Blizzard Definition

- Winds exceed 30 kts
- Falling or Blowing snow reduces visibility to less than ¼ mile
- Duration at least 3 hours
Blizzards by County, 1959 - 2000

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Source: Storm Data
Strong pressure gradient causes strong winds. Very cold air advection.
Alberta Clipper Blizzard