this time, no plant samples should be mailed to the Plant Disease and Insect Diagnostic Lab unless they are conifers or woody materials such as branches. Due to extreme cold temperatures, we have received frozen samples which arrive in poor condition and are unsuitable for diagnosis. The 10 day outlook shows below freezing low temperatures and no soft plant samples should be mailed until our low temperatures are above freezing.



If you have plant samples that require disease diagnosis, take several clear digital images and send them to [entoman@okstate.edu](mailto:entoman@okstate.edu). Our staff will attempt to diagnose the problem based on



Boxwood

the images. If a physical sample is needed in the lab, it is likely that the sample will need to be hand delivered to Stillwater. Please contact the lab in advance to determine if the problem requires immediate diagnosis or if it can wait until warmer temperatures return.



Pine

On a related note, winter desiccation injury is severe this season due to drought, cold temperatures and winter winds. For more information about this problem, please review <http://entopl.okstate.edu/ddd/diseases/desiccationinjury.htm>.



Rhododendron

Images can be sent for confirmation, but it is likely that you will receive a few samples with this type of injury this year.

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