



Like an intense blizzard, large dust storms buried entire farms and houses under a mountain of dirt, trapping people inside their homes. Many houses were covered with 20-foot drifts of sand, leaving only the roofs visible to passersby. Unlike a blizzard, however, people were unable to keep out the dust and dirt, and all available surfaces were coated in grit.

## NO LAUGHING MATTER

Not every day in the Dust Bowl was a dirt day. Besides, such days, when they did occur, had advantages, especially for a kid not wanting to go to school. “Snow days” may have kept children home in the East, and, occasionally, during blizzard conditions, in the Midwest, but “dust days” were unique to the Dust Bowl. It was feared that children might simply get lost in