



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



December 2001

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

NORTH DAKOTA, Central and West

NDZ003>005-012>013	Renville - Bottineau - Rolette - Mchenry - Pierce								
	05	0700CST 2100CST			0	0			Heavy Snow

Low pressure over Nebraska moved northeast into Minnesota and intensified. The storm brought heavy snow to north central North Dakota with up to 10 inches reported. The heaviest band of snow, 6 to 10 inches fell from Divide and Williams counties expanding eastward to eastern Bottineau and western McHenry counties. The snow reports were from cooperative observers across northern North Dakota.

NDZ023-025-037-048	Wells - Foster - Stutsman - La Moure								
	22	1200CST 2200CST			0	0			Blizzard

Low pressure developed over the Colorado Rockies on the 20th of December and moved into the central plains on the 21st and intensified into a winter storm system. The storm moved northeast into western Minnesota on Saturday, the 22nd, and brought snow and wind across North Dakota. Although snow amounts only ranged from 1 to 3 inches, gusty northwest winds up to 35 mph caused considerable blowing and drifting snow to much of central North Dakota. Visibilities were reduced to less than a quarter mile, lowering to only a couple hundred feet at times, lasting 3 to 6 hours across the warned area.