

# The Weather Whisper

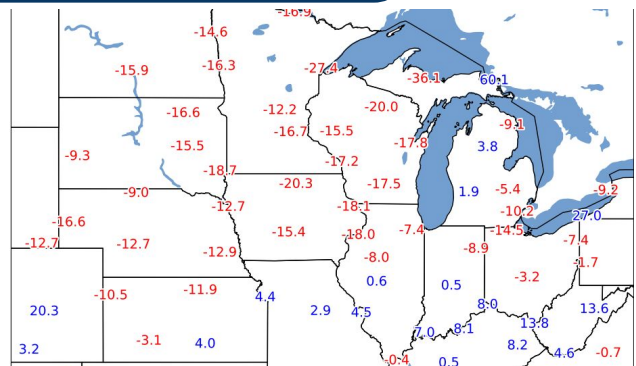
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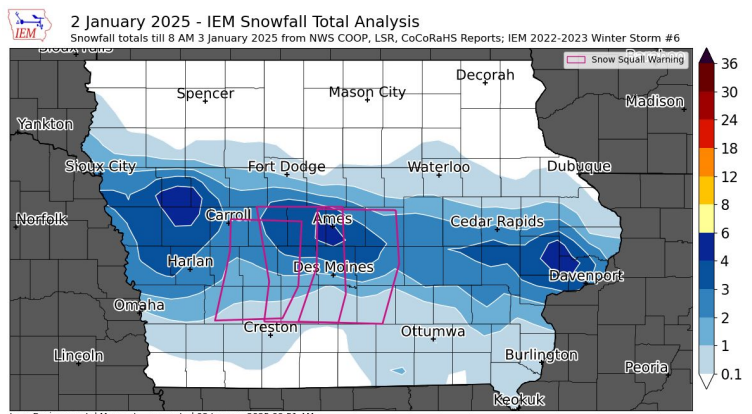
## January Snowfall Review

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The state of Iowa and much of the Upper Midwest is well below normal for seasonal snowfall in winter 2024-2025 while areas further south are above normal after multiple systems have brought snow around and south of the I-70 corridor. Some locations in Iowa have seen 2" or less on the season, while many locations in central Iowa are closer to 3-5". The bulk of snow that fell across central Iowa came early in the month when an intense snow band/snow squall passed through the area on January 2nd. The snow squall quickly dropped visibilities prompting several snow squall warnings to be issued, including portions of I-80 & I-35. See more images from this event [here](#).



**Above:** Regional seasonal snowfall departure (inches) through January 30, 2025. **Below:** January 2, 2025 snow totals through central Iowa which ranged from 2-4", locally 5", with the Snow Squall Warnings issued overlaid in purple. *Graphics courtesy of Iowa Environmental Mesonet. Click images to view larger.*







# 2025 Spotter Training

It is almost that time of year again - spotter training season! These classes are FREE to attend and hosted in conjunction with local county Emergency Managers. All talks are open to the public on a first come, first serve basis. See the schedule below and go to our [DMX Storm Spotter webpage](#) for further details. We hope to see you there!



## FEBRUARY

4 - Greene  
5 - Algona  
11 - Leon  
12 - Corydon  
13 - Garwin  
25 - Des Moines #1  
26 - Winterset

## MARCH

3 - Newton  
4 - Mason City  
5 - Denison  
6 - Carroll  
10 - Ottumwa  
11 - Atlantic  
12 - Lenox  
18 - Marshalltown  
25 - Des Moines #2

## APRIL

1 - Sac City  
8 - Bremer County  
10 - Estherville

Review link below for start time.



[weather.gov/desmoines/stormspotting](https://weather.gov/desmoines/stormspotting)



On the Cover:

A Horizontal Convective Roll (or HCR) viewed from Principal Park in Des Moines on the morning of January 19, 2025. These bands are extremely narrow and shallow, usually resulting in a brief burst of snow. Photo via WHO TV Principal Park webcam.



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