

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - November 2014

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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### TEXAS, South Panhandle

(TX-Z024) BRISCOE, (TX-Z025) HALL, (TX-Z026) CHILDRESS, (TX-Z030) FLOYD, (TX-Z031) MOTLEY, (TX-Z032) COTTLE, (TX-Z038) KING	11/01/14 00:00 CST		0	Drought
	11/30/14 23:59 CST		0	

Drought levels improved through November over the Rolling Plains and extreme southeastern Texas Panhandle, however severe (D2) to exceptional (D4) drought categories remained. Exceptional drought persisted over eastern Cottle County connecting with a larger exceptional drought region along the Red River to the east.

November was characterized by much below seasonal average temperatures and wetter than normal conditions for the entire region. Unfortunately, the southeastern Texas Panhandle and the northern Rolling Plains experienced precipitation of 50% of normal or less. Temperatures at Childress were 3.3 degrees below seasonal averages. Keetch-Byram Drought Index Values improved with values between 400-500 over the southeastern Texas Panhandle. Much of the Rolling Plains saw values improve to 200-400. Winter wheat received a good start to the season due to much of the area receiving above average precipitation. Widespread hard freezes led to rapid curing of fine fuels although fuel loads were reported as normal and no wildfires were observed.

(TX-Z021) PARMER, (TX-Z022) CASTRO, (TX-Z023) SWISHER, (TX-Z024) BRISCOE, (TX-Z026) CHILDRESS, (TX-Z027) BAILEY, (TX-Z028) LAMB, (TX-Z029) HALE, (TX-Z030) FLOYD, (TX-Z031) MOTLEY, (TX-Z032) COTTLE, (TX-Z033) COCHRAN, (TX-Z034) HOCKLEY, (TX-Z035) LUBBOCK, (TX-Z036) CROSBY, (TX-Z037) DICKENS, (TX-Z038) KING, (TX-Z039) YOAKUM, (TX-Z040) TERRY, (TX-Z041) LYNN, (TX-Z042) GARZA, (TX-Z043) KENT, (TX-Z044) STONEWALL	11/16/14 06:30 CST		0	Winter Weather
	11/16/14 21:00 CST		0	

#### (TX-Z025) HALL

	11/16/14 12:00 CST		0	Heavy Snow
	11/16/14 19:00 CST		0	

Following maximum temperatures in the 60s and 70s on the 15th, a strong cold front and upper trough brought a wintry blast to the entire South Plains region by the morning of the 16th. Initially, freezing drizzle developed over the extreme southeast Texas Panhandle before expanding to the south and west. A thin glaze of ice was deposited on many exposed surfaces but most roads fared well until the freezing drizzle changed over to snow in the following hours. The heaviest snow, up to four inches, fell at Memphis (Hall County) with generally two to four inches elsewhere in the southern Texas Panhandle. Lesser amounts were observed farther south including one inch at Lubbock's Preston Smith International airport. With temperatures well below freezing all day, road conditions quickly deteriorated and nearly 120 accidents were reported in the city of Lubbock alone with 11 confirmed injuries. Accidents were noted elsewhere including three fatalities from two separate motor vehicle accidents attributed to icy roads. Two brothers died after their truck rolled multiple times while traveling on US Highway 84 just south of Slaton (Lubbock County). A third vehicle fatality occurred northwest of Hale Center (Hale County) Saturday night on Farm to Market Road 179 near Farm to Market Road 1914.