

# Extreme Cold in the Midwest

- Hundreds of stations set record-cold low and high temperatures
  - Indianapolis (IN) 12/14: low of  $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$  (tied for 1901) and high of  $7^{\circ}\text{F}$  (previous:  $9^{\circ}\text{F}$  in 1963)
- Coldest start to winter (starting Dec 1):
  - Chicago & Rockford (IL) since 2013
  - Many stations in Ohio since 2010
  - Madison & Milwaukee (WI) since 1976
    - Madison (WI) saw  $-3^{\circ}\text{F}$  12/4 – its earliest sub-zero temp since 1985
- Ashland (WI) was below freezing Nov 27-Dec 15 (only other time this happened was 2007)
- Typically, this type of cold doesn't hit until January

