



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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ARKANSAS, Northwest

ARZ001>002-010>011-019>020-029 **Benton - Carroll - Washington - Madison - Crawford - Franklin - Sebastian**

09	0430CST 1300CST			0	0				Heavy Snow
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Heavy snow fell across much of Northwest Arkansas during the morning hours before tapering off to flurries during the early afternoon hours. The heaviest snow occurred in Benton county as part of a band of heavy snow that extended southwest into Northeast Oklahoma. Some snowfall amounts included 8 inches at Pea Ridge, 7 inches at Siloam Springs, 5 inches at Eureka Springs, 5 inches at Fayetteville and 4 inches at Fort Smith. This snow caused hazardous road conditions. One fatality occurred as a car slid off Highway 59 three miles north of Van Buren and hit a tree. Several other accidents occurred across the area but no other serious injuries were reported.

ARZ001>002-010 **Benton - Carroll - Washington**

23	0900CST 1800CST			0	0				Heavy Snow
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A powerful upper level system moving southeast into the area from the central Rockies produced heavy snow across the northwest corner of Arkansas from the mid morning hours into the late afternoon hours. Several accidents occurred due to the snow but no serious injuries were reported. Some snowfall amounts included 7 inches at Bella Vista, 6 inches at Eureka Springs and 5 inches at Bentonville, Siloam Springs, Berryville, Green Forrest, Fayetteville and Springdale

ARZ001>002-010>011-019 **Benton - Carroll - Washington - Madison - Crawford**

26	0200CST 1000CST			0	0				Winter Weather/Mix
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A thin layer of ice formed on roads in Northwest Arkansas early in the morning as light freezing drizzle fell. The Arkansas State Police responded to nine accidents in Benton, Carroll, Washington and Madison counties. One particularly troublesome spot was at a ridge along Highway 71 near the Washington-Crawford border.

OKLAHOMA, Eastern

OKZ060-063>064-066>068-070-072-076 **Tulsa - Delaware - Creek - Okmulgee - Wagoner - Cherokee - Muskogee - Sequoyah - Le Flore**

09	0400CST 1200CST			0	0				Heavy Snow
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A narrow band of heavy snow developed during the early morning hours beginning in the Bristow and Beggs areas in Creek and Okmulgee counties and then stretching northeast to the Kansas area in southern Delaware county. The snow continued to fall until 11 am before tapering off to flurries. Some totals in the heavy snow band included 10 inches at Kansas, 10 inches at Peggs, 10 inches at Wagoner, 6 inches in south Tulsa, 6 inches at Glenpool and 6 inches at Beggs. Some significant snowfall amounts occurred outside the main band of heavy snow. These totals included 5 inches at Tahlequah, 4 inches at Bristow, 4 inches at Muskogee, 4 inches at Sallisaw and 4 inches at Poteau.

Creek County

Depew	14	2335CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Creek County

Bristow	14	2342CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
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Tulsa County

2 E Jenks	15	0020CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Penny size hail was reported near the intersection of Yale and the Creek Turnpike

Rogers County

Verdigris	15	0035CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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OKLAHOMA, Eastern

Tulsa County

3 S Glenpool	15	0035CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Penny size hail was reported near the intersection of Highway 75 and 181st Street South.

Mayes County

Pryor	15	0120CST			0	0			Hail(0.88)
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OKZ054>063-067

Osage - Washington - Nowata - Craig - Ottawa - Pawnee - Tulsa - Rogers - Mayes - Delaware - Wagoner	23	0730CST			0	0			Heavy Snow
		1600CST							

A powerful upper level system dove southeast out of the central rockies and into Oklahoma on February 23rd. This upper level system produced heavy snow across much of Northeast Oklahoma. The heaviest snow occurred near the Kansas border where near blizzard conditions occurred as north winds averaged 20 to 30 miles an hour. Due to the restricted visibility a major automobile accident occurred on Interstate 44 near Miami. A three car accident turned into a 30 car pile up. This accident closed west bound lanes for several hours. East bound lanes were also closed for a time as a semi jackknifed while trying to avoid the pile up and crossed onto the other side of the highway. Despite the magnitude of the event, no serious injuries were reported. Other area roads were also impassable and some schools in the area were closed the next two days. Some snowfall totals included 16 inches at Pawhuska, 15 inches at Hominy, 15 inches at South Coffeyville, 13 inches at Lenapah, 12 inches at Bartlesville, 12 inches at Pawnee, 12 inches at Miami, 11 inches at Nowata, 10 inches at Vinita, 10 inches at Catoosa, 8 inches at Pryor, 8 inches at downtown Tulsa, 8 inches at Claremore and 6 inches at Jay.

OKZ049-075>076

Pushmataha - Latimer - Le Flore

24	1500CST			0	0			Heavy Snow
25	0400CST							

A trailing part of the upper level system which produced heavy snow over northeast Oklahoma the day before produced some heavy snow across southeast Oklahoma from the mid afternoon hours on the 24th to the early morning hours of the 25th. The snow was accompanied the thunder and lightning at times and this made the heaviest snow amounts rather spotty. Where heavy snow did fall it caused roads to be slick and hazardous, especially at the tops of hills and mountains. Some snowfall reports included 10 inches at Clayton, 8 inches at Octavia, 6 inches at Rattan and Antlers, 5 inches at Page and 4 inches at Wister and Yanush.

OKZ049-053-060>068-070>076

Pushmataha - Choctaw - Tulsa - Rogers - Mayes - Delaware - Creek - Okfuskee - Okmulgee - Wagoner - Cherokee - Muskogee - McIntosh - Sequoyah - Pittsburg - Haskell - Latimer - Le Flore

26	0200CST			0	0			Winter Weather/Mix
	1000CST							

Patchy freezing drizzle began falling across eastern Oklahoma during the early morning hours and continued until about mid morning. Although the impact was spotty, the impact was serious in a few places. Numerous schools were closed due to icy roads. Numerous accidents occurred. Two particularly hard hit counties were Okfuskee and Okmulgee where Interstate 40 and Highway 75 were impacted. Nearly 20 accidents were reported on Interstate 40 between mile marker 218 and 230 in Okfuskee county. Just a little further to the east near Henryetta in southern Okmulgee county a few tractor trailer rigs jackknifed climbing a hill on Interstate 40. This caused the highway to be closed for a few hours until the accidents could be cleaned up and travel was once again possible.