



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



December 2000

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons	Estimated Damage	Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property Crops

ARKANSAS, Northwest

ARZ001>002-010>011	Benton - Carroll - Washington - Madison						
	12	0800CST 1700CST			0	0	Heavy Snow
ARZ019>020-029	Crawford - Franklin - Sebastian						
	12	0800CST 1700CST			0	0	Ice Storm

Summary of winter weather on December 12, 2000.

A powerful winter storm developed over the Southern Plains and produced a mixture of snow...sleet and some freezing rain. Precipitation was mostly in the form of snow over Benton, Carroll, Washington and Madison counties, while a mixture of sleet and freezing rain occurred further south in West Central Arkansas. In far Northwest Arkansas, up to 10 inches of snow was reported by late afternoon on the 12th of December. Further south in Crawford county, freezing rain caused extensive power losses. The sheriff's office in Crawford county reported blackouts in Uniontown, Alma, Kibler, Mountainburg, Rudy and Georgia Ridge. Other counties in West Central Arkansas reported only scattered power losses. Numerous accidents were reported south of Fayetteville on ice-slickened Interstate 540, where large trucks could not make it up steep hills. Most businesses, schools and other entities were closed for the day. While damages from this storm are expected to be large, estimates were not available at the time of publication.

Some snowfall totals include Bella Vista...10, Rogers...10, Bentonville...7, Siloam Springs...7, Berryville...6, Fayetteville...6, Mulberry...5, Huntsville...4, Springdale...4, Cedarville...3, Ozark...3, Clarksville...3, Van Buren...3, Fort Smith...2, Greenwood...2, Midland...1.

ARZ001>002-010>011-019>020-029	Benton - Carroll - Washington - Madison - Crawford - Franklin - Sebastian						
	25	0900CST			0	0	Ice Storm
	27	0100CST					

A slow moving winter storm moved across the Southern Plains on Christmas day bringing freezing rain and dangerous ice accumulations to all of Northwest Arkansas. The freezing precipitation slowed or prevented most traffic, stranding many motorists and leaving numerous communities without power. The precipitation lasted until mid-day on the 27th of December. Ice accumulations of 1 to 2 inches were common with locally higher amounts in some areas. In Fort Smith, the 117-year old Newspaper was shut down on the 26th of December for the first time ever. Over 10,000 customers in Northwest Arkansas were without electricity after utility lines were snapped due to falling tree branches. Numerous accidents and dozens of stranded motorists were reported in much of Northwest Arkansas. While damages from this storm are expected to be large, estimates were not available at the time of this publication.

OKLAHOMA, Eastern

OKZ054>072-074>076	Osage - Washington - Nowata - Craig - Ottawa - Pawnee - Tulsa - Rogers - Mayes - Delaware - Creek - Okfuskee - Okmulgee - Wagoner - Cherokee - Adair - Muskogee - McIntosh - Sequoyah - Haskell - Latimer - Le Flore						
	11	0600CST 1800CST			0	0	Ice Storm

A strong Arctic cold front moved south across Eastern Oklahoma on the morning of December 11, 2000. Freezing rain and freezing drizzle developed behind the boundary producing a thin layer of ice on pavement surfaces. Cold temperatures produced black ice across a large portion of Eastern Oklahoma. This thin layer of ice was responsible for numerous accidents during the morning commute across a large portion of Eastern Oklahoma. No widespread power outages were reported. Many area schools and some government offices were also closed due to the slick roads.



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OKLAHOMA, Eastern

OKZ049-053-070>076	Pushmataha - Choctaw - Muskogee - McIntosh - Sequoyah - Pittsburg - Haskell - Latimer - Le Flore								
	12	1500CST			0	0			Ice Storm
	13	1400CST							
OKZ054>069	Osage - Washington - Nowata - Craig - Ottawa - Pawnee - Tulsa - Rogers - Mayes - Delaware - Creek - Okfuskee - Okmulgee - Wagoner - Cherokee - Adair								
	12	1700CST			0	0			Heavy Snow
	13	1800CST							

Summary of winter weather on December 12-13 2000.

A powerful winter storm developed over the Southern Plains and produced a mixture of snow...sleet and freezing rain. The precipitation was mostly snow in parts of Northeast Oklahoma near and to the north of Interstate 44. A mixture of sleet, snow and some freezing rain fell between Interstate 44 and Interstate 40 in East Central Oklahoma. Across Southeast Oklahoma the precipitation was mainly sleet and freezing rain. The icing was significant enough in the far Southeast Oklahoma counties of Pushmataha and Choctaw that 5,000 customers of Choctaw Electric were without power on December 13.

Some snow and sleet totals include: Big Cabin...16, Miami...13, Ketchum...13, Bartlesville...12, Nowata...12, Chelsea...12, Grove...12, Vera...11, Lenapah...11, Rose...11, Pawhuska...10, Claremore...10, Hominy...10, Owasso...9, Copan...9, Sapulpa...9, Skiatook...9, Catoosa...9, Tulsa...8.4, Hulbert...8, Pryor...8, Grainola...7, Bixby...7, Pawnee...7, Jenks...7, Broken Arrow...7, Tahlequah...6, Drumright...6, mazier...6, Stilwell...6, Bristow...5, Coweta...5, Glenpool...5, Henryetta...4, Wagoner...4, Okmulgee...5, Welty...3, Clayton...3, Wilburton...3, Haskell...3, Muskogee...3, Okemah...2, McAlester...2, Porter...2, Oktaha...2, Webbers Falls...2, Sallisaw...2, Poteau...2, Stigler...1 and Talihina...1 inches.

OKZ049-053>076	Pushmataha - Choctaw - Osage - Washington - Nowata - Craig - Ottawa - Pawnee - Tulsa - Rogers - Mayes - Delaware - Creek - Okfuskee - Okmulgee - Wagoner - Cherokee - Adair - Muskogee - McIntosh - Sequoyah - Pittsburg - Haskell - Latimer - Le Flore								
	25	0700CST			0	0			Ice Storm
	27	1400CST							

Summary of winter weather events for December 25-27 2000.

A slow moving winter storm moved across the State Christmas day bringing heavy freezing rain and dangerous ice accumulations. While all of Eastern Oklahoma received significant ice accumulations, East Central and Southeast Oklahoma were hardest hit. One to two inches of ice accumulation were common in these areas with locally higher amounts. Over 500 power poles were downed during the event and over 200,000 Oklahomans were without power. The heavy ice accumulations also left thousands without telephone and water service. Some locations in Southeast Oklahoma were without utility services for more than a week. Numerous shelters and feeding sites were established across Southeast Oklahoma to provide water, food and a warm place to sleep. Thousands of trees were damaged across Southeast Oklahoma including 7 State parks where damage was estimated at over 1 million dollars. Numerous reports of trees downed on vehicles and homes were reported across Southeast Oklahoma. Some of the areas that experienced the most damage were in Pittsburg, Latimer and LeFlore counties. While damage estimates were not finalized as of late February, a preliminary total for the state was \$168.9 million.

OKZ049-053>054-059-064>067-070>071-073>076	Pushmataha - Choctaw - Osage - Pawnee - Creek - Okfuskee - Okmulgee - Wagoner - Muskogee - McIntosh - Pittsburg - Haskell - Latimer - Le Flore								
	31	0100CST			0	0			Heavy Snow
		2359CST							

Summary of winter weather for December 31 2000-January 1 2001.

An upper level storm system over the Upper Midwest moved southeast across the Southern Plains on the morning of December 31 2000. A large area of moderate snow developed across central and eastern Oklahoma during the early morning hours. Snowfall



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amounts were generally in the 3 to 5 inch range across much of the area. The heaviest snow was along and west of a line from Tulsa Oklahoma to Fort Smith Arkansas.

The following snowfall amounts were observed...Pawnee...5, Bristow...5, Henryetta...5, Okmulgee...5, Stigler...5, Talihina...5, 3E Porter...4.5, Hugo...4.5, Hominy...4, Eufaula...4, Okemah...4, Oktaha...4, McAlester...4, Wilburton...4, Clayton...4, Tulsa...3, 6S Haskell...3, Pawhuska...3, Antlers...3, Poteau...3, Broken Arrow...2.8, Tahlequah...2.5, Stillwell...2.5, Skiatook...3, Claremore...1.5, Oologah...1.5, Jay...1, Bartlesville...1, 7 West of Nowata...1, Copan...0.8, Wann...0.5, Vinita...0.5, The following locations reported a trace...Welch, Miami, and Pryor.