

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - December 2012

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### ILLINOIS, Central

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(IL-Z027) KNOX, (IL-Z028) STARK, (IL-Z029) PEORIA, (IL-Z030) MARSHALL, (IL-Z031) WOODFORD, (IL-Z036) FULTON, (IL-Z037) TAZEWELL, (IL-Z038) MCLEAN, (IL-Z040) SCHUYLER, (IL-Z041) MASON, (IL-Z042) LOGAN, (IL-Z043) DE WITT, (IL-Z047) CASS, (IL-Z048) MENARD, (IL-Z049) SCOTT, (IL-Z050) MORGAN, (IL-Z051) SANGAMON, (IL-Z052) CHRISTIAN, (IL-Z053) MACON

12/20/12 11:30 CST	0	Blizzard
12/20/12 23:30 CST	0	

A deepening area of low pressure tracking from the southern Plains toward the Great Lakes brought snow and high winds to central Illinois on December 20th. Snowfall totals were generally light...ranging from around 1 inch along the I-55 corridor to as much as 4 to 5 inches northwest of the Illinois River across parts of Knox and Stark counties. As the low passed through central Illinois, winds increased to between 35 and 45 mph...with gusts exceeding 55 mph. The highest wind gust recorded was 65 mph at a mesonet station 3 miles northeast of Galesburg in Knox County. The very strong winds combined with the falling and blowing snow created blizzard conditions along and west of I-55. Numerous car accidents were reported as a result of the snow and wind.

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(IL-Z044) PIATT, (IL-Z045) CHAMPAIGN, (IL-Z046) VERMILION, (IL-Z054) MOULTRIE, (IL-Z055) DOUGLAS, (IL-Z056) COLES, (IL-Z057) EDGAR, (IL-Z061) SHELBY, (IL-Z062) CUMBERLAND, (IL-Z063) CLARK, (IL-Z066) EFFINGHAM, (IL-Z067) JASPER, (IL-Z068) CRAWFORD, (IL-Z071) CLAY, (IL-Z072) RICHLAND, (IL-Z073) LAWRENCE

12/20/12 14:00 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 39 kt)
12/20/12 23:30 CST	0	

As a deepening area of low pressure lifted northeastward through the region, very strong winds developed across east-central and southeast Illinois on December 20th. Sustained winds increased to 35 to 45 mph, while peak wind gusts exceeded 55 mph. Further west, falling and blowing snow combined with the strong winds to create blizzard conditions along and west of a Bloomington to Taylorville line. The strong winds downed numerous trees and power lines.

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(IL-Z073) LAWRENCE

12/26/12 02:00 CST	0	Blizzard
12/26/12 10:30 CST	0	

Deepening low pressure tracking from Arkansas to West Virginia produced heavy snow and strong winds across southeast Illinois on December 26th. Locations from Lawrence County southeastward into the Ohio River Valley received the most snow, with many areas measuring between 8 and 12 inches. The Cooperative Weather Observer in Lawrenceville picked up 11 inches. The snow combined with winds gusting between 35 and 40 mph to produce blizzard conditions across Lawrence County. Three to five-foot snow drifts and visibility less than one quarter of a mile resulted in numerous road closures across the county.

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(IL-Z068) CRAWFORD, (IL-Z072) RICHLAND

12/26/12 08:00 CST	0	Heavy Snow
12/26/12 19:00 CST	0	

An area of low pressure tracking from Arkansas to West Virginia brought heavy snow to southeast Illinois during the morning of December 26th. The heaviest snow and blizzard conditions occurred from Lawrence County southeastward into the Ohio River Valley. Further north across Crawford and Richland counties, the snow was a bit lighter and the winds were not quite as strong. Six to eight inches of snow fell along and southeast of a Hutsonville to Olney line. Strong winds of 25 to 30 mph created extensive drifting across the area.

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(IL-Z067) JASPER

12/26/12 08:00 CST	0	Winter Weather
12/26/12 19:00 CST	0	

An area of low pressure tracking from Arkansas to West Virginia brought heavy snow to southeast Illinois during the morning of December 26th. The heaviest snow and blizzard conditions occurred from Lawrence County southeastward into the Ohio River Valley. Further north across Jasper County, the snow was a bit lighter and the winds were not quite as strong. Three to six inches of snow fell across the county, including 4.1 inches 3 miles southwest of Hidalgo. Strong winds of 25 to 30 mph created extensive drifting.

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(IL-Z073) LAWRENCE

12/28/12 18:00 CST	0	Heavy Snow
12/29/12 05:00 CST	0	

An area of low pressure tracking through the Tennessee River Valley spread snow as far north as southeast Illinois. Accumulations of 6 to 7 inches occurred across Lawrence County, with lighter amounts noted further north toward the I-70 corridor.

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