

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2019

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
TEXAS, South Panhandle				
(TX-Z037) DICKENS, (TX-Z038) KING, (TX-Z042) GARZA, (TX-Z043) KENT, (TX-Z044) STONEWALL				
	01/02/19 16:30 CST	0		Winter Weather
	01/03/19 00:00 CST	0		
(TX-Z025) HALL				
	01/03/19 05:00 CST	0		Heavy Snow
	01/03/19 16:30 CST	0		

In advance of a slow moving upper low across Far West Texas, bands of freezing rain developed late in the afternoon on the second and spread northeast through much of the Rolling Plains accompanied by sleet and even thunderstorms at times. Many roads from Post east to Aspermont, and north to Dickens and Guthrie became icy after around 1/10 of an inch of ice accumulated. During the overnight hours as the upper low tracked just north of the I-20 corridor, light snow developed mainly off the Caprock and continued to expand in coverage through the morning hours before waning late in the afternoon on the third. Some of this snow became heavy at times, especially in Hall County where up to 5 inches of wet snow accumulated in Memphis causing many traffic slowdowns from snow packed and slushy roads. In neighboring counties such as Childress, Motley, and Cottle, snowfall was generally one inch or less.

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Heavy snow up to 5 inches blanketed Memphis, TX on January 3, 2019. Image courtesy of Joe Davis at KLSR radio.

(TX-Z023) SWISHER, (TX-Z034) HOCKLEY

01/18/19 17:34 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 62 kt)
01/18/19 21:07 CST	0	

On the heels of a strong cold front late this afternoon, north winds of 30 to 40 mph with frequent gusts around 50 mph enveloped much of the region for a brief period of time. Winds gusted as high as 71 mph as measured by a Texas Tech University West Texas mesonet station located six miles SSW of Anton (Hockley County) at 1845 CST. Many other locations in central and eastern Hockley County also reported gusts of 60 mph or more through 1855 CST. Fortunately, these high winds caused no known damage, but thick blowing dust with low visibility to one half mile or less was common for about 15 minutes downwind of open fields and construction sites.