

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - April 2012

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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IOWA, Northeast

(IA-Z008) MITCHELL, (IA-Z010) WINNESHIEK, (IA-Z011) ALLAMAKEE, (IA-Z030) CLAYTON

04/10/12 00:00 CST	0	Frost/Freeze
04/12/12 08:00 CST	0	

With the unseasonably warm temperatures over the latter half of March, fruit crops across northeast Iowa got an early start on the growing season. Unfortunately, several nights of temperatures near or below the freezing mark throughout the month of April caused considerable damage to these fruit crops. Most of the damage likely occurred from April 10th through the 12th when low temperatures dipped into the middle to upper 20s. It is estimated that apple orchards lost between 50 to 80 percent of the crop, but exact losses will not be known until the fall harvest.

MINNESOTA, Southeast

(MN-Z086) DODGE, (MN-Z094) MOWER

04/01/12 00:00 CST	0	Drought
04/30/12 23:59 CST	0	

The severe drought conditions that developed across parts of southeast Minnesota in October 2011 continued through April for Dodge and Mower Counties.

(MN-Z079) WABASHA, (MN-Z087) OLMSTED

04/10/12 00:00 CST	0	Drought
04/30/12 23:59 CST	0	

Persistent below normal precipitation since May 2011, allowed severe drought conditions to expand across portions of southeast Minnesota. The drought conditions spread into the southwest portion of Wabasha County and the western half of Olmsted County.

(MN-Z079) WABASHA, (MN-Z088) WINONA, (MN-Z096) HOUSTON

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04/12/12 08:00 CST	0	

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WISCONSIN, Southwest

(WI-Z029) CLARK, (WI-Z033) TREMPLEAU, (WI-Z034) JACKSON, (WI-Z041) LA CROSSE, (WI-Z054) CRAWFORD

04/10/12 00:00 CST	0	Frost/Freeze
04/12/12 08:00 CST	0	

With the unseasonably warm temperatures over the latter half of March, fruit crops across western Wisconsin got an early start on the growing season. Unfortunately, several nights of temperatures near or below the freezing mark throughout the month of April caused considerable damage to these fruit crops. Most of the damage likely occurred from April 10th through the 12th when low temperatures dipped into the middle to upper 20s. It is estimated that apple orchards lost between 20 and 100 percent of the crop, pears and plums were hit hard, some tart cherry orchards had losses up to 80 percent, and the first picking of strawberries was completely lost. Exact crop losses will likely not be known until the fall harvest.