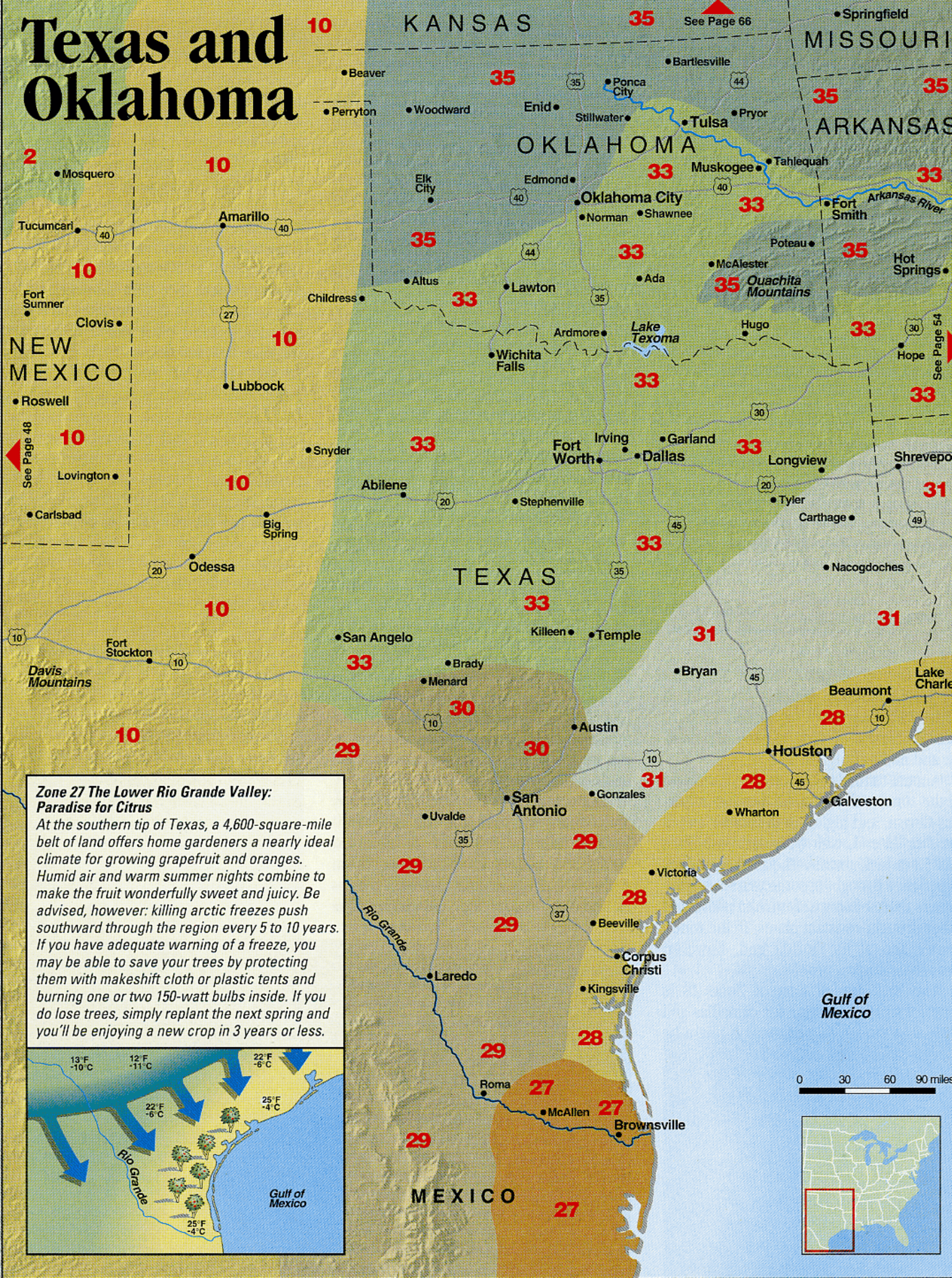
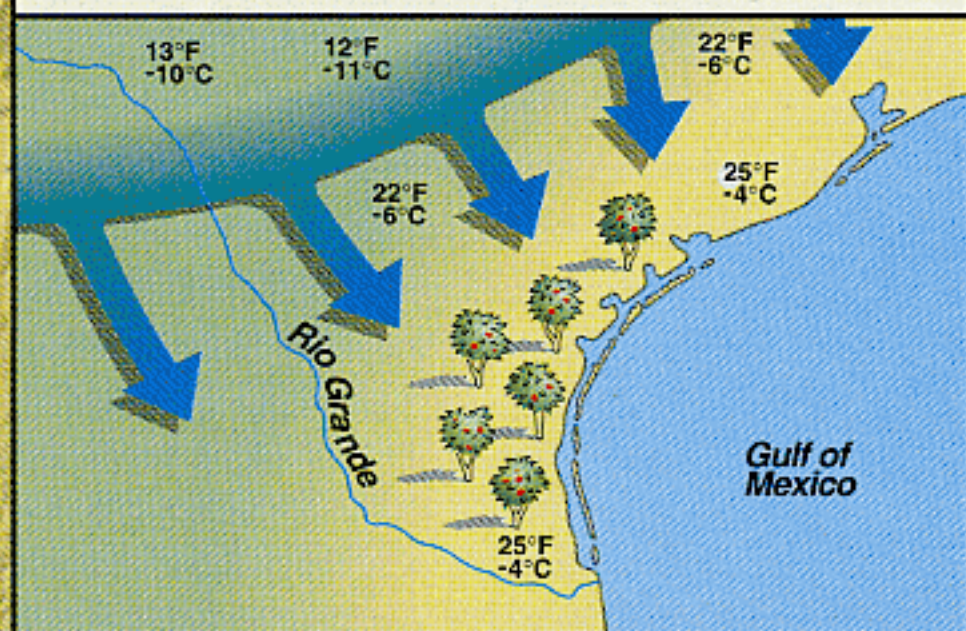


Texas and Oklahoma



Zone 27 The Lower Rio Grande Valley: Paradise for Citrus

At the southern tip of Texas, a 4,600-square-mile belt of land offers home gardeners a nearly ideal climate for growing grapefruit and oranges. Humid air and warm summer nights combine to make the fruit wonderfully sweet and juicy. Be advised, however: killing arctic freezes push southward through the region every 5 to 10 years. If you have adequate warning of a freeze, you may be able to save your trees by protecting them with makeshift cloth or plastic tents and burning one or two 150-watt bulbs inside. If you do lose trees, simply replant the next spring and you'll be enjoying a new crop in 3 years or less.



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