



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



November 2001

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

WISCONSIN, Southeast

WIZ062>065-067>072 Iowa - Dane - Jefferson - Waukesha - Lafayette - Green - Rock - Walworth - Racine - Kenosha

15	2230CST	0	0	Fog
16	0900CST			

Dense fog developed overnight across parts of south-central and southeast Wisconsin, lowering visibilities to near zero to 1/4 mile. The lowest visibilities were found in river valleys west of a line from Madison (Dane Co.) to Beloit (Rock Co). Local airplane traffic was delayed until visibilities improved. Several vehicle accidents were noted in newspapers. In northwest Dane County near Mazomanie on Highway 78, the driver of a vehicle was killed when the vehicle struck a horse standing on the road (fatality indirectly related to fog). Visibility was reported to be about 10 feet around the accident time of about 0145CST on November 16th. Sixteen children were injured (indirectly related to fog) when a truck struck a Monticello (Green Co.) school bus at 0746CST on the 16th. Once again, poor visibility was an indirect factor in this accident. The dense fog resulted from the combination of clear skies and light winds after a couple days of rain.

Concurrent with the dense fog episode were very warm temperatures across south-central and southeast Wisconsin. Maximum temperatures on November 15th reached 66 in Madison and 65 in Milwaukee. Milwaukee set a new daily, record-high, minimum temperature of 55 on November 16th. This warmth contributed to new record high, average, monthly temperatures of 46.0 in Madison (10.6 degrees above normal), and 47.4 in Milwaukee (9.7 degrees above normal). The old monthly records were 44.8 for Madison, and 47.1 in Milwaukee, both set back in 1931. In addition, Milwaukee Mitchell Field didn't receive any snow during the month of November, 2001. The only other snow-less November in Milwaukee occurred in 1999. Madison's Truax Field recorded only a trace of snow in November 2001, tying the record minimum November snowfall of a trace set back in 1999, 1965, 1948, and 1939. New daily, record-high, minimum temperatures were set in Milwaukee on November 2nd and 16th, and in both Madison and Milwaukee on the 25th.