



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 1997

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

OKLAHOMA, Western, Central and Southeast

OKZ004>053

Harper - Woods - Alfalfa - Grant - Kay - Ellis - Woodward - Major - Garfield - Noble - Roger Mills - Dewey - Custer - Blaine - Kingfisher - Logan - Payne - Beckham - Washita - Caddo - Canadian - Oklahoma - Lincoln - Grady - McClain - Cleveland - Pottawatomie - Seminole - Hughes - Harmon - Greer - Kiowa - Jackson - Tillman - Comanche - Stephens - Garvin - Murray - Pontotoc - Coal - Cotton - Jefferson - Carter - Johnston - Atoka - Pushmataha - Love - Marshall - Bryan - Choctaw

08	2350CST								
09	2100CST				0	0			Heavy Snow

Snow began to fall across most of Oklahoma Tuesday night (January 8) and fell through Wednesday evening. Around 4 inches of snow blanketed western Oklahoma with about 2 inches across central and southeastern portions of the state. An isolated area of heavy snow fell across Beckham County, where 7 and 8 inches were reported in Elk City and Sayre, respectively. A second band of heavy snow extended across the southeastern half of Oklahoma County from Tinker AFB to Luther, with a bullseye of 9.5 inches of snow reported in Choctaw.

Interstate 40 through Oklahoma City was closed for a time due to heavy snow, treacherous driving conditions, and reduced visibilities. One fatality and numerous injury accidents were attributed to the heavy snow and poor driving conditions. The fatality occurred in Stephens County when a 25-year-old woman lost control of her car on an icy patch of road.

OKZ019>020-023-025-027>029-033>040-045

Logan - Payne - Caddo - Oklahoma - Grady - McClain - Cleveland - Harmon - Greer - Kiowa - Jackson - Tillman - Comanche - Stephens - Garvin - Jefferson

11	2000CST								
12	2100CST				0	0			Snow

On January 11, a Sunday, 2 to 3 inches of snow fell over southwest Oklahoma with a band of heavy snow over Altus where snow measured 4 inches. Elsewhere, one to two inches of snow blanketed parts of central and south-central Oklahoma with a band of heavier snow over Oklahoma City, where 2.5 inches fell.

One traffic accident in rural Payne County resulted in an injury and a fatality when the driver lost control of his car on a patch of ice on the road. The 17-year-old driver was killed and his passenger was injured in the crash. Numerous other traffic accidents throughout central and southern Oklahoma were attributed to icy road conditions; however, law enforcement officials stated that the rate of accidents was much lower than could have been expected if the snow had occurred on a work day.

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Grant - Kay - Garfield - Noble - Logan - Payne - Oklahoma - Lincoln

14	0230CST								
	0900CST				0	0			Heavy Snow

Heavy snow fell throughout the morning of January 14th over north-central Oklahoma. Areas from Enid to Mulhall and eastward received upwards of 2 inches, with a maximum of 4 inches from Perry to Stillwater. Other portions of central Oklahoma, including the Oklahoma City metro area, received around 1 inch of snow.

TEXAS, Western North

TXZ083>090

Hardeman - Foard - Wilbarger - Wichita - Knox - Baylor - Archer - Clay

08	2300CST								
09	2200CST				0	0			Snow

Snow began to fall across north Texas Tuesday night (January 8) and fell through the day Wednesday. By Wednesday evening, around 2 inches of snow blanketed western portions of north Texas.