



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2003

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

ILZ032

Livingston

11 1830CST 0 0 High Wind (G60)

High winds caused 13 freight cars of a 105 car train to leave the tracks near Ancona. One of the derailed cars was carrying battery acid but no spill occurred. Some of the derailed cars damaged railroad crossing equipment as well as power lines. These high winds were associated with a strong cold which pushed across northern Illinois during the late afternoon and evening hours of February 11th.

ILZ032>033-039

Livingston - Iroquois - Ford

14 2000CST 0 0 Winter Storm
15 2000CST

A winter storm developed over the central plains Thursday February 13th and slowly moved east across the Ohio Valley on February 14th and 15th. The storm dumped between 6 and 9 inches of snow across parts of central Illinois. Chatsworth reported 8 inches, Pontiac reported 7 inches and Gibson City reported 6 inches. By Saturday morning, strong northerly winds produced significant blowing and drifting snow with near blizzard conditions in some areas on Saturday the 15th. Just north of this area across La Salle, Grundy, and Kankakee counties, snowfall amounts ranged from 3 to 5 inches

ILZ014

Cook

16 0100CST 1 0 Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
0900CST

A 50 year old man died of hypothermia in Chicago. High temperatures on February 15th and 16th only reached the upper 20s with overnight lows in the teens. M500T

ILZ014

Cook

22 1700CST 0 0 High Wind (G54)
2000CST

Low pressure moving through the Ohio Valley on Saturday February 22nd deepened as it moved east. Northerly winds continued to increase during the late afternoon and evening, gusting to as high as 62 mph at Meigs Field in downtown Chicago

INDIANA, Northwest

INZ010>011-019

Newton - Jasper - Benton

14 2100CST 0 0 Winter Storm
15 2100CST

A winter storm developed over the central plains Thursday February 13th and slowly moved east across the Ohio Valley on February 14th and 15th. The storm dumped between 6 and 8 inches of snow across parts of northwest Indiana. Rensselaer reported 7 inches, Boswell reported 6.4 inches and Morocco reported 6 inches. By Saturday morning, strong northerly winds produced significant blowing and drifting snow with near blizzard conditions across parts of Benton county.