

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2026

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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OKLAHOMA, Western, Central and Southeast

(OK-Z021) BECKHAM, (OK-Z027) GRADY, (OK-Z028) MCCLAIN, (OK-Z029) CLEVELAND, (OK-Z030) POTTAWATOMIE, (OK-Z031) SEMINOLE, (OK-Z034) GREER, (OK-Z035) KIOWA, (OK-Z036) JACKSON, (OK-Z037) TILLMAN, (OK-Z038) COMANCHE, (OK-Z039) STEPHENS, (OK-Z040) GARVIN, (OK-Z042) PONTOTOC, (OK-Z044) COTTON, (OK-Z045) JEFFERSON

01/01/26 00:00 CST	0	Drought
01/31/26 23:59 CST	0	

While occasional precipitation events occurred in January 2026, including an impactful winter storm in the late month, most areas saw continued precipitation deficits relative to January normals. Rather widespread severe (or worse) drought conditions continued in areas near and south of the Interstate 40 corridor.

(OK-Z022) WASHITA

01/06/26 06:00 CST	0	Drought
01/31/26 23:59 CST	0	

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(OK-Z046) CARTER

01/07/26 21:30 CST	17K	Wildfire
01/31/26 23:59 CST	0	

Warm, dry and breezy conditions resulted in favorable conditions for fire starts and spread on the 7th.

OKLAHOMA COUNTY --- 2.3 SW (TIK)TINKER AFB [35.39, -97.42]

01/08/26 05:48 CST	0	Hail (0.75 in)
01/08/26 05:48 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

The event time is estimated from radar observations.

CLEVELAND COUNTY --- 4.0 WNW MOORE [35.37, -97.55]

01/08/26 06:08 CST	0	Hail (0.75 in)
01/08/26 06:08 CST	0	Source: Public

The report was relayed through mPING.

OKLAHOMA COUNTY --- 0.2 SSW LUTHER [35.66, -97.19]

01/08/26 06:10 CST	0	Hail (0.75 in)
01/08/26 06:10 CST	0	Source: Public

The report was relayed through mPING. The event time is adjusted based on radar observations.

COMANCHE COUNTY --- 3.0 E LAWTON [34.61, -98.34]

01/08/26 06:15 CST	25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
01/08/26 06:15 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

AC units and bleachers were damaged at MacArthur Middle School. The event time is estimated from radar observations.

GRADY COUNTY --- 4.7 N VERDEN [35.15, -98.08]

01/08/26 06:35 CST	5K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 61 kt)
01/08/26 06:35 CST	0	Source: Public

A utility pole was snapped and a tree was uprooted. The report was relayed through mPING. The event time is estimated from radar observations.

CANADIAN COUNTY --- 1.0 E UNION CITY [35.39, -97.92], 5.6 ENE UNION CITY [35.42, -97.85]

01/08/26 06:49 CST	50K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 70 kt)
01/08/26 06:54 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

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CANADIAN COUNTY --- 3.0 ESE RICHLAND [35.56, -97.76]				
	01/08/26 07:05 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 52 kt)
	01/08/26 07:05 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
Yukon (YUKO) Mesonet observation.				
OKLAHOMA COUNTY --- 2.0 NW DEL CITY [35.47, -97.46]				
	01/08/26 07:20 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 52 kt)
	01/08/26 07:20 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
Oklahoma City East (OKCE) Mesonet observation.				
LOGAN COUNTY --- 4.4 NW GUTHRIE [35.93, -97.47]				
	01/08/26 07:22 CST		25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	01/08/26 07:22 CST		0	Source: Public
Farm outbuildings and fence posts were damaged by thunderstorm winds. The event time is estimated from radar observations.				
OKLAHOMA COUNTY --- 2.5 N EDMOND [35.69, -97.48]				
	01/08/26 07:23 CST		25K	Lightning
	01/08/26 07:23 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
A suspected lightning strike caused a tree to fall onto a car , just north of the Broadway and Covell Road intersection. An occupant in the vehicle was injured. The event location is approximate.				
MCCLAIN COUNTY --- 5.1 SW PURCELL [34.97, -97.44], 1.4 NE PURCELL [35.02, -97.35]				
	01/08/26 07:24 CST		0.40M	Tornado (EF2, L: 6.50 mi , W: 150 yd)
	01/08/26 07:31 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
This tornado developed near 180th Street and Ladd Road southwest of Purcell and moved northeast. One home about 3 miles southwest of Purcell had the roof removed. A semi on Interstate 35 just west of Purcell was pushed over injuring one person. The tornado then moved through Purcell causing roof damage to a few homes and damaging utility poles and trees. Moving out of the northeast side of Purcell, the tornado crossed the Canadian River into Cleveland County.				
CLEVELAND COUNTY --- 1.3 NW LEXINGTON [35.02, -97.35], 3.0 NNE LEXINGTON [35.05, -97.31]				
	01/08/26 07:31 CST		10K	Tornado (EF0, L: 2.90 mi , W: 150 yd)
	01/08/26 07:34 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
This is a continuation of the Purcell tornado that moved into Cleveland County from McClain County. After crossing the Canadian River into Cleveland County, the tornado damaged and outbuilding near Moffatt Road . Otherwise, damage to tree branches was noted along U.S. Highway 77 north of Lexington, and northeast of 84th Street and York Road where the tornado likely dissipated .				
CLEVELAND COUNTY --- 1.5 NNW LAKE THUNDERBIRD DAM [35.24, -97.23], 3.0 N LAKE THUNDERBIRD DAM [35.26, -97.21]				
	01/08/26 07:44 CST		5K	Tornado (EF0, L: 1.80 mi , W: 50 yd)
	01/08/26 07:45 CST		0	Source: NWS Storm Survey
This tornado likely developed over the northern arm of Lake Thunderbird , then moved northeast damaging trees after moving onshore. A few branches were snapped off of trees just northeast of 156th Avenue NE and Tecumseh Road.				
PAYNE COUNTY --- 0.7 WNW STILLWATER [36.12, -97.07]				
	01/08/26 07:48 CST		25K	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	01/08/26 07:48 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
Thunderstorm winds damaged the roof of a building on the campus of Oklahoma State University. The event location is approximate.				
PAYNE COUNTY --- 1.5 N STILLWATER [36.14, -97.06]				
	01/08/26 07:50 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	01/08/26 07:50 CST		0	Source: Other Federal Agency

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<p>A tree was blown down on Husband Street, just north of Stillwater High School. The event location is approximate, and the time is estimated from radar observations.</p>				
SEMINOLE COUNTY --- CROMWELL [35.34, -96.45]				
	01/08/26 07:50 CST		0	Hail (1.00 in)
	01/08/26 07:50 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
<p>The event location is approximate.</p>				
CLEVELAND COUNTY --- 3.7 E STELLA [35.32, -97.14], 3.8 E STELLA [35.32, -97.14]				
	01/08/26 07:52 CST		20K	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.25 mi , W: 75 yd)
	01/08/26 07:53 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
<p>This tornado developed near SE 149th Street just west of the Pottawatomie County line. In Cleveland County, a garage and RV were damaged as well as a couple of trees and a flagpole. The tornado moved northeast crossing Pottawatomie Road into Pottawatomie County.</p>				
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY --- 4.4 NNW PINK [35.32, -97.14], 3.5 SW DALE [35.35, -97.09]				
	01/08/26 07:53 CST		75K	Tornado (EF1, L: 3.70 mi , W: 75 yd)
	01/08/26 07:57 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
<p>This is a continuation of a tornado that developed in Cleveland County. After crossing Pottawatomie Road into Pottawatomie County, a number of large, dead trees were broken, a small outbuilding destroyed and a porch was damaged. Continuing northeast, an outbuilding was damaged along Fishmarket Road, and at least two homes received roof damage in the area between the Shawnee Twin Lakes . The tornado dissipated northeast of Homer Lane Road and Patterson Road between the lakes.</p>				
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY --- 3.9 NW TECUMSEH [35.30, -96.98]				
	01/08/26 08:02 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 52 kt)
	01/08/26 08:02 CST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
<p>Tree limbs were blown down near the intersection of Hardesty Road and Coker Road . The report was relayed by emergency management. The event time is estimated from radar observations.</p>				
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY --- 1.4 WNW SHAWNEE [35.34, -96.94]				
	01/08/26 08:05 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 56 kt)
	01/08/26 08:05 CST		0	Source: Public
<p>An image courtesy of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management shows a large tree uprooted. The event time is estimated from radar observations.</p>				
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY --- 2.9 NNW SHAWNEE [35.37, -96.94], 2.9 S AYDELOTTE [35.40, -96.91]				
	01/08/26 08:06 CST		0.10M	Tornado (EF1, L: 2.60 mi , W: 40 yd)
	01/08/26 08:09 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager
<p>A tornado developed on the north side of Shawnee , just north of Shawnee Regional Airport. The tornado damaged one home moving through a neighborhood west of State Highway 3E, but damage was mostly to trees and fences. Crossing Interstate 40, a hotel received roof damage just east of Shawnee Mall, and a bread truck was blown over near a Wal Mart. Two businesses were damaged northeast of the hotel and just west of Harrison Avenue. At one business, a roof AC unit was damaged, garage doors were blown in, vehicle windows were broken, and trees and power lines were downed. The tornado dissipated near Harrison Avenue south of Garretts Lake Road .</p>				
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY --- 2.9 NNW SHAWNEE [35.36, -96.95]				
	01/08/26 08:10 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 51 kt)
	01/08/26 08:10 CST		0	Source: Mesonet
<p>Shawnee (SHAW) Mesonet observation.</p>				
<p>A fast-moving quasi-linear convective system (QLCS) swept across portions of central, southern and eastern Oklahoma on the morning of the 8th. This convective system was tied to the passage of a compact upper wave across the region, resulting in very strong wind fields within a weakly unstable boundary layer. In addition to sporadic pockets of thunderstorm wind damage, and generally sub-severe hail, a few tornadoes occurred in a corridor from near Purcell, OK to Shawnee, OK.</p>				
(OK-Z032) HUGHES				
	01/12/26 15:42 CST		15K	Wildfire
	01/21/26 12:00 CST		0	

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Warm, dry and breezy conditions resulted in favorable conditions for fire starts and spread on the 12th.

(OK-Z032) HUGHES, (OK-Z043) COAL

01/20/26 06:00 CST	0	Drought
01/31/26 23:59 CST	0	

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(OK-Z005) WOODS, (OK-Z006) ALFALFA, (OK-Z007) GRANT, (OK-Z008) KAY, (OK-Z009) ELLIS, (OK-Z010) WOODWARD, (OK-Z011) MAJOR, (OK-Z012) GARFIELD, (OK-Z013) NOBLE, (OK-Z014) ROGER MILLS, (OK-Z015) DEWEY, (OK-Z016) CUSTER, (OK-Z017) BLAINE, (OK-Z018) KINGFISHER, (OK-Z019) LOGAN, (OK-Z020) PAYNE, (OK-Z021) BECKHAM, (OK-Z022) WASHITA, (OK-Z023) CADDO, (OK-Z024) CANADIAN, (OK-Z025) OKLAHOMA, (OK-Z026) LINCOLN, (OK-Z027) GRADY, (OK-Z028) MCCLAIN, (OK-Z029) CLEVELAND, (OK-Z030) POTTAWATOMIE, (OK-Z031) SEMINOLE, (OK-Z032) HUGHES, (OK-Z034) GREER, (OK-Z035) KIOWA, (OK-Z036) JACKSON, (OK-Z038) COMANCHE, (OK-Z039) STEPHENS, (OK-Z040) GARVIN, (OK-Z041) MURRAY, (OK-Z042) PONTOTOC, (OK-Z043) COAL, (OK-Z046) CARTER, (OK-Z047) JOHNSTON, (OK-Z048) ATOKA, (OK-Z051) MARSHALL, (OK-Z052) BRYAN

01/23/26 15:00 CST	0	Winter Storm
01/25/26 09:00 CST	0	

An impactful and long-duration winter storm impacted Oklahoma and western-north Texas beginning on the evening of the 23rd and lasting into the morning of the 25th. A strong surface high, with origins across far northern latitudes, ushered in a very cold/sub-freezing airmass across the region by the morning of the 23rd. Over the coming 36 hours, increasingly strong west-southwesterly flow (and associated lift) fostered multiple waves of frozen precipitation across the forecast area. Initially, a mix of snow and sleet occurred, owing to a notable warm layer (i.e., "warm nose") located between 700 and 800 mb. Eventually, by Saturday evening, continued mid-level cooling allowed for a transition to mostly snow with continued precipitation into Sunday morning.

While individual event narratives are not included for Cotton, Harmon, Harper, Jefferson, Love and Tillman Counties, with no direct surface observations reported during the event, at least 2 inches of snow/sleet accumulations and slick roadways likely occurred.

TEXAS, Western North

(TX-Z083) HARDEMAN, (TX-Z084) FOARD, (TX-Z085) WILBARGER, (TX-Z086) WICHITA, (TX-Z087) KNOX, (TX-Z088) BAYLOR, (TX-Z089) ARCHER

01/23/26 14:00 CST	0	Winter Storm
01/25/26 08:00 CST	0	

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While individual event narratives are not included for Clay County, with no direct surface observations reported during the event, at least 2 inches of snow/sleet accumulations and slick roadways likely occurred.