

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - February 2026

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

(IL-Z032) LIVINGSTON, (IL-Z033) IROQUOIS, (IL-Z039) FORD

02/01/26 00:00 CST	0	Drought
02/28/26 23:59 CST	0	

Severe to extreme drought conditions expanded across most of Livingston, Ford and Iroquois counties in east central Illinois during the month of February.

(IL-Z019) LA SALLE

02/17/26 06:00 CST	0	Drought
02/28/26 23:59 CST	0	

Severe drought conditions developed across southwest LaSalle County during the middle of February.

INDIANA, Northwest

(IN-Z019) BENTON

02/01/26 00:00 EST	0	Drought
02/28/26 23:59 EST	0	

Severe drought conditions continued across Benton County in west central Indiana through February.

BENTON COUNTY --- OXFORD [40.52, -87.25]

02/19/26 01:50 EST	0	Hail (1.00 in)
02/19/26 01:51 EST	0	Source: Social Media

Several photos of quarter size hail were shared on social media.

Isolated thunderstorms moved across northwest Indiana during the early morning hours of February 19th producing large hail.

(IN-Z001) LAKE

02/20/26 11:58 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 50 kt)
02/20/26 11:58 CST	0	

Strong winds were frequently gusting as high as 50 mph on February 20th with a few higher gusts. A portion of a roof of a daycare center was torn off in Dyer. The damage to the roof compromised a gas line causing a leak and prompting evacuations.