Illinois, Northeast

After above normal precipitation during January 2006, extreme drought conditions were lowered to severe across all of northern Illinois on February 9th. Although soil moisture was still below normal, precipitation during the month of February 2006 was above normal at many locations.

A brief tornado picked up a construction trailer on Route 1 and threw it into a utility pole. The trailer was severely damaged. No other damage was reported.

Indiana, Northwest

Arctic air moved across the midwest during the early morning hours of Saturday, February 18th. In addition to the very cold air, wind chills dropped to -30 to -35 at many locations. O hare Airport dropped to -7 degrees Saturday morning and only reached a high of +8 degrees that afternoon. Rockford Airport dropped to -11 degrees Saturday morning and only reached a high of +3 degrees that afternoon. One man was found dead on the north side of the City of Chicago from exposure Saturday evening. M45OU

Quarter size hail was reported near 700S and County Line Road near Hebron. The storm continued east northeast and quarter size hail was reported several minutes later near Route 30 and 100W, southwest of Valparaiso.