

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2026

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

(TX-Z022) CASTRO, (TX-Z023) SWISHER, (TX-Z025) HALL, (TX-Z035) LUBBOCK

01/16/26 03:46 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 55 kt)
01/16/26 05:53 CST	0	

A strong cold front moved through the region during the early morning hours of the 16th. Strong winds aloft over the Texas Panhandle spread into the extreme southern Texas Panhandle creating several high wind gusts.

High wind reports from Texas Tech University West Texas mesonet sites are listed below:

61 mph at Hart (Castro County),
60 mph at Lesley (Hall County), and
59 mph at Tulia (Swisher County).

High wind reports from Automated Surface Observing Systems (ASOS) are listed below:

63 mph at Lubbock International Airport (Lubbock County).

(TX-Z021) PARMER, (TX-Z022) CASTRO, (TX-Z023) SWISHER, (TX-Z024) BRISCOE, (TX-Z025) HALL, (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-Z041) LYNN, (TX-Z042) GARZA, (TX-Z043) KENT, (TX-Z044) STONEWALL

01/23/26 12:00 CST	0	Winter Storm
01/25/26 19:00 CST	0	

(TX-Z021) PARMER, (TX-Z022) CASTRO, (TX-Z023) SWISHER, (TX-Z024) BRISCOE, (TX-Z025) HALL, (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

01/23/26 19:00 CST	0	Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
01/27/26 05:00 CST	0	

A widespread winter storm affected the region from the 23rd and lasting until the afternoon of the 25th. Beginning on the 23rd, an arctic cold front moved through the region during the morning and afternoon. Shortly after the cold air moved into the region, Pacific moisture began to stream over from the southwest resulting in wintry showers. Precipitation initially began as freezing rain at many locations but quickly switched to sleet as the lower levels of the atmosphere cooled. Despite temperatures well below freezing into the single digits by the morning of the 24th, sleet continued to be the dominant precipitation type. A strong warm layer aloft allowed for much of this precipitation to remain as sleet. By the afternoon of the 24th, the warm layer aloft cooled enough to allow mostly snow to fall as an upper level disturbance approached the region. Snowfall continued through the night of the 24th ending late in the afternoon on the 25th. The heaviest amount of snow fell over the western South Plains into the extreme southern Texas Panhandle where totals of six to eight inches were observed. The remainder of the South Plains and Rolling Plains saw between three and six inches of snowfall. Additionally, breezy winds combined with bitterly cold temperatures producing dangerous wind chills. Observed wind chills were as low as -15 to -20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Snowfall and sleet accumulation totals from National Weather Service cooperative weather observers are listed below:

8.2 inches at Dimmitt (Castro County),
8.0 inches at Vigo Park (Swisher County),
7.5 inches at Tulia (Swisher County),
7.5 inches at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge (Bailey County),
7.0 inches at Pep (Hockley County),
6.6 inches at Morton (Cochran County),
6.5 inches at Olton (Lamb County),
6.4 inches at Lubbock International Airport (Lubbock County),
6.2 inches at Pitchfork Ranch (King County),
6.0 inches at Denver City (Yoakum County),
6.0 inches at Plains (Yoakum County),
6.0 inches at Guthrie (King County),
6.0 inches at Ropesville 6N (Hockley County),
6.0 inches at Memphis (Hall County),
6.0 inches at Dodson 6S (Childress County),

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5.8 inches at Turkey (Hall County),				
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5.8 inches at White River Lake (Crosby County),				
5.8 inches at Littlefield (Lamb County),				
5.7 inches at Hart (Castro County),				
5.5 inches at Silverton (Briscoe County),				
5.3 inches at Paducah 10S (Cottle County),				
5.3 inches at Childress (Childress County),				
5.3 inches at Tell (Childress County),				
5.2 inches at Shallowater (Lubbock County),				
5.2 inches at Lake Alan Henry (Garza County),				
5.1 inches at Levelland (Hockley County),				
5.1 inches at Paducah 7E (Cottle County),				
5.0 inches at Quitaque (Briscoe County),				
5.0 inches at Kirkland (Childress County),				
4.9 inches at Plainview (Hale County),				
4.8 inches at Abernathy (Hale County),				
4.5 inches at Floydada (Floyd County),				
4.4 inches at Tahoka (Lynn County),				
4.3 inches at Lazbuddie 8W (Parmer County),				
4.3 inches at Slaton (Lubbock County),				
4.2 inches at Wolfforth (Lubbock County),				
4.1 inches at Muleshoe (Bailey County),				
4.1 inches at Northfield (Motley County),				
4.1 inches at Jayton (Kent County),				
4.0 inches at Brownfield (Terry County),				
4.0 inches at Flomot (Motley County),				
4.0 inches at Dickens (Dickens County),				
4.0 inches at Aspermont (Stonewall County),				
3.8 inches at Spur (Dickens County),				
3.8 inches at Roaring Springs (Motley County),				
3.6 inches at Matador (Motley County),				
3.3 inches at Southland (Garza County),				
2.5 inches at Post (Garza County),				
2.5 inches at Crosbyton (Crosby County), and				
1.7 inches at Friona (Parmer County).				