

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - March 2014

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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS, (OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/01/14 00:00 CST	0		Drought
	03/31/14 23:59 CST	0		

The month of March was another dry month for the Oklahoma Panhandle, with most areas receiving less than one quarter inch of precipitation during the month. Short-term precipitation deficits worsened drought conditions across the Panhandle. Extreme (D3) Drought conditions expanded to cover all of the Panhandle by the end of March. Guymon recorded 0.21 inches of precipitation for the month (1.22 inches below normal).

Soil moisture was rated mostly very short by month's end. High winds dried out soils and caused some areas of blowing dust problems, which limited farmers preparing for the upcoming summer season. Winter wheat under irrigation was progressing well, with growers running center pivots more frequently as days warmed. Dryland winter wheat declined in many areas. Rangeland remained dormant, and producers were still supplementing cattle. Stocker cattle were placed on graze-out wheat or moved to feed yards. Upper soil zones ranged from extreme agriculturally dry (1 to 5 percent full) in the western Panhandle to moderate agriculturally dry (10 to 20 percent full) in the eastern Panhandle. Deeper soil moisture was between 70 to 90 percent of normal in the Oklahoma Panhandle. The Palmer Drought Severity Index indicated a rating of Moderate Drought conditions for the Oklahoma Panhandle. No countywide burn bans were in effect.

Reservoirs and stream flows across the majority of the Oklahoma Panhandle were at below normal levels.

Economic losses due to the drought through March were predominately the result of supplemental watering, winter wheat losses, reduction of cattle herd sizes, and supplemental feed for cattle on drought-thinned rangeland and pastures.

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS

	03/01/14 07:15 CST	0		Dense Fog
	03/01/14 15:15 CST	0		

A cold front moved through the Oklahoma Panhandle during the early morning hours of the 1st. The cooler airmass behind the cold front allowed temperatures to cool to the dewpoint and dense fog developed as a result. Quarter mile visibility at Boise City (Cimarron County) and Guymon (Texas County) caused traffic to slow during the morning commute however, no vehicle accidents were reported in association to the dense fog.

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS, (OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/01/14 17:40 CST	0		Winter Weather
	03/02/14 18:40 CST	0		

A pair of upper level troughs brought sufficient lift to cause a prolonged period of light wintry precipitation from the evening hours of the 1st until the evening hours of the 2nd. An initial trough moved across the Oklahoma Panhandle during the evening hours of the 1st provided enough lift for precipitation to develop. The upper air soundings from Amarillo showed a moderate warm nose but a sufficiently deep near surface freezing layer for sleet to be the precipitation type. During the overnight hours of the 1st, the warm nose began to cool and scattered reports of snow mixed with sleet were received. Precipitation coverage and intensity increased after midnight as the next upper level trough began influencing the ongoing precipitation. This wintry mix of precipitation continued until the second trough moved east of the Panhandle.

The following is a list of precipitation reports from across the Oklahoma Panhandle: 1.0 inch of snow 7 miles north of Kenton (Cimarron County); 1.5 inches of snow at Guymon (Texas County); and 3.5 inches of snow 5 miles north of Beaver (Beaver County).

(OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/07/14 23:45 CST	0		Winter Weather
	03/08/14 08:00 CST	0		

A weak upper level wave moved across the Oklahoma Panhandle during the early morning hours of the 8th. A band of snow developed from this wave over southwestern Kansas that slowly moved into Beaver County. This band of snow produced one inch of snow in the town of Beaver (Beaver County). The ground was sufficiently warm to keep this snow accumulation confined to grassy areas, and did not cause any significant issues to local traffic.

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS, (OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/11/14 16:00 CST	0		High Wind (MAX 36 kt)
	03/11/14 22:30 CST	0		

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A cold front moved through the Oklahoma Panhandle during the afternoon hours of the 11th. Behind the front, the combination of increasing pressure gradient and strong winds aloft mixing to the surface caused several hours of sustained high wind and periodic high wind gusts. Sustained high winds of 40 mph to 42 mph began around 4:00 PM CST and continued until 10:30 PM CST as the surface pressure gradient weakened.

The following is a list of the sustained high winds for each county: 40 mph sustained winds at Kenton (Cimarron County); 41 mph sustained winds at Guymon (Texas County); and 42 mph sustained winds at Beaver (Beaver County).

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS

	03/15/14 17:00 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 50 kt)
	03/15/14 19:00 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Oklahoma Panhandle during the late afternoon hours of the 15th. Strong winds aloft were able to mix to the surface behind this cold front and caused both sustained and high wind gusts. Sustained winds of 42 MPH winds were observed at Boise City (Cimarron County) and Guymon (Texas County) from 5 PM CST until 7 PM CST. A localized high wind gust of 58 MPH was also reported by the Oklahoma Mesonet site near Goodwell (Texas County). No further high wind reports were received after 7:30 PM CST gusts due to the nocturnal inversion strengthening.

(OK-Z002) TEXAS

	03/15/14 19:00 CST	0	Dust Storm
	03/15/14 22:00 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Oklahoma Panhandle during the late afternoon hours of the 15th. The strong winds behind the front caused blowing dust to lower visibilities into the quarter mile to near zero range. A member of the public reported 150 to 300 feet of visibility on Highway 54 between the towns of Texhoma and Guymon (Texas County). Visibilities improved shortly after 10 PM CST as strong surface winds subsided.

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON

	03/18/14 14:00 CST	0	Dust Storm
	03/18/14 18:25 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Oklahoma Panhandle during the day on the 18th. Behind the cold front strong surface winds picked up dust causing lowered visibilities across the Panhandle. Less than a quarter mile visibility led to U.S. Highway 287 near Boise City (Cimarron County) closing for 4 hours after several vehicle accidents. By 6:30 PM CST, the strong winds across the Oklahoma Panhandle weakened and brought an end to dust storm conditions.

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS

	03/18/14 17:30 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 36 kt)
	03/18/14 19:30 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Oklahoma during the day on the 18th. Behind the cold front a strong surface pressure gradient developed over the western and central Oklahoma Panhandle. This strong pressure gradient caused sustained winds of 40 to 42 mph at Boise City (Cimarron County) and Guymon (Texas County). The pressure gradient weakened during the evening hours of the 18th and brought an end to these sustained high winds.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z010) HEMPHILL, (TX-Z011) OLDDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z015) WHEELER, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG, (TX-Z019) DONLEY, (TX-Z020) COLLINGSWORTH

	03/01/14 00:00 CST	0	Drought
	03/31/14 23:59 CST	0	

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Stream flows across the majority of the Panhandle were at below normal to much below normal levels, causing Moderate Hydrologic Drought especially in the southern Texas Panhandle. The reservoirs of Palo Duro and Greenbelt Lake were below 5 percent and 15 percent capacity respectively, and Lake Meredith was at zero percent capacity. Water watches for several public water systems persisted through March while voluntary to mandatory mild water restrictions have been enacted.

Economic losses due to the drought through March were predominately the result of supplemental watering, winter wheat losses, reduction of cattle herd sizes, and supplemental feed for cattle on drought-thinned rangeland and pastures.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG, (TX-Z019) DONLEY

03/01/14 07:15 CST	0	Dense Fog
03/01/14 15:15 CST	0	

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The following list is of locations where visibilities were reduced to a quarter mile: Dalhart (Dallam and Hartley County); Dumas (Moore County); Amarillo (Potter and Randall County); Panhandle (Carson County); Clarendon (Donley County); Pampa (Gray County); Claude (Armstrong County); and Perryton (Ochiltree County).

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z010) HEMPHILL, (TX-Z011) OLDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z015) WHEELER, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG, (TX-Z019) DONLEY, (TX-Z020) COLLINGSWORTH

03/01/14 17:40 CST	0	Winter Weather
03/02/14 18:40 CST	0	

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The following is a list of precipitation reports from across the Texas Panhandle: 1.0 inch of snow at Dalhart (Dallam and Hartley County); 1.0 inch of snow at Stratford (Sherman County); 1.0 inch of snow at Dumas (Moore County); 1.0 inch Borger (Hutchinson County); 1.0 inch of snow at Miami (Roberts County); 2.0 inches of snow in Canadian (Hemphill County); 0.2 inch of sleet at Boys Ranch (Oldham County); 0.3 inch of sleet in Amarillo (Potter and Randall County); 0.3 inch of sleet in Panhandle (Carson County); 0.3 inch of sleet in Lefors (Gray County); 0.2 inch of sleet in Wheeler (Wheeler County); 0.2 inch in Dawn (Deaf Smith County); 0.2 inch sleet in Claude (Armstrong County); 0.4 inch sleet in Howardwick (Donley County); 0.3 inch sleet in Wellington (Collingsworth County); 0.3 inch of sleet in Gruver (Hansford County); 1.5 inches of snow in 6 southeast of Perryton (Ochiltree County); and 2.0 inches of snow in Lipscomb (Lipscomb County).

(TX-Z019) DONLEY

03/07/14 15:11 CST	0	Wildfire
03/07/14 21:00 CST	0	

The Windy Valley Fire began around 1511CST in Donley county about four miles south of Lelia Lake. The wildfire consumed an estimated six hundred and twenty acres and was caused by downed power lines. One home and two other structures were threatened but none were lost. There were no injuries or fatalities reported. The wildfire was contained around 2100CST and a total of four fire departments/agencies responded to the wildfire.

(TX-Z017) RANDALL

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	03/10/14 13:26 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/10/14 16:00 CST		0	

The East Complex Wildfire began around 1326CST in Randall county about twelve miles south southeast of Canyon Texas near Farm to Market Road 285 (Wayside Road) and between U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 27. The wildfire consumed an estimated six hundred and forty acres and was caused by burning debris. There were no structures damaged or lost and there were no reports of injuries or fatalities. The wildfire was contained around 1600CST and a total of three fire departments responded to the wildfire including the Texas Forest Service.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z011) OLDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG, (TX-Z020) COLLINGSWORTH

03/11/14 16:00 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 55 kt)
03/11/14 22:30 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Texas Panhandle during the afternoon hours of the 11th. Behind the front, the combination of increasing pressure gradient and strong winds aloft mixing to the surface caused several hours of sustained high wind and periodic high wind gusts. Sustained high winds of 40 mph to 48 mph began around 4:00 PM CST and continued until 10:30 PM CST as the surface pressure gradient weakened. Isolated high wind gusts were also reported across the southern Texas Panhandle. A local broadcast observation station reported a 60 mph gust 2 miles northeast of Lake Tanglewood (Randall County) at 8:37 PM CST. Another broadcast media observation station at Samnorwood (Collingsworth County) reported a 63 mph gust at 7:51 PM CST. A final local broadcast media observation station located 15 miles south of Goodnight (Armstrong County) reported a 60 mph gust at 8:30 PM CST. The National Weather Service ASOS 6 miles east-northeast of Amarillo (Potter County) reported a 60 mph gust at 8:55 PM CST. The Texas Department of Transportation AWOS 5 miles east-northeast of Hereford (Deaf Smith County) reported a 59 mph gust at 9:03 PM CST. The final high wind gust for this event was reported at 62 MPH by the West Texas Mesonet site 3 miles west of Dozier (Collingsworth County) at 9:05 PM CST.

The following is a list of the sustained high winds for each county: 46 mph sustained winds at Dalhart (Dallam and Hartley County); 42 mph to 44 mph sustained winds at Stratford (Sherman County); 42 mph to 44 mph sustained winds at Spearman (Hansford County); 44 mph sustained winds at Perryton (Ochiltree County); 40 mph to 42 mph sustained winds at Lipscomb (Lipscomb County); 43 mph sustained winds at Dumas (Moore County); 40 mph sustained winds at Borger (Hutchinson County); 40 mph sustained winds at Miami (Roberts County); 43 to 45 mph sustained winds at Vega (Oldham County); 48 mph sustained winds at Amarillo (Potter and Randall County); 42 to 44 mph sustained winds at Panhandle (Carson County); and 40 mph sustained winds at Pampa (Gray County).

(TX-Z011) OLDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z017) RANDALL

03/11/14 20:00 CST	0	Dust Storm
03/11/14 22:00 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Texas Panhandle during the afternoon hours of the 11th. Behind the front, the combination of increasing pressure gradient and strong winds aloft mixing to the surface caused several hours of sustained wind of 40 mph to 50 mph with gusts up to 63 mph during the late evening hours. These strong winds were able to blow dust from fields onto area roadways causing localized near zero visibility. Traffic became congested on Interstate 40 between mile markers 40 and 54 near Vega (Oldham County) due to the lower visibilities and people lowering their speeds. In Amarillo, near zero visibilities were reported near Highland Park on the northeast side of town (Potter County), and near the intersection of 45th Ave and Soncy Road (Randall County) on the southwest side of town. As the strong winds began to diminish around 10 PM, visibilities in blowing dust improved above a quarter mile. No vehicle accidents were reported in association to these lowered visibilities.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG

03/15/14 18:00 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 51 kt)
03/15/14 22:45 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Texas Panhandle during the late afternoon hours of the 15th. Strong winds aloft were able to mix to the surface behind this cold front to cause a combination of sustained and high winds gusts. The NWS ASOS site in Dalhart (Dallam and Hartley Counties) reported sustained winds of 43 MPH from 6 PM CST until 8 PM CST and a gust of 58 MPH at 9:44 PM CST. A mesonet site near Stratford (Sherman County) reported sustained winds of 43 mph between 6 PM CST and 8 PM CST. The Dumas (Moore County) AWOS reported a several 58 mph high wind gusts from 6:55 PM CST through 9:45 PM CST. The Claude (Armstrong County) mesonet reported a 58 mph high wind gust at 8:46 PM CST. The McLean (Gray County) reported a high wind gust of 59 mph at 10:00 PM CST. A mesonet site in Amarillo (Potter and Randall County) reported a high wind gust of 58 MPH and 59 MPH between 9:14 PM CST and 9:48 PM CST. No further reports of sustained or high wind gusts were reported after 10:30 PM CST as the nocturnal inversion strengthened.

(TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z011) OLDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON

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	03/15/14 19:30 CST		40K	Dust Storm
	03/15/14 22:00 CST		0	

A cold front moved through the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle during the late afternoon hours of the 15th. The strong winds behind the front caused blowing dust to lower visibility into the quarter mile to near zero range. Many reports of near zero visibility were received from the southwest side of Dumas (Moore County), Perryton (Ochiltree County), Gruver (Hansford County), Pantex (Carson County), and on the north-northwest side of Amarillo (Potter County). These lowered visibilities also caused numerous traffic issues including the closure of State Highway 354 between US Highways 87 and 385 (Moore County), and caused multiple vehicle accidents along Farm to Market Road 1061 near Vega (Oldham County). Visibility improved shortly after 10 PM CST as strong surface winds subsided.

(TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB

03/18/14 12:30 CST	0.19M	Wildfire
03/19/14 01:00 CST	0	

The Higgins Wildfire began around 1230CST around 7 miles west southwest of Higgins Texas or between Higgins and Glazier off of U.S. Highway 60 in Lipscomb county and spread eastward into Oklahoma. The wildfire consumed an estimated twenty-nine thousand six hundred and eleven acres. There were two homes and four outbuildings which were destroyed. However, there were no reports of injuries or fatalities. The two homes destroyed were not occupied and one of the houses was apparently abandoned and the other had just been renovated. There were also fifteen rural homes which were evacuated during the wildfire. The exact cause of the wildfire remains under investigation and the wildfire was contained around 0100CST on March 19th. There were close to thirty fire departments responded to the wildfire.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z015) WHEELER

03/18/14 14:00 CST	0	Dust Storm
03/18/14 18:25 CST	0	

A cold front moved through the Texas Panhandle during the day on the 18th. Behind the cold front strong surface winds picked up dust causing lowered visibilities across the Panhandle. Visibilities degraded to less than a quarter mile at: Dalhart (Dallam and County); Stratford (Sherman County); Spearman (Hansford County); Perryton (Ochiltree County); Dumas (Moore County); Borger (Hutchinson County); Miami (Roberts County); Panhandle (Carson County); Pampa (Gray County); Wheeler (Wheeler County); and Amarillo (Potter County). By 6:30 PM CST, the strong winds across the Texas Panhandle weakened and brought an end to dust storm conditions.

(TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH, (TX-Z017) RANDALL

03/27/14 09:21 CST	0	Dust Storm
03/27/14 11:32 CST	0	

The combination of persistent drought and gusty southwesterly winds caused isolated dust storm conditions across the southwestern Texas Panhandle during the midday hours of the 27th. Sustained winds of 25 to 30 mph with gusts up to 45 mph followed a surface through which moved across the Texas Panhandle during the late morning hours. By midday reports of less than a quarter mile visibilities were coming in across the southwestern Texas Panhandle. Visibilities were reported as low as an eighth of a mile 8 miles west of Hereford (Deaf Smith County), and one mile south of Cactus (Moore County). Visibilities were reduced to a quarter mile near the intersection of 45th Ave and Soncy Road on the southwest side of Amarillo (Randall County). These lowered visibilities caused traffic to slow down; however no reports of vehicle accidents were reported in relation to the dust storm.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM

03/29/14 14:18 CST	0.34M	Wildfire
03/29/14 20:00 CST	0	

The Kerrick Wildfire began approximately 1418CST about ten miles southwest of Griggs Oklahoma in extreme northeastern Dallam county Texas. The wildfire started just west of U.S. Highway 287 near Farm to Market Road 807 and consumed an estimated five acres. The wildfire destroyed two homes and three outbuildings. There was one home which was damaged. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be from burning tumbleweeds in some horse pens that got out of control. There were a total of twelve fire departments or other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department, the Boise City Fire Department, Griggs Fire Department, and the Keyes Fire Department. The wildfire was contained around 1930CST to 2000CST.

(TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB

03/30/14 15:40 CST	6K	Wildfire
03/30/14 22:00 CST	0	

The Higgins 2 Wildfire began approximately 1540CST around four to five miles west of Higgins Texas in Lipscomb county. The wildfire consumed an estimated eight thousand and two hundred and ten acres. There four homes and five other structures threatened and also two other structures were destroyed. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. The exact cause of the wildfire remains under

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investigation. The wildfire was contained around 2130CST to 2200 CST and a total of twenty-five fire departments or other fire agencies responded to the wildfire including the Texas Forest Service.